



ADDITIONAL AAA QUESTIONS

If you have played at least 1 round of AAA this season, please also complete these supplementary questions

Dear AAA players,

Over the past two years one of the beach volleyball committee's main goals has been to deliver a tournament for AAA players that:

- Attracts athletes with a high level of skill so that the AAA has an elite feel to it.
- Enables athletes to play as close as possible to how they would at a national or international level.
- Is played in good conditions (eg, avoiding Perth's afternoon wind).
- Provides a spectacle to beachgoers (volleyball and non-volleyball) and potential sponsors.

With these goals in mind, we have listened to player's feedback and have attempted to deliver a tournament format that best balances all considerations. There is of course always room for improvement and we would be interested in your responses to the below for consideration for next years tournament.

QUESTION 1

We are considering THREE tournament formats for the 2010/2011 season:

A. Same as this season (one day, 4x3 teams, untimed)

- Previous surveys have indicated most players want untimed games.
- The main problem that occurred this season is the time taken not only for the matches but for the warmup. Players are not adhering to the 7 minute warmup limit.
- This results in more time spent waiting around for games to finish.
- This also results in finals being played much later in the day. Finals played at 3 or 4pm are often played in windy conditions, with no spectators, commentators have finished their shift, 92.9 has been and gone. This is a much harder product to try and sell to a sponsor.

B. Go back to timed games (one day, 4x3 teams, timed 35 minutes)

- Timing of matches and warmups are controlled. There are never empty courts or waiting around.
- Finals will start at 12:45 when conditions are better, more spectators, commentators will be there.
- The start time can be broadcast and marketed.

C. Two days (two days, 4x3 teams, untimed)

- Round matches played on Saturday. Semis and Finals played on Sunday.
- This will satisfy most goals identified above: it is more consistent with national and world tours and finals will be played at optimal time providing good playing conditions and a great spectacle.
- Making it through to Sunday will have a prestigious feel.
- Major downside is willingness of players to commit to two days. Concern that those that don't want to will simply do a no show on the Sunday.

WHICH FORMAT WOULD YOU PREFER AND WHY? : _____

QUESTION 2

If we were to continue as we are (Option A), we have discussed employing a AAA staff member. This person would be responsible for ensuring the AAA tournament runs efficiently. Their role would:

- Ensure courts are in good shape and that nets are the right height
- Ensure warmup times are adhered to, reducing wait times and starting finals as early as possible

WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO PAY AN EXTRA \$5-\$10 (PER EVENT PER PLAYER) TO COVER THE COST OF THIS PERSON? *This would obviously depend on VWA's ability to source such a person. Any suggestions would be welcomed :*
