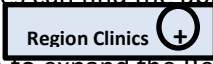









INFORMATION FOR RETURNING REFEREES AND SCORERS 2016-17

1. MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION. Please register and pay your dues for the 2016 – 2017 season through Webpoint at <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/> if you haven't already. Also submit your request for background screen if yours has expired and isn't current. If you do not plan to return to officiate USA Volleyball this season, please let me know as soon as possible.

2. WEBPOINT RECORDS CLEAN-UP. Some of you may have received emails from Webpoint in the last few weeks indicating registrations or in process certifications have been canceled for you. Don't worry about those emails which were generated as a result of my cleaning out some things from last season in Webpoint. The reason you may have received one of those emails could be because you registered for an incorrect clinic and then registered for the correct clinic; or you registered for a lower certification level clinic in order to complete one of the modules in that clinic which was not offered in your clinic; or you failed to finish one of the classes (modules) in the curriculum (possibly not watching the last slide in the clinic); or you didn't complete one of the other components in your certification; or some other reason I couldn't identify. In any event, I needed to clean out all that old information in order to enter the clinic information for this season. None of you lost any certifications you had finished as a result of that administrative clean-up process. All I would ask is that we can avoid this in the future if you ensure you register for the correct clinic for you and you fully complete the modules in each curriculum you must complete as soon as you can so that I can make the necessary entries in Webpoint early on.

3. CLINICS FOR PROVISIONAL & REGIONAL REFEREES: Once you've registered for the current season (paragraph 1 above), you can start your clinic and testing work. Please note that the clinics went live at midnight on October 1, 2016. Provisional & Regional referees can find the appropriate clinic they need to complete in Webpoint. Click on the blue + icon in the Region Clinics line  of the Member Home menu on the left hand side of the start page in the USA Volleyball Events section to expand the Region Clinics list. Click on the "Region Ref/Score Clinics" link which will display all available clinics. Currently certified Provisional Referees need to click on the "+ Register Now!" bar  to the right of the "ODR Recertifying Provisional Referee Clinic OD17_203" line. Currently certified Regional Referees need to click on the "+Register Now!" bar  to the right of the "ODR Recertifying Regional Referee Clinic OD17_204" line. The next screen to appear is the "Registration" screen. Individuals who have completed their registration for the current season and are "current" members should enter their member number (a seven digit number from their membership number) in the "Member / Contact ID" box and click "GO"

Member/Contact ID: . For example, if your membership number is similar to OD1234567FJ17, then your "Member Number" would be the 1234567 portion of the complete member number. Otherwise, you will have to enter your information in each block marked with a red asterisk (*) in the "Individual Information" section. After entering all of your member information, click the red "Submit" box  at the bottom of the page. On the next screen, click the "Edit" box for Participant Information to correct any membership information that is missing or incorrect. Click the red "Register" box  to complete the registration process. A "Registration Confirmation" window confirming successful registration will pop up. Click "OK". The next screen is the confirmation screen. On it, you will find your login information (username & password) for logging into the clinics contained at the USA Volleyball Academy. You will have the exact same user credentials (name, email address, username, & password) that you have for Webpoint. In addition to your login information, you will also see a "Login to USAV Academy" link in a red box  near the bottom of the page or a "USAV Academy" link in a red box  at the bottom of the left hand menu section – either of which will take you directly to the USA Volleyball Academy in a logged in status to complete your clinics. When you have successfully registered for a clinic, you will receive an email confirmation from Webpoint (from usav_admin@ai-group.com). It is recommended that you always log in to Webpoint before going to the Academy and use one of the links in Webpoint to go to the Academy. It is possible to go directly to the Academy by using the URL www.usavolleyballacademy.org and log in using the same login credentials you use to log in to Webpoint. When you are on the Academy's home page, you should never register as a new user even if it's your first time completing courses & clinics within the Academy. Once you are logged in to the Academy, you will see the various clinics and individual classes you're registered for. When you click the green "GO" icon, you'll be able to start an individual course. You may stop and restart each course as many times as is necessary to complete the course. Courses play using Adobe Flash Player. If you don't have it on your computer currently, you can get it free at <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer>.

4. CLINICS FOR PROVISIONAL & REGIONAL SCORERS: You will need to complete your requirements to recertify your scoring certification if your scoring certification is indicated as “Lapsed”. Please remember that you must maintain your scorer certification in order to retain your referee certification. Once you see the ODR Region Clinics, Provisional Scorers must register for the ODR Recertifying Provisional Scorer Clinic OD17_403 and Regional Scorers must register for the ODR Recertifying Regional Scorer Clinic OD17_404. If your certification indicates your certification is current (not lapsed), you must still complete the clinic for the current season. Follow other instructions from paragraph 3 above. All National and Junior National Referees who are not certified as National Scorers are certified as Regional Scorers and must complete the Recertifying Regional Scorer Clinic.

5. CLINICS FOR JUNIOR NATIONAL AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS. You will automatically be registered for the appropriate National Level Curriculum you must complete by the Officials Commission of USA Volleyball. Log directly into the Volleyball Academy at www.usavolleyballacademy.org or click on one of the direct links in Webpoint to complete the required clinic(s).

6. CLINIC FOR RETIRED JUNIOR NATIONAL AND RETIRED NATIONAL OFFICIALS. Retired national level officials who desire to continue officiating at region sanctioned tournaments must complete the ODR Retired National Level Referee Training OD17_205 and the appropriate scorer clinic. Retired national level officials who want to referee at a national event, must meet the prerequisites for officiating at a national event.

7. FOR ALL OFFICIALS. If there are other training course modules you desire to complete that are not contained in your clinic curriculum, log in to the USA Volleyball Academy at volleyballreftraining.com to register for the courses.

8. NATIONAL CLINIC FOR ALL OFFICIALS. The National Clinic the region is hosting this season is on Sunday January 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the Innsbrook Meeting Room at the Richmond Marriott Short Pump located at 4240 Dominion Boulevard in Glen Allen, VA. The National Clinic this year will again have two parts. The first part is the National Clinic. The second part is new and is called the Referee Advancement Clinic. While the first portion is primarily for National & Junior National officials, I recommend all officials attend. The second portion of the clinic is primarily for new, Provisional, and Regional level officials. National level officials may attend. I’ll have a short meeting in between the two clinic portions for all officials so that those national level officials who do not want to attend the second portion of the clinic may leave. I’ll also hold a short meeting at the conclusion of the second clinic for brand new officials only. Please register for the National clinic on volleyballreftraining.com as soon as possible. Junior National & National Referees register using their USAV Code. All other officials must “Register Without a USAV Code”. Make sure you sign up for the clinic ODR is hosting in Richmond on January 8. Junior National and National officials register for the clinic when they pay their National Dues, but must still go to VRT to sign up for the specific clinic they will attend. While I know national level referees can complete the clinic on line in certain years, I would appreciate all referees attend the live clinic since this is the one single time during the season when we can all get together in one place at one time. The Old Dominion Region may reimburse the cost of the National Clinic again this year for currently certified officials who attend the clinic we host. That decision will be made at the next Region Board of Directors’ meeting.

9. SAFE SPORT. Beginning this year, all officials must complete Safe Sport Training in order to officiate. National level officials should have completed this training last year. For all officials who haven’t completed this training, go to www.volleyballreftraining.com/SafeSport/index.php . Click on “Start Training” and complete the training. When finished, you will receive a completion certificate and USA Volleyball will enter a permanent record of your successful completion in your Webpoint membership record. As of right now, you will only have to complete this training once in your career. However, USA Volleyball is considering making the current clinic a basic clinic with short updates on a yearly basis. You can also download the Safe Sport Handbook from the Safe Sport web site or report abuse on the same web site.

10. CLINIC COMPLETION DATES. Please keep in mind that even though I may have accepted you to work one or more of our tournaments this coming season, that acceptance is predicated on you completing your clinic and testing requirements before that tournament. All clinic work must be completed by January 15, 2017. However, I recommend you complete all clinic and testing work by January 1, 2017 to allow me time to enter your completion information into Webpoint. Please don’t be one of those unprofessional procrastinators whom I have to spend a lot of time and effort tracking down to get clinics completed. A part of professionalism is completing your responsibilities on time. Be part of the solution – not part of the problem.

11. EXAMS. The exams you must complete are included in the appropriate curriculum for the clinic you must complete. Again, please complete your tests by January 15, 2017. For national level officials, your tests will probably go live on or about December 1, 2016 and must be completed by March 1, 2017.

12. EXAM CRAM SESSION. To assist you in completing the test requirements, there is an optional curriculum you may register for. The clinic is identified as OD17_299 ODR Cram Session Practice Rules Exam. The clinic contains practice test questions much like those that appear in the various rules exams. You will never be able to complete this clinic and the clinic will remain active the entire season.

13. INITIAL IMPORTANT DATES. Monument City Classic (MCC) Jan 14-16; ODR Girls' 18s Bid Tournament Feb 25 (tentative); Shamrock Festival Mar 11-12; Revolutionary Rumble Apr 29-30 (tentative); ODR Bid Tournament and Regional Championships May 6 & 7 (tentative); East Coast Boys & South Atlantic Girls (ECB / SAG) May 27-29. Sign up for Shamrock & the Rumble in AES. Sign up for MCC and ECB / SAG in Sport Wrench. MCC is open for registration through Sport Wrench www.sportwrench.com now. Shamrock and the Rumble will hopefully open for registration soon. We will most likely have ODR sanctioned tournaments starting on January 7 at RVC and possibly other sites. Right now, I plan to use RVC and possibly another site in the Western part of the state as rating sites for new officials on Jan 7. Please keep that date open if you're a national level official since I will probably need you as a rater for new officials. I'll also use some Regional Referees for ratings.

Thanks & good luck as you start to prepare for the upcoming season. I hope you have a great season.

Bob Kyle
ODR Referee Chair
October 19, 2016