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I started involvement with standing volleyball at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games.

I was first introduced to this discipline in my role as the Competition Manager for Sydney 2000 (Olympic and Paralympic Games).

I began the planning for standing volleyball at the Sydney Paralympic Games in mid-1998 on the occasion of my appointment to SOCOG.

Following Sydney 2000, Gerard Brouwers asked me to volunteer for “WOVD” and I agreed. What followed was a series of Technical Delegate and Jury Member roles in standing volleyball that concluded in 2011.

I consider that Gerard Brouwers was the most influential person in relation to my involvement in and contribution to, standing volleyball. In addition to a series of appointments in a technical role he invited me to begin a major update of the then WOVD Sport Handbook, based on the FIVB Sport Handbook.

Standing Events in which I was involved as a Technical Official (1998-2011):

Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games – Competition Manager for sitting and standing volleyball

Technical Delegate 2001 Standing Volleyball World Cup – Slovakia

Technical Delegate 2003 Standing Volleyball World Cup – Greece

Technical Delegate 2005 Standing Volleyball World Cup – Canada

Technical Delegate 2005 Standing Volleyball Asia/Oceania Championships – Cambodia

Jury Member (in charge of Standing volleyball) 2006 Triple World Championships – Netherlands

Technical Delegate 2007 Standing Volleyball World Cup – Cambodia

Technical Delegate 2011 Standing Volleyball World Cup – Cambodia





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From 2006-2014 involvement included administration/Governance. After Cambodia 2011, unsuccessful attempts were made to hold a World Cup in Cambodia in 2012 and 2013 and I was involved in the planning for both of these years.

Awards received”

Order of Australia medal (OAM) awarded partially on the basis of standing volleyball volunteer work in Australia and internationally

Official posts held:

Chair, World ParaVolley Technical Commission 2006 to 2014

