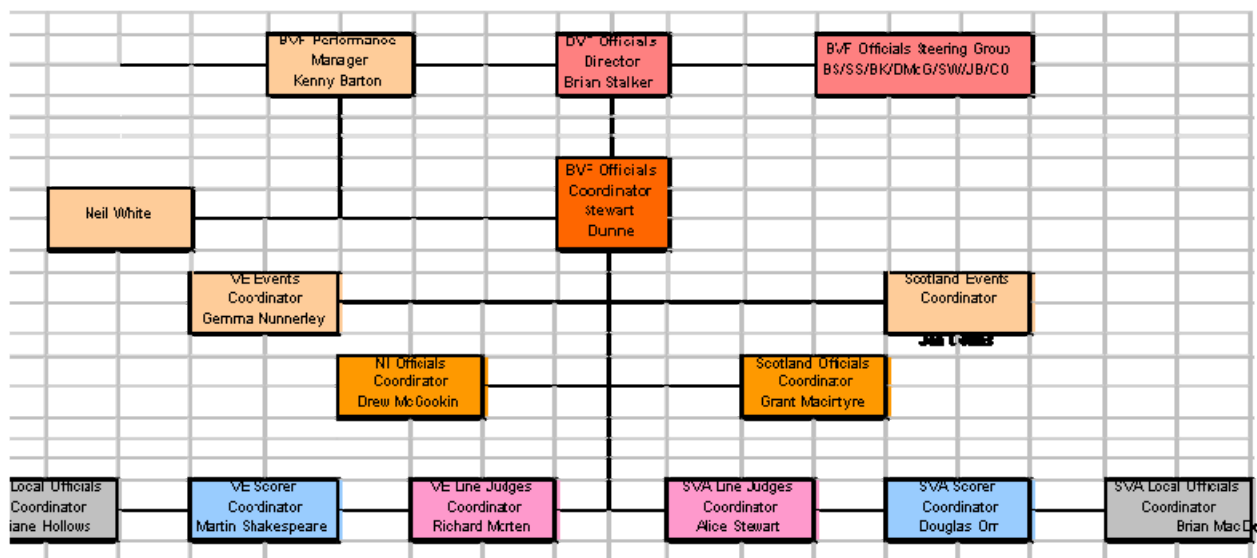


Let the Training Begin

December 2008. The clock has been ticking for some time towards London 2012. But the plan for the training of the officials (line judges and scorers are called NTOs) is now a reality, although at the time of writing this article, the funding is being subsidised by the Refereeing Commission budgets of the three National Federations, SVA, Volleyball England, and NIVA.

The Coordinators of the plan and most of the trainers travelled to Sheffield on 16/17 December to become the team who would select the personnel and deliver the training for those who would step on to the Olympic court in 2012. (Some may actually step onto the sand as Beach line judges and scorers, but that will become clearer in the fullness of time).

We had 7 Scots within the group, and their roles and remits are summarised below:



As the most experienced in matters Olympic, the job of explaining how the job would be done fell to Sandy Steel.

Through a mixture of slides and practical work at a live game, and through group discussions it became clear that there was a huge enthusiasm for the task, and the coordinators and trainers started to make detailed lessons, learning outcomes and plans for the selection and training ahead. There was a buzz about the sessions which augers well for the future.

Items covered included:

- ✚ Manner
- ✚ The European Experience
- ✚ Why Line judges are important
- ✚ Positioning
- ✚ Blocking Issues
- ✚ Rules and Signals
- ✚ Line judge Qualities

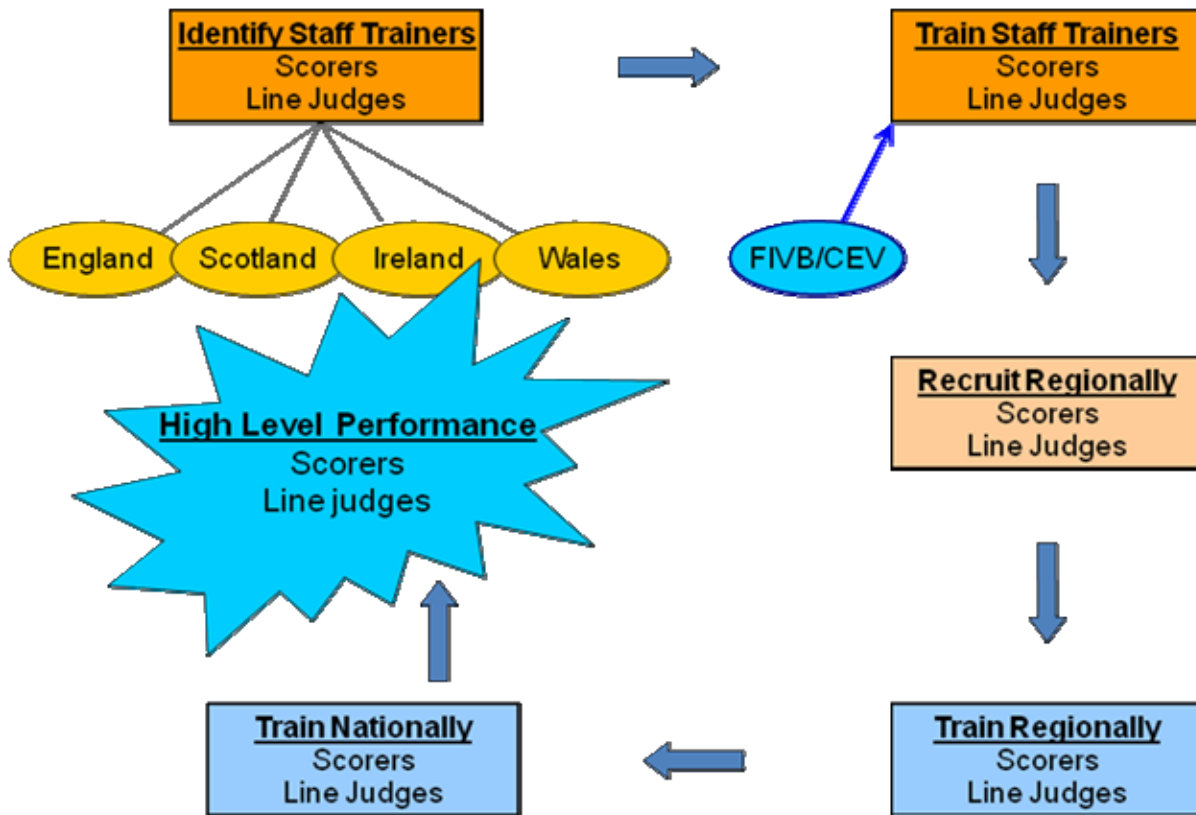


The Style



The Plan – the Training – and the Remits

We are here



We have trained the trainers to do what they have to do – select and coach a group of line judges and scorers within each UK region or nation, and get them to peak performance by 2011. Final selection of personnel will be difficult but necessary. Will you be one of them – the best of the best?