

## **Competitions Working Group Meeting**

# Saturday 12-May-2019

### Kettering

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes prepared by Circulation	:	Sarah Hill Competition Working Group, Working Group Leads, Hub Team
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#### 1.Members present and apologies for absence

Geoff Hollows	Results Processing		
Sarah Hill	Division 3 Women's Lead		
Sam Yip (SY)	Division 2 Women's Lead (refereeing Play-offs – joined from item 10		
Diane Hollows (DH)	Junior Competitions Lead		
Herman Prada	Sitting Volleyball Lead		
Ade McGraa (AM)	Student Cup Lead (via phone)		
James Murphy (JMu)	Competitions Lead National Cup Lead		
Martin Shakespeare (MS)	Referee Liaison		
Jonathan Moore (JMo)	Competitions and Events Coordinator		
Apologies			
Simon Cowie	Division 2 Men lead		
Bill Boagey	Division 1 Lead		

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **11:05am.** 

Agenda item	Notes	Action/ Owner
1 Apologies for Absence:	Bill Boagey, Simon Cowie. Sam Yip was refereeing the NVL play-offs downstairs and joined the meeting from item 10	
2 Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	The minutes were accepted as be a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.	
3 Conflicts of interest	JMu: Coach of Reading Aces (NVL2S) Player at Maidenhead, Treasurer BVA, Referee. No other conflicts MS: Referee DH: Referee BB: Staff tutor SC: Referee	

	LID: Deferee						
	HP: Referee SH: Involved with UKBT at volunteer level AM: Referee, daughter that plays in Junior Competitions.						
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4 Competitions Update	<u>Super League:</u> No issues <u>Division 1:</u> No issues <u>Division 2</u> : No issues <u>Division W3</u> : No issues <u>Division M3</u> : No issues						
	A request has been made by MS f when they update the VE website.				received	JMo	
	<u>Junior Comps</u> : Inter-regionals are Centre being used for the EU Elec currently being appointed.						
	National Cup: Delivered successfully over the Cup Finals weekend.						
	Student Cup: Only minor problems due to venue confirmations and clashes with BUCS, however the finals themselves ran smoothly. Some HEVOs claimed not to have seen information about Student Cup, however it was spoken about at the Conference and also on the HEVO Facebook page.						
Sitting Volleyball: Thanks were given to John Worrall and Jonathan Moore for the of events through the season. Start times of matches have been challenging at t volume of teams were high. It has been requested that 'bonus points' in Tier two order to make the sport more inclusive. It has also been requested to ensure play previous rounds of the tournament to qualify for Cup/Shield/Finals. HP suggested SVGPs and sent a proposal of amended regulations. This will be sent to teams for				enging at times w in Tier two are re nsure players' pa suggested minin	when the emoved in articipation in num three	HP	
	<u>NEVZA</u> : It has been decided at bo	ard level that we wi	II no longer host I	NEVZA.			
	VEBT: An announcement will be m	nade shortly regard	ing England beac	h tour events.			
5 Working Group Updates	Cup finals:The ITQ (Invitation to Quote) is out for next year hosting venue.No questions weresubmitted with a decision to be made by end June 2019.Volleyball Culture:Initial meeting has taken place to review Codes of Conduct for referees, players,coaches & spectators.Other sports codes of conduct were also considered including EnglandNetball.Draft code of conduct has been created a few sections still require to be completed.						
6 Calendar	Calendar for 2019/20: The calendar has been <b>approved</b> with the following notable changes from 2018-19: Some of the Junior camps dates have been moved. No NEVZA dates in the calendar Some squad camp dates may have been moved. A reminder that VE holds an online events calendar and any events can be registered here <u>https://www.volleyballengland.org/competitions/tournaments_and_events</u>						
	It is recommended that all events register their event as soon as possible so that other events can use the event finder to see if there is anyway to avoid clashes.						
7 Minimum Operating	Minimum Operating Standards per Division						
Standards review	Tiered MOS will be applied per Division. Deadline for input was 31st March. Anyone could suggest a Minimum Operating Standard - this was not limited to Competition Working Group members.						
	Agreed:						
		Super League	Div1	Div2	Div3		
	Team List	Υ	Y	Y	Y		
	Subs Equip Paddles & Buzzer	Υ	Y	Y	R		

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	<u>Kit</u> Shirts 1-20 Shorts Socks	Y Y Y	Y Y Y	Y Similar R	R (1-99) Similar R	
	Live Stream	Y (with scores)	Y (no scores reqd)	R	N	
	Match Programmes	Y	R	N	N	
	Match Reports	R	N	N	N	
	this means that adhering to the MOS is encouraged, not mandated. Therefore this would change to 'R' for Recommended Shorts & Sock length. Same colour only Super League, Div 1, similar colour Div2, Div 3.				ld change to	
	Match reports have been moved to	a recommendation	n for Super League, rat	her than ma	andatory.	
	Control of the MOS is with the referees. Enforcement TBC, though it is suggested that a referee match report is completed online - possibly via Google Forms. SH to create a draft Google Form to review					SH
8 NVL Structure Review	5				suggested	
	Those teams that have requested Working Group with the following f			ls to the Co	mpetitions	
	<ul> <li>Costs implications</li> <li>Travel distance</li> <li>Time commitments</li> <li>Impact on players</li> <li>Impact on officials</li> <li>Impact on spectators</li> <li>Impact on volunteers</li> <li>Impact on scheduling</li> <li>Venue availability</li> <li>etc.</li> </ul>	ne following change	s will be drafted as a te	emplate		MS
	<ul> <li>Requests received to date:</li> <li>1. Make Super League &amp; Division 1 two divisions North South with play-offs for Super League only (at teams expense), top seed to be given option to host.</li> <li>2. Bring back play-offs to super league (at teams expense)</li> </ul>				or Super	
	<ol> <li>Make division 2 triang</li> <li>Make division 3 single</li> <li>Reduce division sizes</li> </ol>	header fixtures. to 8 teams				
9. NVL Regulations including principles	ing wording to the regulations for other competitions such as Sitting Grand Prix, and Junior					
	MS raised the point that shirt numl added to the NVL Regulations.	pering 1-99 for Libe	ro could be used in any	/ Division.	This will be	
	Post-match refreshments (NVL an	d Cup/Shield):				
	It is the responsibility of the Away requirements etc, and if the Home Match Confirmation.					

	<ul> <li>An example of what Competitions Working group would consider refreshments</li> <li>1. Choice of drinks</li> <li>2. Choice of sandwich including vegetarian option</li> <li>3. Choice of crisps</li> <li>4. Choice of fruit</li> <li>5. Choice of cake/sweet treat</li> </ul> The Winners of the Shield will be ineligible for Shield the following season only.	
	Principles: Currently, the regulations only allow mid-season re-arrangements under very exceptional circumstances, which could be viewed subjectively by Division Leads and often the desire to see volleyball played means more re-arrangements are being permitted. A shift is to be considered in that the default position will be that teams unable to fulfil a fixture are deemed to have forfeit. This wouldn't be enforced, i.e. if a Home Team <b>wants</b> to make these re-arrangements then this will still be allowed, provided that this is done in good time.	
10. Outstanding NVL fines	A lot of hard work has meant that the number of outstanding fines has reduced considerably and now is now under control and managed. Teams will be contacted and the Regulation will be enforced where application into the new season will not be approved until outstanding fines are paid.	
11. NVL New Team Applications	There is one team which has submitted their application with two venues that are very far away from each other. They will be placed in a division and told which venue to use. All other teams will be accepted into the league if they meet the application requirements.	
12. NVL League Structure 2019-20	Based upon all new applications being approved, the structure for the 2019-20 season has been agreed and will be published once all NVL registrations have been processed.	
Date of next two meetings	Sunday 15th September (Kettering) Saturday 11th January (Loughborough)	
Any other business	<i>i.e. Not included in published draft Agenda:</i> Registration numbers are no longer required to be added to the scoresheets.	
	SH has requested that she could move away from being Divisional Lead for Women's 3. SH to be appointed Working Group Lead for Super League, DH will take on Division 3 Men, Division 3 Women will be managed by the Hub until a new Working Group lead is appointed.	
	It has been raised that a team that wins from the away team match forfeit, they gain an 'unfair advantage' by receiving 25-0, 25-0, 25-0, however since no precedent could be found among any internationally recognised competition, that the regulations would not be changed.	

The meeting closed at 17:25.