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## SENATE INQUIRY INTO INSURANCE

The Federation has no individual members and only needs to provide insurance cover for National events such as the Australian Beach Volleyball Tour, the Australian Volleyball League and the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup. This insurance is crucial as it covers not only public liability but also professional indemnity, covering not only the athletes but also referees, officials, and volunteers. At this time we are still waiting on a costing for the Schools Cup event – an event which depends very much on volunteers for its success and viability.

The Schools Cup is the largest school event in Australia. Last year there were 313\* teams from 100 schools. 2,800+ students and 500+ school officials and volunteers were involved. There were 22 volunteer event officials supervising the tournament. 1,346 matches were played during the event which lasted 5 days. Four international teams also participated.

\* There have only been more teams than this on one occasion.

Should insurance for this event follow the trend (our member state associations faced this year increases of between 15 and 50%) we may be unable to stage the event, which has been growing since it was first held in 1984.

The other issue which has come up in the last month is that of Sports Trainers who are no longer able to take out their own Professional Indemnity policies and who are now wondering if they are covered as casual Trainers by organisations such as ours or those of our member states. This will add to the insurance burden on the sport.

One of the solutions being suggested in the SCORS report was pooling of insurance. However only some State Governments are offering pooling arrangements for not for profit organisations. This poses some problems with pooling on a national basis as some state associations might find it more advantageous to take advantage of their State's pooling option rather than with their own organisation.

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