

**VAI Schools AGM**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**Maldron Hotel Portlaoise**

**Agenda:**

- 2016-2017 Review
- Schools competition division of teams & format
- Appointment of coordinators
- School referee courses
- Recommendations for 2017-2018
- Scoring system – (Head-to-head over set difference)
- Junior – senior players
- Results & Team list – camera phone & document
- PEAI
- Player registrations

**Attendees:**

Conor Flood VAI – Chairperson Norma McIntyre VAI - Minute Taker Vivienne O’Neill – St. Leo’s College Katie Wallace – Mountrath Community School Peter Bergin – Holy Family Newbridge Jack Neylon – Colaiste Mhuire Ennis	Pauline Della Chiesa – Colaiste Mhuire Ennis Ollie Hally – Portlaoise College Denise Tallon – VAI Board Member Mary Barrett – St Brigids College Jennifer Moret – St. Raphaels College
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**Apologies:**

Kevin Barragry, Marion Maloney, Katie Nolan, Marie Flannagan and Mairtin De Barra.

**2016-2017 Review**

1. Team lists must be forwarded to Conor before competition and will be available for teacher viewing through password protected section on website. (Please contact Conor for passwords)  
Team Lists; Very important that coaches to take photos of team lists and send in.  
Can add someone onto a team list 24hrs before due to play.
2. No club volleyball player past or present should be competing in Division C (this league is specifically for beginners). If your school has such a player please discuss with Conor to arrange entering Division B.  
Erasmus students playing in C are too strong and teams will be moved up to B Comp.

3. Competition days set at 09/06 meetings so there is no / less chasing up schools. Set another meeting. 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Conor Flood to find suitable coordinators and set dates similar to last year for September 2018. Dates circulated on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 for comps.

#### 4. Referees courses for schools & tutors?

Teams in A comp are recommended to get VAI refs for pool rounds with costs being shared amongst the teams involved in the match. VAI Referees will be used from playoffs up to finals. Conor Flood suggested to combat the shortage of referees, the Referee Commission could train teachers to be tutors. Once teachers pass the assessment and exams they can then train students to become referees. CF send out email to all schools to find interest and talk with Referee Commission.

#### Change in rules

3 touch compulsory - tried didn't really work. CF & junior coordinator When putting teams put in cup and shield according to standard. Round robin of 5 teams with 7 games in total. CF Junior cup seeded, see how many teams can get into it.

#### Recommendations

It should be explained to new players/teams why the referee is calling a fault against them.

#### Schools competition division of teams & format

Girls A	Girls B	Girls Cadette A	Girls Cadette B
St. Mary's College Naas	Rockford Manor	St. Mary's College Naas	Rockford Manor
Holy Family Secondary School Newbridge	Tramore	Holy Family Secondary School Newbridge	Mercy Roscommon
St. Raphael's College	Portlaoise College	St. Raphael's College	Colaiste Mhuire Ennis
St. Brigid's College	Colaiste Mhuire Ennis	St. Raphael's College	Colaiste Mhuire Ennis
Colaiste Mhuire Ennis	Mercy Roscommon	St. Brigid's College	Mountrath C.S
Presentation Secondary Kilkenny	Mountrath C.S	Colaiste Mhuire Ennis	Portlaoise College
Patrician College Fethard	Mercy Coolock	Presentation Secondary Kilkenny	St. Mary's College Naas
Sutton Park School	Colaiste Mhuire Ennis	Patrician College Fethard	Holy Family Secondary School Newbridge

Boys A	Cadette Boys A
St. Brigid's College	St. Brigid's College
Patrician College Fethard	St. Raphael's College
Davis College Mallow	Davis College Mallow
Drumshambo VC	Drumshambo VC
Elphin CC	Elphin CC
Colaiste an Eachreidh	CCN Dungarvan
	St. Flannan's College
	St. Raphael's College

### **Appointment of coordinators**

Senior Girls – Pauline

Cadets Girls – Jennifer Moret

Junior Girls - Jennifer Moret

Senior Boys – Mary Barrett

Cadet Boys – Mary Barrett

Junior Boys – Mary Barrett

Spikeball – Ollie Halley

Schools Senior Cup – Peter Newbridge

Boys senior cup – Mary Barrett

(Fixtures set straight after league and first round before Christmas)

### **School referee courses**

As discussed in point 4 in 2016/2017 review

### **Recommendations for 2017-2018**

Suggestion for Spikeball:

2<sup>nd</sup> year spikeball- 1<sup>st</sup> set is Spikeball, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> set is Volleyball. From first round, up to finals. Pilot idea.

The catch in spikeball (2<sup>nd</sup> touch). 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years to be permitted to catch and release the ball from above their forehead or a low catch with 2 handed underarm throw. High catch and throw to simulate volley. Pilot both suggestions with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> years. No changes made to Primary school Spikeball.

### **Scoring system – (Head-to-head over set difference)**

Win 2 points

Draw lose 0

Change 5.6 on the rules to,

1. Head – to- head first
2. Set difference
3. Point difference

### **Junior – senior players**

Cup open to all ages. League is closed off.

If you have 2 cadet teams you can bring 4 juniors up, (2 per team).

When coaches are sending in team sheets they should clearly state what players are playing up.

### **Results & Team list – camera phone & document**

First round matches team coaches together take pictures and send in together. It is up to organiser to ensure results and team lists are sent in.

### **PEAI**

CF what draws you in.

Practical workshop (1 hr slot) and packs are recommended at the conference.

'Well Being' and 'Mixed' are key words with changes made to Junior cert curriculum.

Readymade 6-week plan for teachers.

VON & PDC to send on information they have.

### **Player registrations**

Spreadsheet with conditional formulas to ensure players are playing in correct age-group and can check figures, drop off rates etc.... MB to send spreadsheet to CF.

### **Entry Form**

It was suggested to include VAI bank details on the form and send out affiliation forms at the start of May.

AGM closed 19.51