

Steve Evans

Nominated for Referees Commission President at 2016 AGM

Steve's passion for Volleyball started when he left Her Majesty's Royal Navy to join the West Midlands Fires Service. With over 30 years service Steve had many roles most notably serving as an officer in his final years of service. It is these attributes that have guided Steve through his many years of volleyball as a player, coach and club official, at local and regional level to joining his local and regional leagues on various committees.

A committed family man; Steve remains devoted to his wife Angela, 3 grown up children, and now 2 fantastic grand children. It is these core family values that Steve brings to all aspects of his life and to his "other family" in Volleyball. As is common with all committed volunteers Steve finds the balance of working around family, work and other hobbies a difficult one, as sometimes Volleyball takes over and he needs to take stock, step back and ensure his priorities are realigned. .

Steve was a founding member of the British Events team and for many years worked on events for the BVF, CEV and FIVB competitions both at Volleyball and Beach Volleyball events as well as being involved with Volleyball England domestic events culminating in his greatest accolade by working for the London Organising Committee for the 2012 Olympic Games (LOCOG), where he was appointed as the Field of Play Leader for both the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Volleyball & Sitting Volleyball Competitions. Steve was no stranger to World Multi-Sport events as he was in 1991 one of the leading volunteers for the Universidad held in Sheffield. Steve was the court manager at Ponds Forge and at the finals at Sheffield Arena.

Whilst having many roles Steve's passion within Volleyball was refereeing and he first qualified as referee in 1984. Since then he has acted as Regional Referee Administrator for West Midlands VA and was one of 3 Referee Development Officer on the Referee Commission Development Team as far back as 1998, finally serving on Referee Commission for the last 15 years. Notably Steve has been a tutor and staff Referee and is one of 7 Senior Staff Referees.

Following the Olympics in 2012 Steve was approached and nominated for the position of President of Referee Commission and has successfully completed 2 terms in office. Steve has reformed and regrouped Referee Commission and built an effective team of commissioners who bring individual talents and experience to the various roles required to deliver officials in today's modern Volleyball & Beach Volleyball. He has recently taken on the role of CEV Supervisor.

Undoubtedly under Steve's leadership refereeing has moved forward and with the latest chapter being the launch of the Volleyball England Referee Strategy 2015-2024 this great work will continue and fantastic results are envisaged.

Steve is proud to stand for a third term as he believes in the strategy and has the energy and drive to not only lead but where necessary refocus Referee commission to fulfil its strategy and deliver the goals set out within it.