



# PVAO Newsletter

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## President Message

The successful year of 2018 will soon be over. At this moment of leaving the old and welcoming the new, I wish our PVAO family, under the leadership of World ParaVolley, along with the efforts of the Member Nations and the Executive Committees of PVAO, Glenn, Hadi and Weiping, every success in making even better achievements in the great year of 2019.

Thank you and Happy New Year to all of you !

Best Regards,

Lu Cailiang

## 2019 Draft Calendar (all dates are tentative and subject to change)

Following is a draft 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
20 to 23 April 2019	Level 1 Classification Course	Hangzhou Development Centre, China
13 - 20 May 2019	World Series Beach ParaVolley Standing	Pin Tan, China
10 to 15 June 2019	PVAO Zone Championships	Bangkok, Thailand
1 to 4 June 2019	Level 2 Referee Course	Bangkok, Thailand
1 to 4 June 2019	Level 1 Coaching Course	Bangkok, Thailand
November 2019	World Series Beach ParaVolley Standing	Goa, India

## Zone Championships

Planning is underway for our Zone Championships to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 10 to 15 June 2019 with teams arriving on 7 June for classification, preliminary inquiry, meetings etc.

The PVAO Zone General Assembly will be held during this event.

Details and Entry Forms will be provided in the New Year.

Note that this event attracts World ParaVolley ranking points. According to the qualification process for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, the highest ranking team from our Zone, other than Japan and I. R. Iran who have already qualified, will gain a place. For full details on the qualification process see the link at

<http://www.worldparavolley.org/tokyo-2020-paralympic-games-qualification-process>

## Standing Beach ParaVolley

A very exciting initiative that World ParaVolley is commencing next year is a ParaVolley Beach Standing World Series. There are currently plans to host two of these events in our Zone next year in China and India.

**Now is the time to develop your Beach program and prepare your teams.**

Rules can be found on the World ParaVolley website and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

## World Events Hosted by PVAO Zone

2018 has been a busy year for our Zone where we have hosted quite a number of World events. This not only demonstrates the strength of our Zone but also that we have some very active and willing nations to host such prestigious events. Events held were:

- Super 6 Women in CHINA
- Super 6 Men in I. R. IRAN
- Asian Para Games in Jakarta, INDONESIA
- World Championships Qualifier in Jeju, KOREA
- Level One Coaching Course in Jeju, KOREA
- Level 2 Classification Course in Jeju, KOREA
- INVICTUS Games, Sydney AUSTRALIA



## Welcome to New Member Nations

2018 also saw our membership grow to 15 nations. We give a warm welcome to those who rejoined after some absence: Indonesia, Thailand, India and Myanmar who rejoined in 2018 and to Cambodia who rejoined in 2017. We also welcome our most recent new member, Saudi Arabia.

Our member Nations are: Korea, Japan, China, I.R. Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, India, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia.

There is also interest in some of our Pacific nations who are in early stages of ParaVolley activities within their country. We hope to be able to assist them in their development and that they can also join our family in the near future. Vanuatu is planning on becoming a member early in 2019.

PVAO encourages member nations to assist their neighbouring countries to develop the sport in any way possible and encourage them to join World ParaVolley.

There are many advantages of this including strengthening our Zone, as well as providing more competition and development opportunities.

## PVAO Conference

Thanks to President, Mr Cailiang Lu, for hosting the first PVAO Conference in China from 6 to 7 May 2018. Ten nations were represented by 18 attendees. Topics presented and discussed included:

- Address by Mr Barry Couzner OAM, President World ParaVolley
- Hosting International Events
- Existing Zone supports
- Proposed PVAO Board structure for effective communication
- Discussion on the re-establishment of Sub-Zones
- Ideas for Zone development and calendar of events
- Standing Beach ParaVolley discussion
- Discussions on individual national planning
- Developmental Priorities as seen by nations

Coach, Classifier and Referee development were seen by all as great areas need. There are plans to conduct some courses in each of these areas during 2019. See details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

## Friendly Matches – Cambodia VS Korea

Many of our nations conduct friendly matches between themselves. PVAO encourages this as it promotes development of all countries involved. Cambodia and Korea conducted such an event in July. Congratulations to both teams and organisers on a successful event.



## Men's Training Camp

A training camp is being planned to be held in the Hangzhou Development Centre, China in April 2019. Mr Weiping Tu, PVAO Development Director and Mr Ali Moameri, PVAO Coaching Commissioner, will attend and 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)

## Coaching and Referee Courses

A Level 1 Coaching Course was conducted in Jeju, Korea this year.

Level 1 Coaching and Level 1 or 2 Referee Courses are currently being planned to be held in Thailand the few days prior to the Zone Championships in June 2019.

## Classification Course

A Level 1 Classification Course was conducted at the World Championships Qualifier in Jeju, South Korea and a Level 2 Classification course was held in The Netherlands at the World Championships this year. A Level 1 Course is planned to be held from 20 to 23 June 2019 in April during the Men's Training Camp.

## Anti-Doping

It is essential that nations and all players fully understand the Anti-Doping requirements and implications. An Anti-Doping Education presentation was made available to all participating teams at the World Championships Qualification in Jeju this year. I encourage everyone to take a look at the online materials and take part in any education opportunities that are offered.

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