



Rules R E-Learning Platform

For many years, the Referee Commission have been looking for an e-learning platform that suits our needs for the right price. Our first interest was in an Italian platform but the translation to English made it a little expensive and didn't meet our needs. The next opportunity came from a company (Triaganal) who developed a platform for the CEV and eventually the FIVB, the functions where ideal but it was too expensive.

Nick Heckford identified another platform that was being used by international referees which was developed by FIVB Tutor Guy Bradbury from Ontario, Canada. Enquires were made and members of Referee Commission were given access to the Ontario Volleyball Association e-learning platform. At our last commission meeting Guy gave a tour of the platform and answered many questions from the Referee Commission.

Subsequently, a 6-month trial for the Rules R e-learning platform has been negotiated and secured. The trial runs from 1st December 2016 to June 2017. The platform currently has a database of questions based on the rules of the game. All Grade 3R's and above registered referees as of the October 2016 registration list are eligible to take part in the trial and have been notified how to log on to the system.

Currently the platform hosts a "Quick Learn" system that generates at random 15 true or false questions and gives you the correct answer and reference according to the FIVB rules, which is a great learning tool. In the New Year a "Quick Quiz" will be available which randomly selects 25 questions within a 20-minute session, which will be great for testing your knowledge as in this format only the number of correct/incorrect answers are counted: you are not given a rule reference or an explanation of the correct answer.

If the trail proves successful, then it is planned to introduce platforms based on the NVL Regulations, Beach Rules, casebook etc. Our ultimate aim is to have a platform set up for Grade 4 courses (pre-test and examination) and finally individual testing for upgrading and conference purposes.

Please use the system as often as you can. It is free for you to use and any feedback will be welcome.

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