



# Referee Survey

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

# Grade 4 Referees – old course

Total Responses 56. Sent to 171. 33% response rate

Date Created: Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Complete Responses: 49

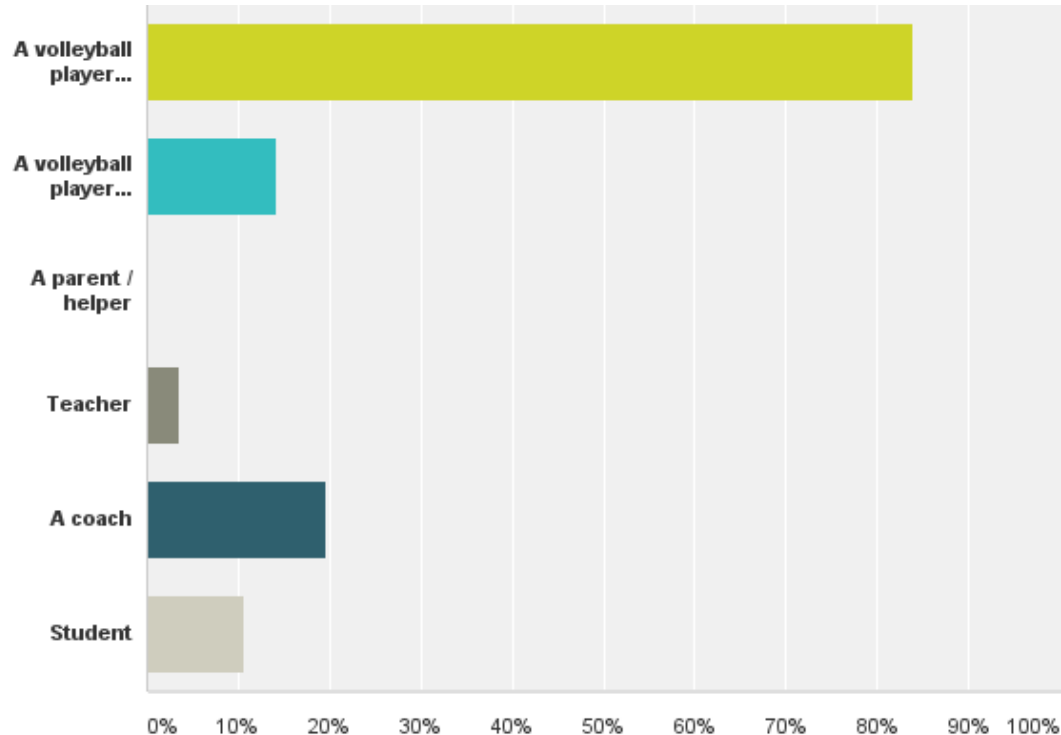
# Overview

The respondents in this group were the grade 4s who had sat the old two-day course. So most have been qualified for at least a year, are actively refereeing and yet have not moved up the pathway.

There were 115 who did not reply, so it is difficult to know how 'active' the whole group is and this will only be known once we have completed the 2015/16 renewals.

# Q1: What is your background before becoming a referee?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 0



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| Answer Choices                | Responses |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| A volleyball player (current) | 83.93% 47 |
| A volleyball player (retired) | 14.29% 8  |
| A parent / helper             | 0.00% 0   |
| Teacher                       | 3.57% 2   |
| A coach                       | 19.64% 11 |
| Student                       | 10.71% 6  |
| <b>Total Respondents: 56</b>  |           |

## Q2: Why did you do the course?

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As expected, there was a similar ratio of referees indicating that they are refereeing for the right reasons – that they wanted to referee.

Motivations are also very similar with the majority of referees becoming qualified due to an affiliation with their club or team or with a genuine desire to learn more about the game.

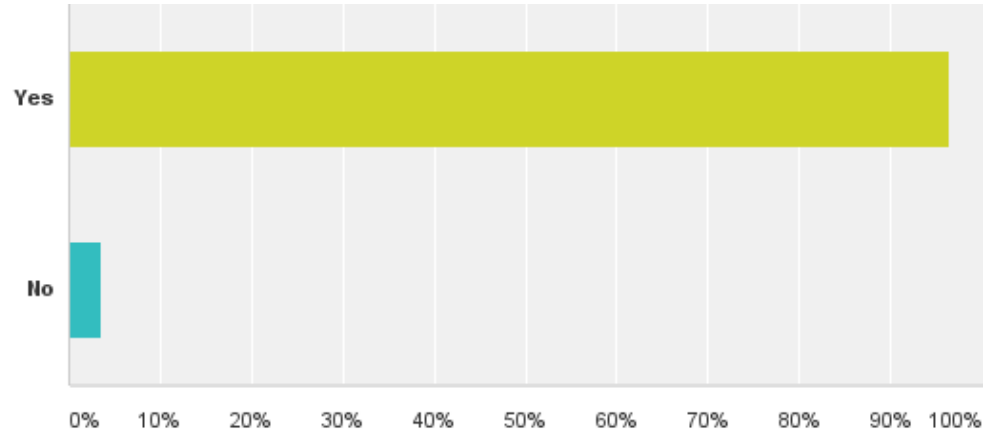
The age profile of grade 4s also fits that the majority of these referees are still playing, hence the allegiance with the club. 236 of the registered 336 grade 4 referees are 35 and under.

- To help my club – 22
- Know the rules and to further my knowledge – 16
- To be a referee – 10
- League requirement – 3

***Overwhelming support for the club as the reason to get qualified***

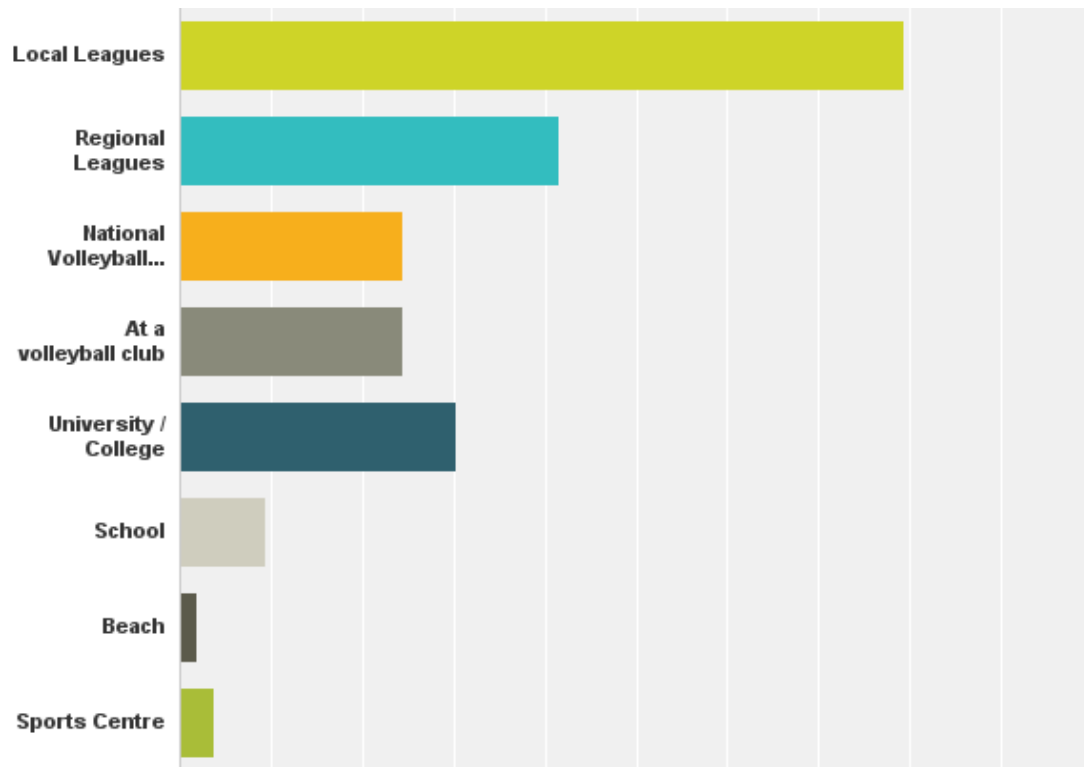
### Q3: Since passing your course, have you refereed?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 0



## Q4: Where are you refereeing? Please tick all that apply

Answered: 53 Skipped: 3





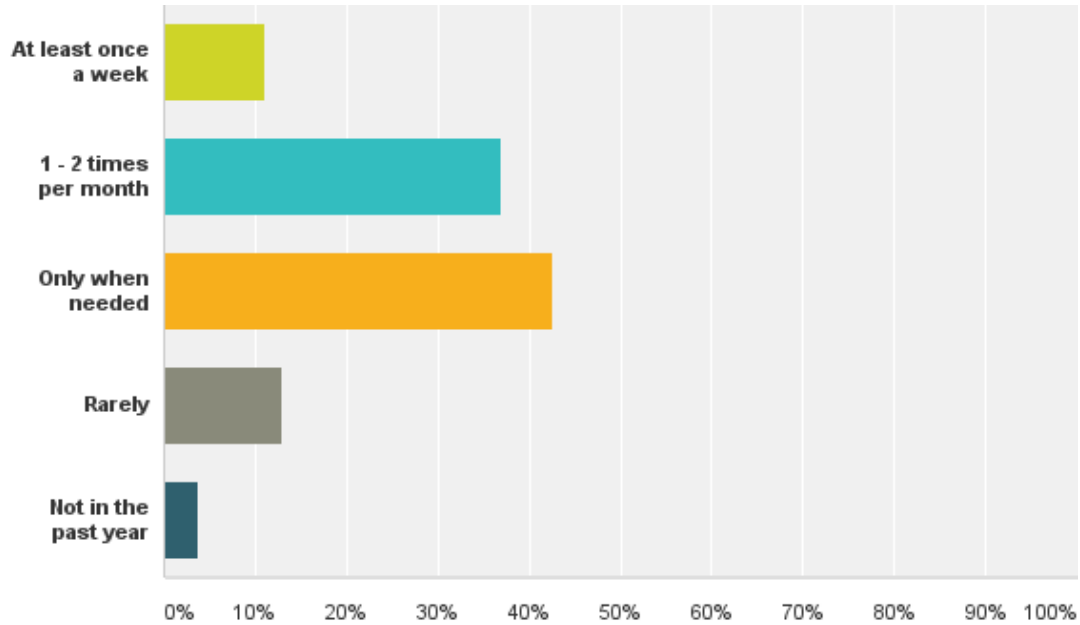
## Q4: Where are you refereeing? Please tick all that apply

Answered: 53 Skipped: 3

| Answer Choices               | Responses |    |
|------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Local Leagues                | 79.25%    | 42 |
| Regional Leagues             | 41.51%    | 22 |
| National Volleyball League   | 24.53%    | 13 |
| At a volleyball club         | 24.53%    | 13 |
| University / College         | 30.19%    | 16 |
| School                       | 9.43%     | 5  |
| Beach                        | 1.89%     | 1  |
| Sports Centre                | 3.77%     | 2  |
| <b>Total Respondents: 53</b> |           |    |

## Q5: How often are you refereeing?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 2



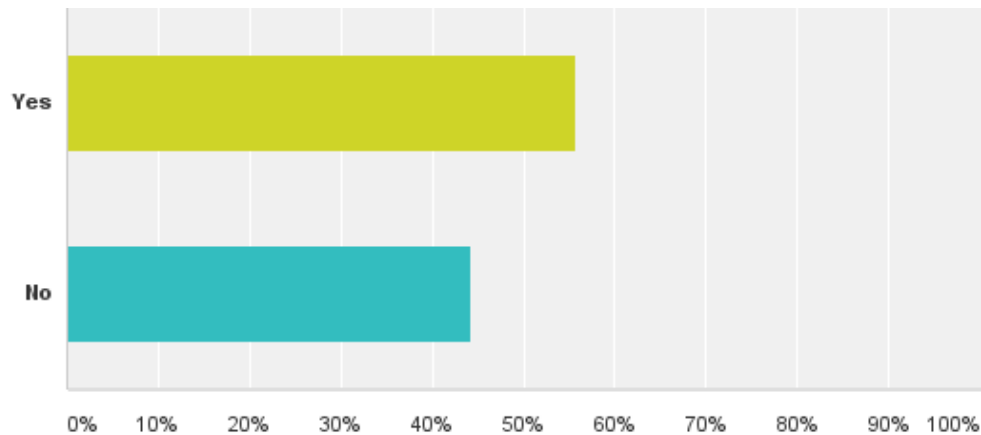
## Q5: How often are you refereeing?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 2

| Answer Choices               | Responses |    |
|------------------------------|-----------|----|
| At least once a week         | 11.11%    | 6  |
| 1 - 2 times per month        | 37.04%    | 20 |
| Only when needed             | 42.59%    | 23 |
| Rarely                       | 12.96%    | 7  |
| Not in the past year         | 3.70%     | 2  |
| <b>Total Respondents: 54</b> |           |    |

## Q6: Would you be interested in being observed to potentially move to the next grade? (3R)

Answered: 52 Skipped: 4



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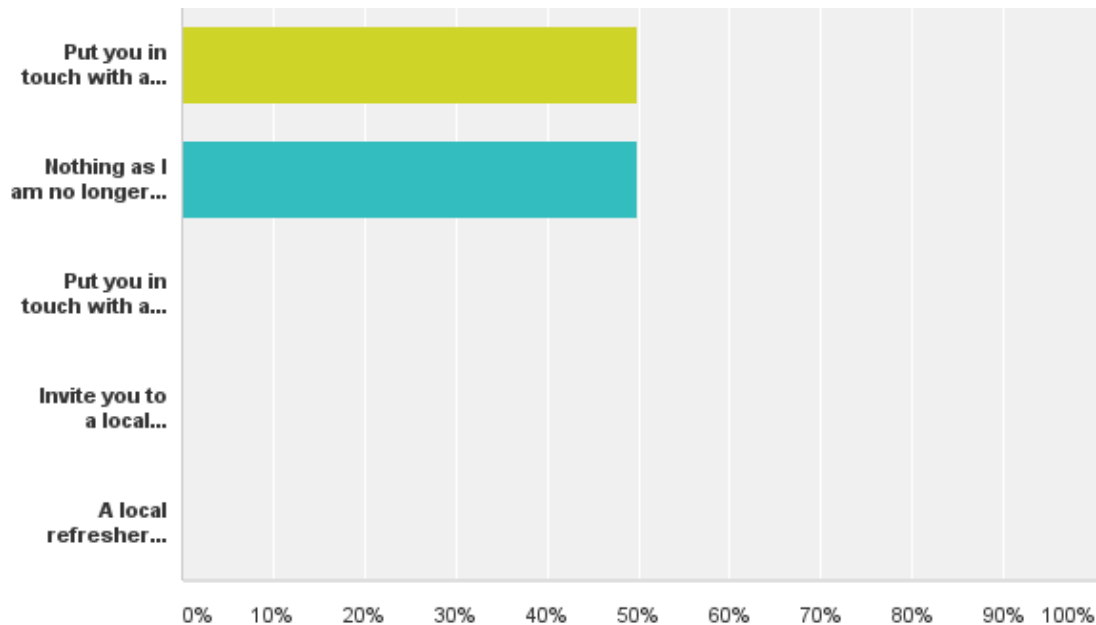
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Answered: 52 Skipped: 4

| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|-----------|
| Yes            | 55.77% 29 |
| No             | 44.23% 23 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>52</b> |

## Q8: If you're not refereeing, what can we do to help? Please tick all that apply.

Answered: 2 Skipped: 54



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Answered: 2 Skipped: 54

| Answer Choices   | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| Put you in touch with a local club to referee some club games - informal setting                                   | 50.00% 1  |
| Nothing as I am no longer interested in refereeing   | 50.00% 1  |
| Put you in touch with a regional contact to give you some matches as second or first referee - more formal setting | 0.00% 0   |
| Invite you to a local competition where you will be mentored as you referee- eg the Student Cup qualifiers         | 0.00% 0   |
| A local refresher course   | 0.00% 0   |
| <b>Total Respondents: 2</b>  |           |

## Q9: What else would help you to improve your refereeing? Are you doing any of them?

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Answered: 26 Skipped: 28

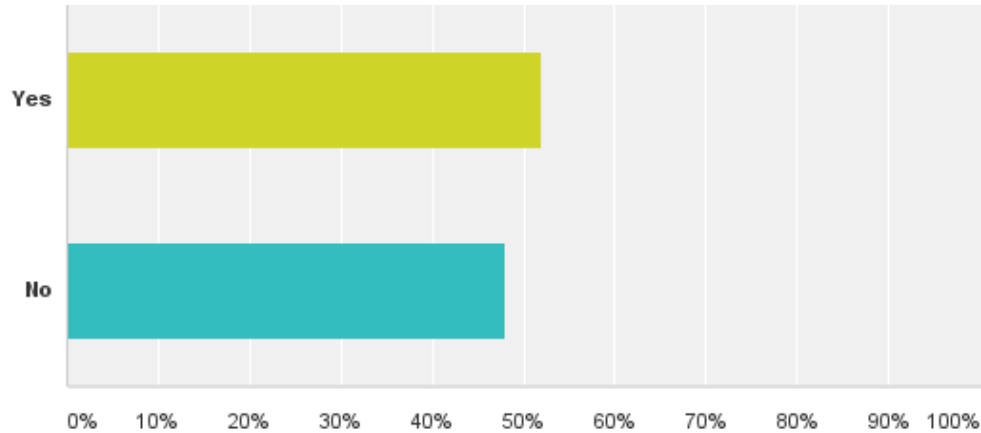
The answers here seemed to reflect a lack of investment in this group – both from us and from their own efforts. This came through in the wish to get feedback and mentoring, communication on rule changes and more opportunities to practice.

- Feedback and mentoring - 6
- Practice (opportunities to) - 9
- Rule changes – 4
- Competitions – 2
- Anything! – 2 ( you have never contacted me before)
- Reading the rules - 1
- Refresher courses - 1



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| Answer Choices | Responses |
|----------------|-----------|
| Yes            | 52.08% 25 |
| No             | 47.92% 23 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>48</b> |

## Q11: What else can we do to improve your skills as a referee?

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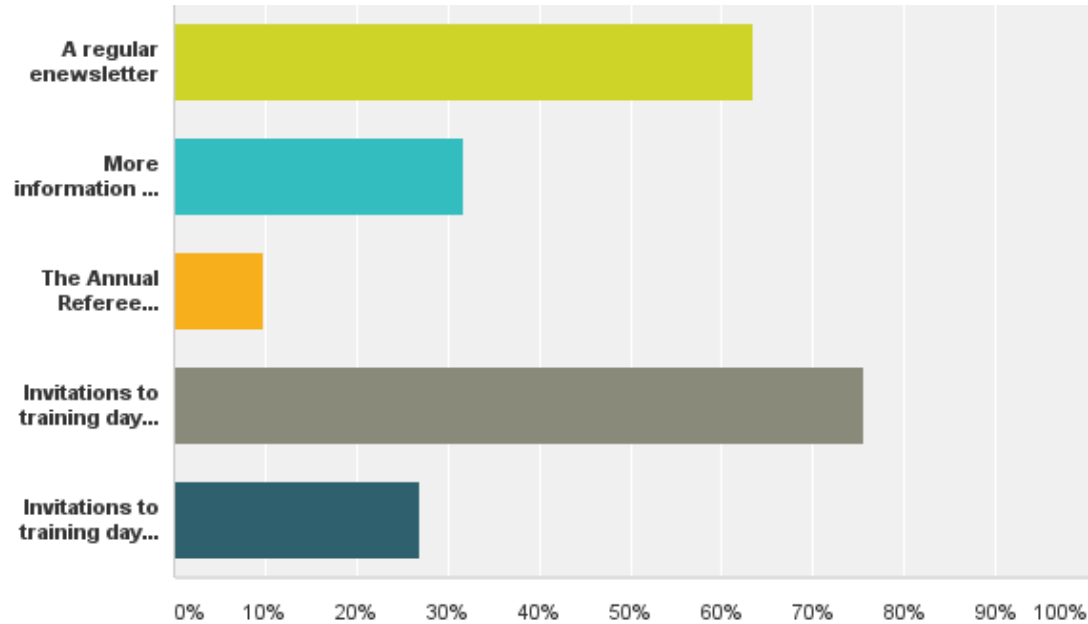
Answered: 24 Skipped: 30

We gave a few prompts here like reading, training, competitions, being mentored...As with the new grade 4 survey, the top answers were having a mentor and additional training / refresher courses. Aligned to refresher courses was the need to have regular updates on rule changes.

- Mentor / feedback – 9
- Refresher courses / training – 6
- Rule changes – 3
- More practice – 1
- Reading - 1

## Q12: How can we communicate with you better? Please tick all that apply.

Answered: 41 Skipped: 15



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Answered: 41 Skipped: 15

| Answer Choices                          | Responses |    |
|---|-----------|----|
| A regular enewsletter                   | 63.41%    | 26 |
| More information on the website         | 31.71%    | 13 |
| The Annual Referee Conference           | 9.76%     | 4  |
| Invitations to training days - locally  | 75.61%    | 31 |
| Invitations to training days - national | 26.83%    | 11 |
| <b>Total Respondents: 41</b>            |           |    |