



OFFICIALS BULLETIN

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If there is something you would like to add please let us know! For questions, comments or concerns contact Cara Lang at cara@ncrusav.org or 800-657-6967/952-831-9150 ext. 5.

Advanced Officials Clinic scheduled

February 14, 2010 8:30am-12:30pm Hopkins, MN; Clinician: Travis Karlin
Due to the increase in costs of Officials Training a \$5 Admittance Fee is requested at Clinics along with the \$35 Membership Due.

For more details regarding advanced officials clinics please visit the [ncc website](#) or contact [cara](#).

CONDOLENCES FROM THE REGION

North Country Region would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of Steve Berg. As a dedicated Official not just to USA Volleyball but to other organizations, he will be greatly missed by the sport of volleyball. Our sentiments go out to his family and friends.

A more detailed write-up for Steve can be found on the Star Tribune website.

Officiating Opportunities:

1. 20th Annual Presidents' Day Festival-we still need more officials. (February 13-14, 2010). Feb. 13th Teams can hire officials. Feb 14th-NCR hires officials for playoffs. \$32/match.
2. Need to grow as an Official or renew your rating? Sign up for a NCR Rating [Session](#).
3. Are you interested in becoming a Scorekeeper. Let us know and get signed up for an [Advanced Clinic](#) and [Rating Session](#).

For all of the above opportunities, please contact [Cara](#) (ext.5).

4. Other [Officiating Opportunities](#) are on our web page!

A Message from North Country Region Officials division...

Junior Official Clinicians: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW USAV RULES AT YOUR CLINICS SO YOU ARE ANSWERING QUESTIONS CORRECTLY. SINCE THERE WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FOLLOWING RULES PLEASE REVIEW THEM:

USAV 14.3 – Blocking the ball beyond the net above the opponent's team area shall be permitted, provided:

a. the block is made after the opponents have hit the ball in such a manner that the ball would, in the first referee's judgment, clearly cross the net if not touched by a player, and no member of the attacking team is in a position to make a play on the ball;

b. the ball is falling near the net, and no member of the attacking team could, in the first referee's judgment, make a play on the ball.

USAV 14.4.4 – A player interferes with the opponents' play by (amongst others):

-touching the top band of the net or the top 80 cm of the antenna during his/her action of playing the ball,

-taking support from the net simultaneously with playing the ball, or

-creating an advantage over the opponent, or

-making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball.

REMEMBER, THE JUNIOR PLAYERS ARE NOT THE REASON WHY RULES ARE MADE. RULES COME FROM THE INTERNATIONAL GAME (FIVB) AND ARE FILTERED DOWN THROUGH USA VOLLEYBALL TO THE JUNIORS LEVEL.

Junior National and National Officials are now required to fulfill 30 hours of participating in Region events per year to keep their certification. This can be done by being a clinician, working at tournaments, etc.

if a junior national/national official is hired to work at a tournament not run by the ncr staff they must bring with, fill out, and submit the hour sheet which can be found on our website. This is mandatory in order to have your hours recorded!

A Message from USA Volleyball Officials division...

Also attached with this Bulletin are documents that were initiated by the Officials Executive Council and reviewed by the USA Admin Council. They were then reviewed by the RVA Assembly at the May meeting in Minneapolis. The Minimum Standards for Juniors documents were accepted without much discussion.

Information & applications for USA Junior National and National referee candidates is now available on the USAV website. Here are the relevant details. Please share them with referees in your region who are being considered as candidates this season:

- Information for all candidates is available on the USAV website under the Resources à Officials & Rules tabs, then selecting Officiating Opportunities & Applications from the left-hand menu. The direct link is: <http://usavolleyball.org/pages/3959>, then select **Application Forms** (in a gold box) from the options on that page.
- For Junior National referee candidates:
 - The rating session will be Wednesday, June 30 through Friday, July 2, at the Girls' JNC in Reno, NV.
 - Candidates are required to attend a MANDATORY meeting on Tuesday, June 29, at 9pm.
 - If the candidate has not already attended a National Clinic, one will be presented on Tuesday, June 29, 6-9pm.
 - REMINDER: Candidates must also exhibit scorekeeping competency during the rating process. Details are included in the application information.

- There will also be a Premier Training Camp for Referees from June 27-29. Campers must arrive on June 26 at attend tournament procedures meetings. A National Clinic will also be offered on June 26 at 6pm, and is required for all campers if they have not already attended one. (Gloria Cox will distributed additional camp details in the coming weeks.)
- For National referee candidates:
 - The rating session will be Sunday, July 4 – Tuesday, July 6, at the Boys’ JNC in Austin, TX.
 - Candidates are required to attend a MANDATORY meeting on Saturday, July 3, at 9pm.
 - If the candidate has not already attended a National Clinic, one will be presented on Thursday, July 1, 6-9pm.
 - REMINDER: Candidates must also exhibit scorekeeping competency during the rating process. Details are included in the application information.
- The AES event registration system will be used for referees and candidates this year. Details for candidates will be available on the Applications page on the USAV website.
- OCRP details as they relate to candidates is also posted on the Applications page.
- Registration and application deadlines will be strictly adhered.

Please share these DCR editorial corrections/clarifications with referees so that there is no confusion!

For the Delay Sanction Scale (page 89), the Hand Signal reference is 25, not 23.

For Signal 22 (line fault/penetration, page 98), the description of the signal is incomplete. It should say “Point to the center line or to the respective line.” In other words, our signal for a server foot fault has NOT changed – we still point to the end line, no sweeping motion.

For Signal 24 (ball touched, page 99), we have not “officially” adopted the FIVB touch signal, which varies only slightly from our current signal. The FIVB signal pictorial indicates that we brush the fingers of one hand (held horizontally) over the finger tips of the other hand (held vertically). The traditional signal that we’ve always used is still appropriate and acceptable – brush the fingers of one hand in an upward motion across the fingers of the other hand (held vertically).

Special Olympics is requesting nominations for volunteer sport officials for the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece, 25 June – 4 July 2011. The following sport competitions will be conducted for 7,000 athletes around the world.

Aquatics	Athletics	Badminton	Basketball	Bocce	Bowling
Cycling	Equestrian	Football	Golf	Gymnastics	Judo
Kayaking	Powerlifting	Rollerskating	Sailing	Softball	Table Tennis
Handball	Tennis	Volleyball	Beach		

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International and/or National Sport Federation Officials’ Certification, if issued by the sport, and/or Special Olympics officiating experience is required for all applicants for officials’ assignments at the 2011 World Summer Games. The majority of the competition technical officials will be recruited, trained and selected from the host country. However, expenses associated with airfare, accommodations, ground transportation and meals will be provided for only a limited number of selected officials from Programs outside of Greece and Special Olympics athletes participating as qualified officials (SOOPA) and their mentors. Application forms can be downloaded at

<http://info.specialolympics.org/2011worldgamesofficials> The direct hyperlink is included for you. The application form must be received no later than April 1, 2010. The processing of application forms will begin immediately, thereafter. Submit Completed Applications and Supplemental Documentation
 To: Email address: Worldgamesofficials@specialolympics.org An auto response from this email address should confirm receipt of the application.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Jan. 26, 2010) – The USA Volleyball (USAV) Board of Directors met Jan. 25 in Los Angeles to re-affirm its quadrennial goals, finalize and approve its 2010 annual budget and finalize its plan to expand support for beach/sand programming and staffing. Beach volleyball was discussed in length during the meeting with the goal of creating short- and long-term growth for the discipline while building synergy among the various beach volleyball organizations. The Board voted to expand the USAV Beach Department executive team in the 2010 budget to build upon new opportunities to better serve the competitive and logistical needs for athletes playing for USA Volleyball in FIVB competitions. A new senior-level managing director of Beach Programs will be hired in the coming weeks and will be supported by a new Beach Task Force comprised of Board members and other members of the beach community to offer strategic and budget guidance for beach programming. “I thank the Board and our national staff for providing effective strategic guidance and sound operational success during a very challenging year for sports properties and governing bodies,” USA Volleyball Board of Directors Chairman David Schreff said. “USAV is now poised to leverage so many new opportunities across juniors, regional, indoor, sand/beach and international competition programs.” USAV re-affirmed its plan to extend broader service for its beach athletes, events, beach High Performance pipeline, clinics and coaching programs. The expanded beach department staff will add to its mandate the development of programs to support the recent NCAA decision affirming Division I and II sand volleyball as a women’s emerging sport. NCAA Division II sand volleyball legislation goes into effect for the 2010-2011 season, while NCAA Division I starts a year later in the 2011-2012 academic year. “I’m pleased that USAV is able to take another step forward in our support of the beach discipline with the board approved growth within our beach department,” USA Volleyball Chief Executive Officer Doug Beal said. “Adding a senior-level staff position and elevating other current beach staff will allow us to better take advantage of the recently confirmed NCAA sand volleyball opportunities and enhance the support we provide to our high level international athletes.” The Board also directed its Olympic Trials Commission to prepare the preliminary request for proposal and send it to city sports commissions who might seek to bid on 2012 Olympic Beach Trials. A detailed recommendation report will be prepared by the Commission with athlete input in time for the May 2010 Board meeting scheduled in Phoenix. In other business, the Board welcomed Christena Clauss as a new Junior Indoor Board member and codified with its Nominating and Governance Committee a more streamlined and organized method of seeking and vetting qualified candidates with its core constituency groups. This process will begin immediately for terms expiring in June 2010.

2010 PAVO Camp Options

<u>SITE</u>	<u>DATE*</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>HOUSING PROVIDED?</u>	<u>APPLICATION REQUIRED?</u>	<u>NON-CAMP MATCHES AVAILABLE?</u>	<u>TARGET GROUP</u>
Referee Training Camp Las Vegas NV Junior Club Tournament	2/12 - 2/14 (1)	\$200 (PAVO member)/ \$225 (non- mbr)	NO	NO - first-paid, first-served; USAV membership required	YES (1)	Referees with high-school, USAV or college experience.
New! Line Judge Training Session Las Vegas NV Junior Club Tournament	2/13	\$50	NO	NO - first-paid, first-served; USAV membership required	NO	Individuals seeking collegiate line judge training and certification.
Advanced Collegiate Training Camp Orlando FL NCAA	3/27 - 3/28	\$250 (PAVO member)/ \$275 (non- mbr)	NO	YES (click here for application) - no online registration available!	NO	Experienced referees seeking advancement or referees preparing to seek National certification.

Division I spring event @ Univ. of Central Florida						
Joint PAVO/USAV Training Camp Dallas TX NIRSA Championships	3/31 - 4/2	\$200	NO	NO - first-paid, first-served; PAVO State rating or USAV Regional rating required	YES	Referees with USAV and/or collegiate experience.
Joint PAVO/USAV Advanced Training Camp Louisville KY NCVF Championships	3/31 - 4/2	\$250	NO	NO - first-paid, first-served; PAVO State rating or USAV Regional rating required	YES (2)	Referees with significant USAV and/or collegiate experience or referees preparing to seek National certification.
Collegiate Training Camp Des Moines IA NCAA Division I Spring event @ Drake	4/16 - 4/17	\$200 (PAVO member)/ \$225 (non- mbr)	NO	NO - first-paid, first-served	NO	Referees seeking to begin or improve collegiate officiating.
Referee Training Camp Penn State University (State College, PA) Girls Juniors Tournament	5/28 - 5/30	\$125	YES	NO	YES (3)	Multi-level camp for referees with high-school, USAV or college experience.

* Each camp begins with a classroom workshop at approximately 7 pm on Day 1; on-court training is all day on Day 2.

- (1) Option 1: Friday, Feb 12-Sunday, Feb 14 or Option 2: Friday, Feb 12-Monday, Feb 15.
- (2) Option 1: Wednesday, March 31- Friday, April 2 or Option 2: Wednesday, March 31 - Saturday, April 3
- (3) Option 1: Friday, May 28-Sunday, May 30 or Option 2: Friday, May 28-Monday, May 31

Register today!

Online registration will be available soon for all camps except the UCF (Orlando) Advanced Camp at

<https://www.pavo.org/Home/EStore/tabid/62/Default.aspx> (click on "Events").

Space is limited!! Plan now to take advantage of this opportunity to advance your officiating career.

More details and information on additional camp sites will be available soon at the PAVO website (www.PAVO.org).

Registration Fees and Expenses

Camp registration fees range from \$125 to \$275 for this tremendous professional opportunity. Campers pay their own travel expenses, and are responsible for their own housing at most camps. Some camp hosts provide lodging, and some offer an opportunity to be compensated for officiating non-camp matches. Most camps are available on a first-paid, first-served basis. Advanced camps may involve an application/selection process, or require a minimum certification level. Please see details in the table above.



Refund Policy

If you are unable to attend a camp for which you have registered, PAVO will attempt to fill that slot with a replacement camper. If another camper is found to fill that slot, your camp registration fee will be fully refunded. If PAVO is not able to find a replacement camper, you will receive a refund of 50% of the registration fee, and the other 50% may be applied toward a future camp (based on availability).

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An update on the health status of Pat and Howard McChesney: Many of you will certainly know them as well as or better than I do, and recall their very long and remarkable relationship to our sport. Pat was a former USVBA Board member and was extensively involved in many leadership roles, including being named a lifetime honorary Regional Commissioner. The McChesney's have been regular attendees at our annual meetings and Open Championships for more years than most of us will recall.

Pat is really struggling with her health and is living in an assisted living facility, the address of which is included in the note from Ruth Nelson, who has been regularly in contact with both of them. I know that Pat would love to hear from many of you, and I hope we can all work to keep her spirits high as she did for us for such a long time. I cannot do more than what Joe Sharpless wrote regarding some of his fondest recollections of time spent with this very special couple.

Regards, Doug
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