



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.

Officiating Opportunities:

1. Need to grow as an Official or renew your rating? Sign up for a NCR Rating [Session](#).
2. Are you interested in becoming a Scorekeeper. Let us know and get signed up for [Rating Session](#).

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

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

A Message from North Country Region Officials division...

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!

If you have registered for the year, but have not fulfilled your requirements (test, etc.), you will be placed on probation for one year. You will not be able to be assigned to any finals at NCR tournaments. If you don't complete the requirements by the end of the year (Oct 1st), you will lose your status and be listed as "Not in Good Standing" on the web site. If you don't complete the requirements for the 2nd year, you will lose your status (Provisional or Regional).

A Message from USA Volleyball Officials division...

Dear Clinicians, Referees, Scorekeepers, and Junior leadership,

We wanted you to be aware of the importance of following the new warm up procedure at junior events (Rule USAV 7.2.2 b.). Since this rule was put into place for safety reason, it is NOT an option to waive this rule. Thanks for your help in getting the word out.

There has been quite a reaction to the memo concerning the exclusive use of the court during warm-up. In a nut shell, the problem is that at junior events we often have too many people in too small a space trying to warm-up with balls. Many times the spectator seating is at the edge of the sport court leaving no buffer between the teams and the spectators. Often there is no area (open court or designated warm-up area) where the players may ball handle except the court where they will play their next match. Rule 7.2.2.b. is an attempt to lessen the risk of injury to both players and spectators and to cut down on the number of errant balls that end up interfering with play on adjacent courts. In addition, we must find better ways to control the balls from the team hitting at the net. Common sense would suggest that both teams hit toward a divider net, rather than toward another court. Common sense would also suggest that ball shaggers be stationed around the court toward which the hits are being directed. Common sense would suggest that rather than a hitter shagging her own ball, that after hitting she would run to get into position to shag the ball of the next hitter.

Steve Thorpe, the indoor rules interpreter, offers his perspective below. As he reminds us, the officials can only control what the teams in their control are doing.

This puts the responsibility for the non-playing teams on the tournament host. Let's do the best we can to keep balls and players out of spectator areas. If there are open courts, players could ball handle there since these are not spectator areas. If you are fortunate enough to have additional space at your venue that can be designated as a warm-up area, then do so. Rope off the area that could be used for warm-up with balls and post signs that no spectators are allowed or such – "designated warm-up area", etc.

The Rules Testing Commission and the Officials Commission will be meeting in the next week. You can be sure warm-up procedures will be discussed. In addition Mike Chandler, Events Director, will also be discussing this topic with the Boys and Girls Competition Commissions. The Joint Admin Council has already discussed it. Thanks for all the good suggestions as we work toward a solution that meets our needs.

Attached you will find the first Rules Interp Bulletin for the 2009-10 season.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (March 1, 2010) – The USA Volleyball Referee Training and Education Web site (www.VolleyballRefTraining.com) has undergone an extensive redesign with vast new capabilities and re-launched Feb. 25 as a free, public resource suited for officials, scorekeepers, coaches, parents, players and fans.

The Web site offers training and education materials to assist both new and veteran volleyball referees as they become more experienced in the art of officiating. [VolleyballRefTraining.com](http://www.VolleyballRefTraining.com) is the place for the most current and reliable information related to USA Volleyball officiating, featuring recent rule and technique changes plus the latest rule interpretations.

As part of the redesign, produced by the USA Volleyball Officials' Commission and designed by Kurt Moore of FishMoore Design (www.FishmooreDesign.com), this officials' resource is now open to the general public. The Web site provides multimedia training videos and presentation materials, sanctioned by USA Volleyball, to assist all volleyball officials with everything they need to know when officiating at USA Volleyball events. The growing library of presentations and materials, developed by USA Volleyball's leading officials, features real-life situations plus the latest USA Volleyball-authorized comments and commentaries on the best practices in officiating, teamwork and mechanics.

"With this re-launch, www.VolleyballRefTraining.com becomes the preeminent resource for USA Volleyball referees," said Kathy Ferraraccio, chair of USA Volleyball's National Indoor Referee Sub Commission. "By making it free and open to the public, USA Volleyball will broaden knowledge of our great sport and give the thousands of referees across the country access to the best possible information."

In addition, the official's resource page includes a list of officiating opportunities such as USA Volleyball Junior National Championships, qualifiers and regional championships, and an avenue to purchase DVDs of training modules. The blog associated with the site provides an interactive forum about rules and techniques, discussion about video clips, and informal, you-make-the-call polls.

[VolleyballRefTraining.com](http://www.VolleyballRefTraining.com) is geared toward USA Volleyball officials, but it is also a friendly resource for parents and fans to become better educated on the rules of the game. At the same time, the USA Volleyball Officials' Commission is actively seeking new officials and this resource site makes a good starting point to learn the sport and its rules. For more details on how to become an official, go to http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/certification_requirements.php.

Ferraraccio would like to recognize the many individuals who have dedicated countless volunteer hours to VolleyballRefTraining.com's development, including Steve Webster, Tom Sweeney, Tom Blue, Glenn Reid, Brian Hemelgarn, Gloria Cox and Michael McPoyle.

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