



# PVAO Newsletter

February 2019

## President Message

Dear Member Nations,

This year we are planning on providing opportunities that have been requested by our members. At the PVAO Conference last year, all nations identified the need for Referee, Coaching and Classification development. I am pleased to say that courses are planned in all three areas. These will complement the courses to which all nations were invited last year at the World Championships and the World Championships Qualifier.

As World ParaVolley have initiated a Standing Beach World Series, it is with great pleasure and pride that our PVAO Zone is hosting the very first of the Series in China and are expecting to host another later in the year in India.

I am looking forward to attending our Zone Championships to see our athletes perform and meeting as many of you as possible.

Good luck in your planning and preparations of the sport.

Best Regards,

Lu Cailiang

President PVAO

## 2019 Revised Calendar

Following is a revised calendar of events that will assist you in your planning for 2019. Please email Glenn Stewart any dates of your events so these can be added.

19 to 26 April 2019	PVAO Men's Training Camp	Hangzhou Development Centre, China TBC
9 - 12 May 2019	World Series Beach ParaVolley Standing	Pin Tan, China
2 to 6 June 2019	Level 2 Referee Course	Bangkok, Thailand
2 to 6 June 2019	Level 1 Coaching Course	Bangkok, Thailand
7 to 10 June 2019	Level 1 Classification Course	Bangkok, Thailand
7 June 2019	Classification Presentation	Bangkok, Thailand TBC
10 to 15 June 2019	PVAO Zone Championships	Bangkok, Thailand
November 2019	World Series Beach ParaVolley Standing	India TBC

## Zone Championships

Provisional Entry Forms and information was sent to all member nations at the end of January. The attachments were in a Zip file. If you were unable to open them please contact Hadi Rezaei at [aopvsecgen@gmail.com](mailto:aopvsecgen@gmail.com)

Entry is conditional on members being 'in good standing' which means the World ParaVolley Membership fees must also be paid. These were due on 15 February. Invoices were sent to each Member Nation from Phil Allen, World ParaVolley General Manager. If you did not receive yours, please email Phil.

Please note the following timeline. It is essential that this timeline is observed to ensure successful organisation of the event.

**PROVISIONAL TEAM ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEE PAYMENT DUE 1 MARCH**

<b>1 March 2019</b>	Provisional Entry (Long List) of up to 18 (eighteen) players and up to 5 (five) bench personnel shall be lodged with those listed on the form. Please take care and ensure you read ALL information and complete EVERY part of the form.
<b>1 March 2019</b>	Payment of ParaVolley Asia Oceania Entry fee of € 500. Paid to ParaVolley Asia Oceania.
25 March 2019	ParaVolley Asia Oceania issue Final Team Entry Forms before this date to member nations who have submitted Provisional Entry Forms (Long Lists) and paid the Entry fee.
26 April 2019	Final Team Entry Form containing up to 12 (twelve) players ( <b>chosen from the “long list” of 18 players only</b> ) and up to 5 (five) bench personnel and team manager shall be lodged by email to ALL those listed on the form. Photos, copies of passports, number and type of rooms requested, special diets etc are also due to the LOC at this time.
Date TBA	Payment of Participation Fees and Administration Fees to the LOC. Note that teams must pay the LOC for everyone listed on the Final Team Entry regardless of their attendance because the LOC will incur these expenses.

### Libero Rule Change

The World ParaVolley Board recently approved a rule change that allows the Libero(s) to be changed for each **match** at World ParaVolley competitions and the Paralympic Games.

This takes effect immediately and is applied to our PVAO Sitting Volleyball Zone Championships 2019. Therefore, there is no need to identify Liberos on Team Entry Forms.

This will allow coaches to have more flexibility and improve players' experience.

It also has implications for team uniforms. Nations are reminded of the Sport Regulations: Sitting Volleyball Team Uniforms as follows:

#### Libero players

The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform jersey (or jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) which has a different dominant colour from any jersey colour of the rest of the team. A reversal of the team jersey design, with the same colours as those being worn, is no longer permitted. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team. The Libero uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Glenn Stewart, PVAO Sport Director.

### Men's Training Camp

A training camp is being planned to be held in the Hangzhou Development Centre, China in April 2019 to assist in coaching and training development for you and your teams. If you are interested in bringing your Men's team to the camp contact Mr Weiping Tu at [tuweiping1@hotmail.com](mailto:tuweiping1@hotmail.com)

### Level 1 Coaching Course / Level 2 Referee Course

A Level 1 Coaching Course and Level 2 Referee Course are currently being planned to be held in Thailand from 2 June to 6 June 2019, just prior to the Zone Championships. Once the details have been finalised, an invitation package will be sent to member nations.

### **Females are particularly encouraged to apply for the Referee Course**

The Levels and the pathways for each are attached.

### Level 1 Classification Course / Theory Presentation

A Level 1 Classification Course is currently being planned to be held from 7 to 11 June 2019 alongside the Zone Championships. This course is suitable for those who wish to become accredited as a WPV Level 1 Classifier. Applicants must have some medical background such as doctor, therapist etc.

We have had a number of inquiries from teams indicating that they would like to have their team doctors or therapists become classifiers. This is not possible as classifiers must be totally independent from teams.

In response to this request, PVAO is trialling a new initiative that will provide team doctors, therapists or medical staff with the theory component of the course, thus assisting them with gaining the knowledge of classification but without accreditation.

It is currently being planned that any team medical personnel can attend the theory component on the morning of Day 1 of the Level 1 Classification Course. As this is on 7 June, those attending this session would need to arrive one day earlier, 6 June, with teams arriving 7 June.

Once details are finalised, an invitation package will be sent to member nations.

### Anti-Doping

It is essential that nations and all players fully understand their Anti-Doping and Education requirements. Please carefully read the attached information to ensure you remain compliant.

Attached is the Anti-Doping Education requirements for all member nations' international athletes and instructions to access the ADeL ALPHA program.

### Standing Beach ParaVolley

PVAO are very proud to be hosting the first ever World ParaVolley Beach Standing World Series event in PingTan, China in May.

Member Nations have already received Entry Forms, however, if you did not receive one, please contact Phil Allen, World ParaVolley General Manager. Please note that the **closing date for the Final Team Entry Forms is 9 March**.

Member nations are highly encouraged to enter this event and give your athletes a wonderful opportunity to represent their country.

Rules can be found on the World ParaVolley website.

### PVAO Beach Commissioner

The PVAO Board has appointed Mr Baz Wedmaeir to the position of Zone Beach Commissioner.

Baz comes with significant expertise and experience in Beach Volleyball and event organisation. He is currently the Event Manager for Volleyball Australia and is about to take on a new role as General Manager for Volleyball NSW.

We all welcome Baz to the position and trust he enjoys his time with the ParaVolley family.



### Team Health Care Personnel

The World ParaVolley Medical Commission has previously sent information to all member nations regarding Team Health Care Personnel attending competitions with national teams.

As a reminder, attached is a copy of the letter and an application for Team Health Care personnel to become accredited.

It is essential that they are registered prior to attending the competition so that they can be approved at the Preliminary Inquiry to be part of the team delegation on the bench.

## General Assembly

The PVAO Zone General Assembly will be held during the Zone Championships at a date yet to be set. An invitation to attend and details will be sent to member nations as soon as arrangements are finalised. Although it will likely be the evening of the 13 or 14 June, it depends on the Competition schedule which cannot be set until the number of teams are known after 1 March.

This General Assembly does not require any elections but will have reports from each of the Commissions.

## Injury Surveillance Project

The World ParaVolley Medical Commission have introduced a new initiative to track and monitor injuries in Sitting Volleyball. Member Nations were sent a letter explaining this from the World ParaVolley President previously (attached for your reference). It is hoped that all competing nations and athletes will support this project. Please ensure your team staff and medical personnel are aware of this.

Information and athlete consent forms will be sent out with the Final Team Entry package early in March to those who have sent in Provisional Entries. There will be a short presentation from the Chief of World ParaVolley Medical Research Commission at the General Technical Meeting. Therefore, Team Health Care personnel, such as doctors or therapists should also attend the General Technical Meeting.

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