



Message from President of the Referee Commission, Steve Evans

Having been elected for a third term at last weekends Volleyball England Annual General Meeting I will be forming a commission that will have the appropriate qualified and experienced personnel to meet the needs for the Referee Commission to fulfil the referee strategy.

I have two priorities:

- Concentrate on development by increasing the number of observations, feedback and introducing mentors at local and regional level
- Communication is a two way action and with the reintroduced newsletter now in electronic format we need content. If you have any stories or experiences you wish to share with our referee community please send me your content. The newsletter will reach all our registered referees every two months. We also have a referee Facebook page for those who may have a situation at a match and would like clarification; this is the fastest format. If you wish it to remain private then please use email.

The first wave of appointments has now been sent out, please accept or decline as soon as possible giving priority to September and October appointments so that they can be re-appointed. Please update your availability regularly as it is very frustrating and an unnecessary waste of our time when we constantly get "Declined now unavailable". Please note that regular offenders may not get further appointments.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER by September as your appointments depend on it. You can renew you registration online with Volleyball England by logging into your account [here](#) or you can visit the referee membership page [here](#) for further details or to access the postal registration form.

Enjoy season 2016-17 and good luck and enjoy the experience to all those going to the Olympic and Paralympic games in Rio.

Steve Evans
President
Referee Commission