

RVA Newsletter

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RVA Referee Development Coordinator

Glenn Reid

The Indoor Referee Sub Commission has been busy and we would like to make sure you receive timely updates. I am currently in the process of developing a "New Referee" clinic. If you have such a clinic on powerpoint that you use in your region currently, I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy. I am attempting to pick the very best parts of each presentation and combine into one clinic that would meet the needs of brand-new referees.

Attached you will find the most recent schedule for the meetings to be held in May in Minneapolis, MN. Please note that some officials meetings have been moved. The meetings which have changed are noted in red. It is important to note the RVA referee and scorekeeper meetings which in the past have been held on Friday, have been moved to Thursday morning.

You will also see that the Inaugural USAV Congress will be held on Thursday afternoon from 1pm to 4pm. I would encourage all of you to attend this open meeting, as it will offer the opportunity to hear what is going on in the Officials Commission, and allow the chance for great discussion on how the Commission can work better for all officials.

The congress will be over in plenty of time for attendance at the Boyce Banquet on Thursday night. This is a wonderful event at which some of volleyball's finest members are recognized for their work in improving the sport in all venues, from coaching to playing to officiating. I'll look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or comments about the following newsletter, please email me at greid55@aol.com

Chair of the National Indoor Referee Sub Commission

Kathy Ferraraccio

The Officials Commission held their meetings in Denver, CO from February 23-25. Here is a quick summary of some of the items that were discussed during those three days. Keep in mind that NONE of these items are final, until voted on by other commissions within USAV, and then approved by Doug Beal.

- Since the Official Word is becoming quite lengthy, making it hard to read in one sitting, it was discussed that we add another edition, bringing the total to 6/year, or one every two months. This will have budget implications, so we will look into the feasibility of this for the rest of 2009 and then into 2010!
- The good standing policy as it pertains to national level referees in their regions has been distributed and will be discussed in the USAV Joint Admin Council phone call scheduled for some time in April. The Referee Sub-Commission is also looking at the current certification policy for all national level referees, and will be editing and updating the manual since this has not been done for some time now!!!
- The annual dues that National Officials pay to the Officials Commission (formerly the Officials Division) will remain at \$40/year but a proposal was put forth to have the National and Junior National referees pay their national clinic fee and their dues in one payment of \$55. This is an overall decrease in the cost, as this season, it cost a total of \$60 - \$40 dues and \$20 clinic fee. If it passes, this will prove to be much easier for national level referees, giving them the chance to pay in one sitting and with only one check!!! This will be discussed in further detail if it is passed by the Joint Admin Council and approved by Doug Beal.
- As most of you already know, next year back ground screening for all referees who work Junior events will be mandatory. There are already a number of regions who have had this requirement in place, so it should not be an issue to implement it in the rest of the country.
- Pay at the National tournaments was discussed in great length. A proposal for pay for the remainder of this quad was voted on, and will be discussed at the meetings in May, by both the Referee and Scorekeeping Commissions, and then will go to the Events Department at USAV since it will greatly impact their budget.
- It was discussed about possibly having all national level officials registering in the admin region at USAV, although they would still retain membership in their respective regions. There are good points and low points about this type of registration, and this was tabled since it impacts so many different areas in USAV.

These are only a few items that were discussed. The minutes will be completed soon, and hopefully posted on the USAV web site. All in all, the discussions that were held were good ones. Many sides were brought up during the talks, and the Officials Commission walked away not only exhausted from meeting, but also invigorated by what lies ahead. Working together, we can all make volleyball officiating a more exciting and worthy path to follow.

2009 USAV Referee Training and Education Program

Gloria Cox

USAV TEP – Premier Camp

The USAV Officials Division will once again offer a great training opportunity this year at the Girls' Junior Olympic Volleyball Championship in Miami, Florida June 26-28.

Participants will receive training and feedback on four matches, two as an R1 and two as an R2, from members of the USAV National Training Team; along with the chance to work with a member of the National Training Team. The training will take place during the first three days of competition.

Campers will be observed during their matches, but without the added pressure of being rated or evaluated on the match. After each pair of matches, those referees will have the opportunity to meet with the National Training Team member to review the match, ask questions, and to learn rules and new techniques.

This camp will be especially beneficial for those referees who are looking to attain their Junior National or National rating in the next few years or for those Junior National or National referees who are just looking to hone their skills.

Here is some information you might find useful in helping you decide to apply for a spot at the TEP – Premier Camp.

- Cost of the camp is \$250
- Registration deadline is May 1, 2009
- Campers will not be paid for matches worked as part of the camp, but will retain those fees for matches worked outside of the camp.
- To referee this event in any capacity, you **MUST** have attended the National Referee Clinic. If you have not yet attended the clinic for this season, one will be offered at the tournament on Thursday, June 25 at 6PM
- All campers must attend the tournament procedures meeting which will follow the National clinic (beginning at approximately 9PM)
- Training sessions will be held Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28.
- Must be available as a referee for the entire camp period: Friday, June 26- Sunday, June 28.
- Referee Chair signature is required on the application for Regional referees, unless the Regional referee is a Junior National candidate at the same event
- All housing, transportation, and meals are the responsibility of the camper
- If the camper is a Junior National or National referee, or is a Junior National candidate during the event, they **MIGHT BE** eligible for a rooming program when working a minimum of 6 matches/day for a minimum of 6 consecutive days

If you are interested in attending the camp, registration forms are available for download on the USAV website: <http://www.usavolleyball.org/content/index/3214>
Space is limited, so act quickly. Please remember that the deadline for registration is May 1, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this camp, please contact Gloria Cox (Gloria-cox@austin.rr.com) or Kathy Ferraraccio (kathy@ferraraccio.com)

Director of National & Junior National Referee Certifications and Evaluations

Brian Hemelgarn

We're three weeks away from the deadline for Junior National and National referee candidates to submit their applications and fees (April 1) to the USAV office. In addition, a copy of their application needs to be submitted to me via email. Please pass along a reminder to your region's candidates to confirm that they've completed all of the necessary paperwork in a timely manner!

The latest [Rules Interpretation Bulletin](#) is now available as a PDF download from the USAV website:

<http://volleyball.teamusa.org/content/index/405>

[Points of Emphasis & Clarifications](#) for National-level events has also been distributed to National Qualifier head referees and staff. This info is equally applicable at the regional level! The document can be found in the DCR section of the USAV website:

<http://volleyball.teamusa.org/content/index/2495>

The Rules Exam Committee has begun the process of developing the 2009-10 rules exams. If you have suggestions for exam questions, or situations that you feel are appropriate for testing materials, please pass them along to both [Glenn Reid](#) and [me](#).

The 2008-09 USAV Rules Casebook is undergoing final reviews. It should be ready and available online in short order!

Expect a new USAV Officiating Techniques & Procedures document to be available by March 13th! Not only will this document be important for sharing information with all referees in your regions, it will also be important reference and training material for your Junior National and National referee candidates.