



Competitions Working Group Meeting

Saturday 12-May-2019

Kettering

MEETING MINUTES

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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	

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8 NVL Structure Review	<p>There have been a number of requests for the structure of the NVL to be changed. Any suggested changes would be for the 2020-21 season.</p> <p>Those teams that have requested change are invited to put forward proposals to the Competitions Working Group with the following factors for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs implications • Travel distance • Time commitments • Impact on players • Impact on officials • Impact on spectators • Impact on volunteers • Impact on scheduling • Venue availability • etc. <p>An example of the impact one of the following changes will be drafted as a template</p> <p>Requests received to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make Super League & Division 1 two divisions North South with play-offs for Super League only (at teams expense), top seed to be given option to host. 2. Bring back play-offs to super league (at teams expense) 3. Make division 2 triangulars (keep div 3 triangulars) 4. Make division 3 single header fixtures. 5. Reduce division sizes to 8 teams 	SH																																			
9. NVL Regulations including principles	<p>An amendment to the regulations is going to be added regarding Compression Sleeves to stipulate that expectations are that these are uniform in line with international guidelines. JMo to add this wording to the regulations for other competitions such as Sitting Grand Prix, and Junior competitions. The intent being that all players will be in matching uniform.</p> <p>MS raised the point that shirt numbering 1-99 for Libero could be used in any Division. This will be added to the NVL Regulations.</p> <p>Post-match refreshments (NVL and Cup/Shield):</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Away team to inform Home teams of any allergies and dietary requirements etc, and if the Home team cannot meet these then they should advise them in the Match Confirmation.</p>	MS																																			

	<p>An example of what Competitions Working group would consider refreshments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choice of drinks 2. Choice of sandwich including vegetarian option 3. Choice of crisps 4. Choice of fruit 5. Choice of cake/sweet treat <p>The Winners of the Shield will be ineligible for Shield the following season only.</p> <p>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 wants to make these re-arrangements then this will still be allowed, provided that this is done in good time.</p>	
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	<p><i>i.e. Not included in published draft Agenda:</i></p> <p>Registration numbers are no longer required to be added to the scoresheets.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

The meeting closed at 17:25.