

Carolina Region/USAV
August 11, 2021 Officials Advisory Board meeting
Online Meeting



Attendees: Ritchie Buffkin, Callie Davis, Tony Hill, Rex Hart, Michael Holder, Rick Laskey, Leann Madtes, Ronnie Mutter, Dan Pickett, Stephen Shepherd, Tad Watson

Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director; Brian Webb, Officials Program Director

Meeting began: 7:00 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions –Kevin opened the meeting with introductions of Brian Webb, Officials Program Director; Stephen Shepherd, Referee Chair; Ronnie Mutter as Beach Referee Chair, Tony Hill as Officials Rep to Board of Directors, Amber Fulk, Scorer Chair, and Kevin Wendelboe as Executive Director.
- II. Kevin reviewed items of note from the 2021 season associated with the Officials Program. Due to Covid, many of our normal activities were cancelled or limited.
 - A. All one-day tournaments were canceled, so that affected the ability to work for many officials.
 - B. OAAP was canceled for 2021. We had one applicant for OAAP that will be offered a slot for 2022.
 - C. We had three new Junior National Referees:
 - i. Victoria Ivie
 - ii. Stephen Koehler
 - iii. Kennedey Paine
 - D. We have one new Beach Zonal Referee:
 - i. Ritchie Buffkin
- III. Kevin reviewed items discussed and approved at the recent Carolina Region Board of Director meeting that are of interest to officials:
 - A. Board retreat held June 11-12, 2021 online.
 - B. Approved the 2022 Junior Schedule. It is available on the website now.
 - C. We will allow clubs to host an in-person clinic this fall. It will be a Scorers clinic only. The Ref clinic and the Scorer clinic will be available online in the Learning Management System for anyone to take.
- IV. 2022 Season Key Deadlines:
 - A. OAAP Application – Oct 1, 2021
 - B. Junior National/National Application – Oct 1 (JN with OAAP application)
 - C. Certification Upgrade – January 15, 2022. Everyone that applied for 2021 is still on our list. They will be asked if still want to be considered in 2022
 - D. Scoring a Match – April 30 (all non-National referees will need to complete in 2022)

- V. National Rating Pipelines:
 - A. Junior National
 - i. David Bryant
 - ii. Chanel Davis
 - iii. Glenn Horton
 - iv. LeAnn Madtes
 - v. Robert Webb
 - B. National
 - i. Callie Davis
 - ii. Kyle Smith

- VI. Registration Updates – 2022 Registrations will be available September 1. Individuals will go through the quizzard which will guide them to the correct membership. There is a dedicated membership for Professional officials. Once you select that, it will include all requirements you need to complete (SafeSport, Background Screen, Independent Contractor Agreement). The Background Screen is now \$14. Region will still pay for our officials as long as you follow our instructions. Wait for our email with instructions before registering for the 2022 season. Brian wants everyone to register early so you can begin working on your eligibility requirements and the clinics. We will auto-enroll everyone once again in their clinics.

- VII. Region Clinics – Brian is working on the dates now for in-person and online meetings for New officials. We will post the update on our Clinics page once they are finalized. The need for officials is still great. Help us recruit new officials as you come across any that have good potential. A question was asked if we are still using Junior referees. Yes, we are still actively recruiting anyone 16 or older to work. Many juniors join us each season to work on their off weekends.

- VIII. SafeSport – SafeSport is required for all Officials. This will need to be completed before you are marked as eligible in the USAV system. When you register as an official, you will be enrolled automatically in the SafeSport course that applies to you this season. There are three courses now – Core, Refresher 1, and Refresher 2.

- IX. 2022 Season Formats – Current plans are to hold regular 4-team pool tournaments for our one-day tournaments. All this will be dependent on the current status of COVID in the state and our ability to get facilities. We will update officials of any updates or changes as we approach the season. Be prepared to be flexible.

- X. Assignments and Payments – We will use ArbiterSports and Arbiter Pay again this season. Contact Brian if you need help in setting up your accounts and affiliating with the Carolina Region.

- XI. Officials Rep Election – We had four nominations for the position:
- A. Tony Hill (Incumbent)
 - B. Kristine Hughes
 - C. Talise Morris
 - D. Kyle Smith

We had some votes come in from officials that could not make the meeting. Those votes were added to the votes submitted by meeting attendees and Tony Hill was elected for another three-year term.

- XII. Facebook Group – All officials were encouraged to join our Carolina Region Officials Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarolinaRegionVolleyballOfficials>). We use this private group for announcements, accomplishments, and instruction/interpretations.

- XIII. Additional Items/New Business:
- A. There was a request to add the meeting slides to the website. They will be posted along with the minutes of this meeting at the Board Meeting section of the website.

- XIV. Adjournment – Motion by T. Hill, second by S. Shepherd to:

Motion 1: adjourn the August 11, 2021 meeting of the Carolina Region Officials' Advisory Board at 7:22 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

June - August, 2022 – Online meeting - TBA