

INFORMATION FOR RETURNING REFEREES AND SCORERS 2021-22

- 1. MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION.** SportsEngine (SE) remains the Membership Management System USAV and the ODR will use this season. Please register and pay your dues for the 2021 – 2022 season through SE using the following URL <https://memberships.sportsengine.com/org/old-dominion-region-volleyball> if you haven't already done so. Please ensure you select the correct type of membership you require (21-22 Old Dominion Adult – SafeSport & Background Screen Required). If you are also a coach of a Juniors' team, you can register as "21-22 Old Dominion Adult Coach of Juniors" if you desire.
- 2. IF YOU ARE NOT RETURNING.** If you do not plan to return to officiate USA Volleyball this season, please let me know immediately.
- 3. BACKGROUND SCREEN.** Please submit your request for background screen if yours expired on October 31, 2021 or before. The background screening cost is \$30.00. It will be good for two years but will require a supplemental screen for the second year at no additional cost.
- 4. SAFESPORT.** All officials must complete SafeSport Training or SafeSport Refresher Training every two years in order to officiate. During registration, I think you will be notified of the SafeSport training you need to complete and will be provided a link to complete that training. After you have completed your registration, please check your list of certifications in SE to ensure your SafeSport Training Certification is current. I will not be able to assign you if you haven't completed this training.
- 5. SPORTSENGINE INTERFACE TO AES AND SPORTWRENCH.** The interfaces from SE to AES & SportWrench have been updated so that if you do not have a current USAV membership, background screen, and SafeSport certification, you will not be eligible to be accepted to tournaments registered within those systems. The major problem that may occur in your SportWrench & AES accounts is if the name you're using in those systems is different than the name in your SE membership account. The names must match exactly for the systems to interface correctly.
- 6. COURSES FOR PROVISIONAL & REGIONAL REFEREES AND SCORERS:** LITMOS is the same Learning Management System (LMS) we'll use this season in the Academy. I have built the new Courses (clinics) in LITMOS, but have not made them active because not all of this season's modules and exams have been placed in the Academy. Once those modules and exams are available, I'll make the Courses active and let you all know that the Courses are ready to go. USAV expects to have everything available by November 15.
- 7. COURSES 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.
- 8. COURSE FOR RETIRED JUNIOR NATIONAL AND RETIRED NATIONAL OFFICIALS.** Retired national level officials who desire to continue officiating at region sanctioned tournaments will have to complete the ODR Retired National Level Referee Training Course in the LMS plus the appropriate scorer clinic. Retired national level officials who want to referee in another region must meet the prerequisites for officiating in that region. Retired national level officials who want to officiate at a national event must meet the prerequisites for officiating at a national event.
- 9. NATIONAL CLINIC.** We will probably not host a live National Clinic or Advancement Clinic this season but will probably have a virtual National Clinic sometime after January 1. I'll furnish more details to you as they're furnished to me.
- 10. EXAMS.** The exams you must complete will be included in the appropriate curriculum for the Course you must complete. Those tests aren't live in the Academy yet. For national level officials, your tests will probably go live on or about January 1, 2022 and will need to be completed by March 1, 2022.

11. EXAM CRAM SESSION. To assist you in completing the test requirements, there will be an optional module for which you may register. The Cram Session Practice Rules Exam will be a separate module within The Whole Shebang Course. It will contain practice test questions much like those that appear in the various rules exams. You do not have to complete the entire Whole Shebang Course as it will remain active for your use throughout the entire season.

12. INITIAL IMPORTANT DATES.

- 2022 Volley by the James Tournament (formerly Monument City Classic [MCC]) Jan 15-17 with more courts than last year.
 - Register through SportWrench.
 - Open for registration now.
- ODR Girls 18s' Bid Tournament (Feb 27 or Mar 6). I'll assign through Arbiter.
- Shamrock Festival Mar 12-13
 - Register through AES.
 - Open for registration now.
- Revolutionary Rumble
 - Not sure if it will happen. Depends on access to schools.
- ODR Bid Tournament and Regional Championships Apr 30 & May 1 (tentative). I'll assign through Arbiter.
- East Coast Boys & South Atlantic Girls (BECC / SAC) May 28-30.
 - Register through SportWrench.
 - Open for registration now.

13. ODR WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS. One day tournaments are scheduled to start on January 8. Please log in to Arbiter and update your availability to work in January sometime before Christmas.

14. RATINGS FOR NEW OFFICIALS. I plan to do ratings for new officials on January 8. Hopefully, we'll have enough sites hosting tournaments where we can complete ratings at several sites. I would appreciate all national level officials keeping this date open and anticipate the need for several Regional Referees to serve as raters also. We'll also need a normal complement of Regional & Provisional Referees to serve as supervising referees at however many tournament sites we end up with.

15. PROVISIONAL TO REGIONAL REFEREE UPGRADE RATINGS. Depending on the number of sites plus raters and new referee candidates we have for Jan 8, we MAY be able to complete some Regional Referee upgrade ratings on Jan 8. But based on the number of new referee candidates I expect us to have this year, I really don't think we'll be able to have many if any referee upgrade ratings Jan 8. I do plan to work on developing a way to do upgrade ratings on the first two days of the Volley by the James Tournament. Since this would be the first time we've tried this, it's still in the planning and development stages so may or not happen. We also may or may not do additional upgrade ratings at Shamrock. In any event, as dates open up at our one day tournaments, I'll schedule upgrade tournaments. Doing upgrade ratings always depends on the level of play at a tournament and availability of sufficient raters.

16. UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION IN ARBITER.

- Check the "Ready to be Assigned" or "Ready" box regardless whether you're going to work this season or not.
 - If you don't plan to work this season, please let me know immediately.
- Enter your availability for January not later than Christmas.
- Make sure your address is the address where you want the ODR Treasurer to send you your checks.
- Ensure your phone numbers are current and correct.
 - Please adjust the way your phone numbers are listed and list your cell phone first.
- Make sure your departure Zip Code is accurate for Saturdays & Sundays.
- Enter a head & shoulders photo if your account doesn't have one yet.

17. VIRTUAL MEETING FOR ODR REFEREES & SCORERS.

- I hope to schedule an on-line meeting for all ODR officials on an evening in December.
- Probably on a Wednesday or Monday.
- We'll use GoToMeeting for the meeting, so please get the App for it if you don't already have it.
- You'll still be able to access the meeting without the App, but it's much easier if you have the App, plus I hope to use GoToMeeting for additional meetings throughout the season.

18. NATIONAL OFFICIALS DUES. Information for paying the National Officials Dues for national level referees and scorers is supposed to be on line by Dec 1.

19. RULE BOOKS. Rule Books for the 2021 – 2023 seasons are scheduled to be published in November and delivered to me in December. An electronic edition of the rule book is supposed to be available by November 15. I'll probably hold off distribution of them to you until Volley by the James. I also may distribute several copies of them to various geographical areas of the state and then ask you to go to a central location to pick up your copies.

20. COVID REQUIREMENTS FOR 2021 – 2022 SEASON. The ODR Board of Directors has not yet determined tournament mitigation requirements for the upcoming season. I don't expect initial season recommendations and requirements to be published until shortly before the season starts so that we can base our starting point on the current situation at that time and on trends in control of the spread of the virus. As always, safety is our primary concern.

Thanks for your time & stay safe as you complete your college and high school seasons and as we start to prepare for the upcoming USAV season.

Bob Kyle
ODR Referee Chair
November 1, 2021