



Meet the SVA Referees Commission

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What does it do?

- ▶ The main function of the SVA Referees Commission is set out in what we call its terms of reference:
- ▶ - Education and Training – Volleyball and Beach – this includes Junior National League, Grades 1-4, Scorers and Line judges, and evaluation of referees and mentoring
- ▶ - Dissemination of Official Volleyball Rules and Beach Volleyball Rules, and advice.
- ▶ - Nomination of Referees to National League Men 1, Cup and Plate and International matches, plus SVA Beach Tour.
- ▶ - meets about 6 times per year (currently by ZOOM, although we miss the coffee and sandwiches)

Who can be a member?

- ▶ We are actively recruiting new members - and would welcome in particular FEMALE referees who have an interest in pushing refereeing forward.
- ▶ Currently we have
- ▶ Grant Macintyre – Commission Vice-President
- ▶ Brian McDougall – Appointments Officer
- ▶ John Swan – Grade 2, National Team Manager, Meetings organiser
- ▶ Dave Cormie – Minute Secretary
- ▶ Jamie Salvin – Beach Liaison
- ▶ Sandy Steel - Commission President; Director of Referee Education, FIVB
- ▶ All were former players and international referees, but being an international referee is not a requirement.

To show you how good we are, look at this video clip from London 2012: Two of the people here are Scottish – 2nd Referee and Scorer carrying out a perfect substitution cooperation



Do the clubs have a role to play?

- ▶ Yes, they do. The clubs generate the referees. They request the Commission to supply tutors for their courses. Clubs must also have registered referee in order to participate within the National League.
- ▶ They should also have a referee development strategy in the same way that they have player strategies and coaching pathways.
- ▶ It is important that clubs forward plan. Club membership goes up and down so maybe the registered referee is not available next season – extra “cover” should be planned for.
- ▶ Match day professionalism is also important – so the referee needs the support of a team – competent scorers and line judges and a 2nd referee who knows how to work and control the work of the scorer.

What are the benefits of being a referee?

- ▶ Being a referee actually helps your own playing abilities – by knowing the rules, you do not hesitate when playing the ball.
- ▶ Being a referee brings you in contact with a whole bunch of nice people with similar interests – who become like an extended family.
- ▶ Being a referee is as integral to the sport as playing and coaching. Without referees, any game would die – and we love this sport!
- ▶ Being a referee allows you to give back to the sport: you are an ambassador for the sport – dignity, authority, management skills are all part of being a referee and carry into the work you do day-to-day

More benefits?

- ▶ The further you take your refereeing the more you get back.
- ▶ The best referees want to test themselves against the best teams.
- ▶ The best referees go on to have an international career.
- ▶ Four members of the current SVA Referees Commission have been involved in the Olympic Games (one has done six Olympics) and one member has refereed in the Commonwealth Games Beach event.
- ▶ So there is a wealth of experience to draw on if you become a member of the Commission.

Who conducts courses and assessments?

- ▶ The members of the Commission do, but we also out-source to experienced referees who can act as assessors, instructors, and mentors.
- ▶ We had invited experienced referees to act in those roles just prior to the Pandemic – and we are hopeful to return to this format when things return to normal.

Has the Pandemic changed the way courses are conducted?

- ▶ Yes – like everyone else, the Commission has had to adapt.
- ▶ We are working at putting the theoretical course components on – line, so that participants can study at home.... But as refereeing is a practical activity, there would still need to be games to referee.
- ▶ Grade 4, for example, consists of a series of modules, done at home, with an on-line exam, followed by a practical day of refereeing instruction and advice. As we want everyone to have fun, this will involve the candidates playing and refereeing – which could range from micro-games to 6v6 – and getting some experience of scoring and line judging.
- ▶ But that is just one example.

Plans

- ▶ So that is the big plan for the year ahead – more on-line. We shall take the pandemic as an opportunity to modernise where we can.
- ▶ But, in conjunction with the office staff, we are also exploring novel ways to use e-score
- ▶ There are plans for more up-skilling with scorers courses – again this may be done on line – and up-skilling volunteers with line judging tuition.

So what are the qualities of a referee?



Male or female – referees need to have fast reactions, be knowledgeable in unusual circumstances, decisive, calm.

Here we have a female 1st referee and a male 2nd referee, totally in control despite some unusual things occurring. Note the R2 movement, allowing the play. But note that even in protest, things stay calm.

Note also the important role played by the line judges, their stance and positioning.

Conduct the show but don't be influenced – call what you see.

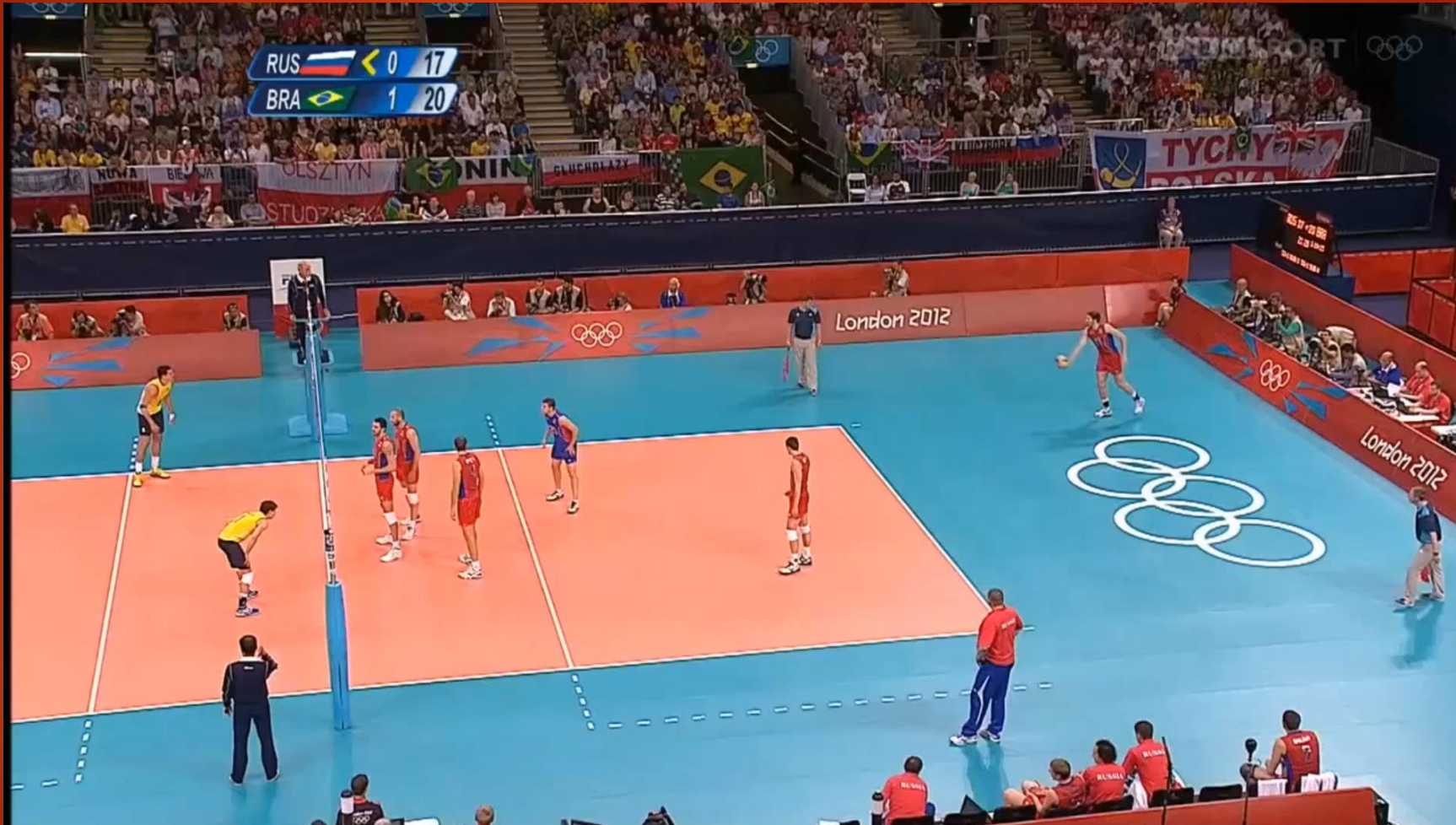


Here the 1st referee was actually correct in his first whistle – but he then changed his mind. Notice the Libero's attempt to block (which is a fault). So we need to be decisive, and sell our decisions. He gave the impression of being influenced

Do you have these qualities?

- ▶ Passion for the game
 - ▶ Competition instinct
 - ▶ Situation management
 - ▶ Investment in time
 - ▶ People skills
 - ▶ Command/ authority/ leadership skills
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- ▶ Could you “direct” a match like an orchestral conductor?
 - ▶ Could you only intervene as required yet still maintain control?
 - ▶ Could you manage your referee team and get them to help you?
 - ▶ Then you could be the referee the teams want for their matches!

Anticipation and movement: great optical position and control

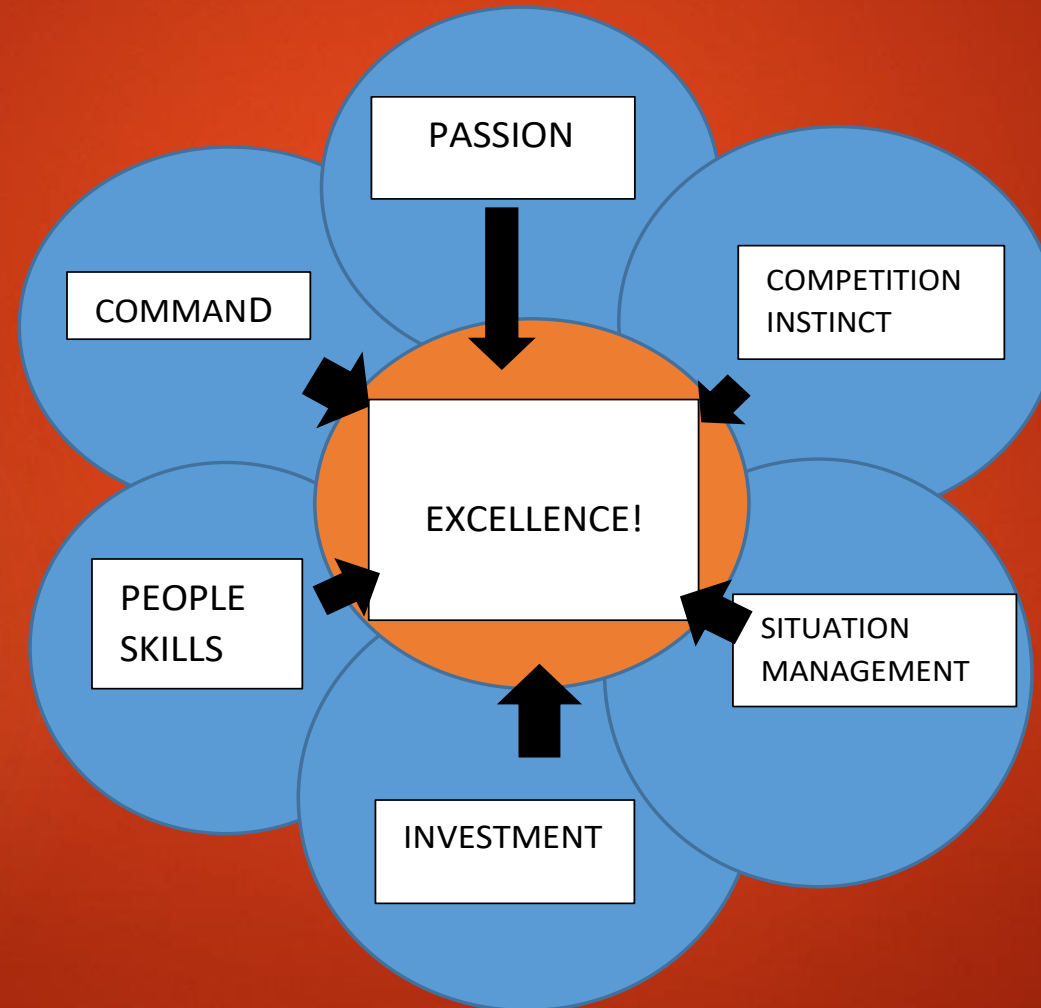


The 2nd referee never loses sight of the ball or the player – this is perfect.

Be calm and show it – this referee correctly saw a block, not four touches



Here we can see how those qualities overlap to form the referee the sport needs.





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