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## Gaby Lotan

I started refereeing standing volleyball in 1991 after being nominated as Secretary of the Volleyball Referee Commission of the WOVD.

Radu Rosenthal had the greatest influence on my development in the sport. He was my referee mentor in able-body volleyball refereeing and brought me to the WOVD.

I whistled at WPV/WOVD European Cups, European Championships, World Championships and Paralympics in both sitting and standing volleyball. In 1990 I was nominated as Secretary of the World Organisation Volleyball for Disabled (WOVD) Referee Commission and in 2000 I was nominated as the Chairman of this commission (VRC). My activity within the World ParaVolley includes also Course Director and Instructor in several International Candidate Referee Course, Course Director and Instructor in the two Referee Observers and Referee Delegate Courses as well as adapting and editing the Rules of the Game in both sitting and standing volleyball.

My Paralympic experience started as referee at Barcelona in 1992 and continued in Atlanta (1996) and Sydney (2000) where I whistled the Gold Final standing volleyball match. For the next four Paralympics – Athens (2004), Beijing (2008), London (2012) and Rio de Janeiro (2016) I acted as Referee Delegate – thus completing seven Paralympic Games.

Awarded World ParaVolley Honorary Life Membership in 2018

Official Post Held:

Secretary of the VRC 1990 – 2000

Chairman of the VRC 2000 – 2018

