

The Official Word

National Referee

Reciprocal

Agreement



PAVO National Referees as USAV National Candidates



by Joan Powell, PAVO President

Please take note of the following steps that are necessary for any PAVO National referee who is hoping to use the reciprocal agreement to be a USAV National referee candidate in 2005. A maximum of three reciprocal candidates will be chosen from the applicants.

- ❖ December 31, 2004 – deadline for application for candidacy. Submit a resume and letter of interest to Joan Powell, PAVO president (14075 Gleneagle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921, jpr1r2@msn.com).
- ❖ January 31, 2005 – selected candidates will be notified.
- ❖ February 15, 2005 – deadline for selected candidates to make payment of USAV National referee dues (\$40, submitted to Barb Van Pelt, 4118 Calle Unidos, Las Cruces, NM 88005).
- ❖ February 15, 2005 – deadline for submission of USAV portion of 2004-2005 written exam (submit either on-line exam results or graded exam answer sheet to Kathy Ferraraccio, 66A Congamond Rd., Southwick, MA 01077, kferrarac@comcast.net. The exam must be taken closed book and a minimum of 90% obtained on either Form A or on Form B.
- ❖ Process: Selected PAVO candidates will attend the USAV Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball

Championships (Louisville, July 6-13, 2005) as National referee candidates, and like ALL candidates who attend, will be passed or failed as a USAV National referee at that event. All successful USAV National referees will then be **required** to attend the following year's (2006) USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships (site TBA) as a National referee. The USAV National referee patch and certification will be awarded at the pre-tournament meeting at the Adult Open Championships.

More information regarding the reciprocal agreement can be found on the PAVO web page or on page 292 of the Guidebook. •

New Leadership in USAV Officials Division



By Glen Sapp Vice President Officials Division

Greetings. It has been my honor to be asked by the President of USA Volleyball, Al Monaco, to serve as the Vice President for the Officials Division for the next quadrennial. I accepted and am very excited for our Division's next four years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wally Hendricks for his many

contributions and leadership over the prior four years. Wally has helped engineer and lead us in many advancements and development within the Division.

Fortunately, many of the members of the Officials Administrative Council have agreed to work with me to help continue our development and advancement. Barbara Van Pelt will continue as the Assistant Vice President (AVP) of Accounting & Finance. Kathy Ferraraccio has agreed to stay on as the AVP for the National Referee Commission. Her counterpart, Sue Mailhot will continue as AVP of USA National Scorekeeper Commission. Steve Owen will go another stint as the AVP for National and FIVB Outdoor Referee Commission. Finally, Tom and Janet Blue will keep us on track on the international scene as the AVP's of USA-FIVB International Referee Commission and USA International

Scorekeeper Commission respectively. I am confident with these experienced veterans returning it will be of tremendous help during my learning and transition period.

There will only be one change



Glen Sapp

OTP Clinics Jumpstart Season for 1,550 Referees



By Anne Pufahl
PAVO OTP-Clinics Director

The OTP Clinic provided rules, techniques, and professional development information to 1,550 officials at 27 different locations, despite challenges presented by hurricane travel issues, job changes and new babies.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to give us your feedback on the evaluation forms. Believe it or not, I have personally looked at every form and have tallied the requests for rules and technique emphasis that you as officials would like to have stressed in next year's clinics. I certainly plan on incorporating your suggestions..

Thanks also to the clinic hosts for putting in the hard work to organize and run their individual clinics. This is a thankless job so make sure you give your clinic host an extra pat on the back.

A big thanks to Mary Faragher for her continued efforts to develop and improve the PowerPoint technology.

An even bigger thanks to the clinicians who gave up their valuable summer vacation weekends to travel across the country to conduct the clinics. This year's clinicians were: Marcia Alterman, Mike Carter, Kevin Cull, Joan Powell, Anne Pufahl and Steve Thorpe. Commendations also to Donna Carter, Eric Vlahov and Crystal Lewis for stepping in and helping conduct a clinic at the last minute due to unforeseen travel issues.

Start making your plans now to host in 2005. •

and that is Emi Vishoot will assume the role of Associate Vice President of Administration. It has been decided that with many upcoming support and changes anticipated at the USAV office, that there probably will not be a need for an AVP dealing with computer and data entry. In the interim, we will still need help with some of the data entry and at this time, there have been offers of assistance from both Wally Hendricks and Barbara Van Pelt. I do want to thank Crystal Lewis for her services as the Associate VP of Administration and Corny Galdones for all of his help with the computer systems. I have added on the position of Officials Liaison, or that is what I am calling it today, which I envision to work with other officiating entities under the volleyball umbrella so that we can more closely work together in order to maximize opportunities and resources to provide officiating guidance and services to those participating in our great game. Marcia Alterman has agreed to fill this role.

The three primary goals for this Division over the next four years in addition to our already generally established responsibilities will be growth, diversity and as alluded to above, an organization of officials that can globally work together with opportunities and development to service all aspects of volleyball where officiating is needed.

The last two goals will be discussed in future newsletters, but today let's touch upon GROWTH. Our sport and USAV in particular needs more officials. Those of you that have attended events recently know that there is no shortage of opportunity to work ten or more matches in a day, sometimes whether you want to or not. The Officials Division has not been able to keep up with the growth of the game. We will want to take a more active role in looking for and mentoring more officials. As is being discussed elsewhere, within this newsletter, we are taking a step backward and streamlining the certification process. That is not to say we will be sacrificing quality to obtain

quantity but we will need to find a bit better medium so that we can provide service to those playing the game. I would challenge every one of you for this year, to locate and mentor in a new official. GROWTH until adequately obtained, will be at the top of our list of concerns and challenges.

This time period for the most part, for the USAV Officials Division, is the planning period and the lull before the storm of activity that will build up to the Jr. National events ending in July. It is my understanding that the USAV Events Department will be presenting for approval, an upgrade to our Officials Compensation package for next years USAV Events (those sponsored and handled directly by USAV such as Nationals, Jr. Nationals and the Invitational) and we will know more about this after the meetings in January. It is also my understanding that many of the Qualifiers are also looking at the compensation packages to who are working these events. Hopefully these will have positive outcomes and help in participation at these events.

Good-bye for now and hope to see you all on the courts this season. •

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- KUDOS to Dan Wagner, OTP Clinic host at St. Paul, Minn., who offered 25 sets of the 2004 Clinic packets to any clinic host in need. And free mailing to boot. Dan had gone copy happy and made more than he needed for his own clinic. Thanks Dan.
- KUDOS to Donna Carter, Eric Vlahov and Crystal Lewis for stepping in and helping conduct a clinic at the last minute due to unforeseen travel issues. •

President's Message: Do you prefer pica or elite?



By Joan Powell
PAVO President

I have chosen to share with you a couple of recent officiating experiences. In the first scenario, you will hopefully glean from my error. The second should make you laugh and those of you whom are less "techno" savvy, like me, will certainly empathize with my frustration.

I was recently working a preseason collegiate tournament. As the R2 on the first day of the tournament, I was able to track the home team's setters in their 6-2 offensive system rather easily, but the following day as the R1, I blew it! First of all, please understand that both setters were similar in stature and both had blond hair pulled back in the same fashion. They consistently ran their offense from a 6-2, but once in a while, they would use one of the

setters in the front row, trying to slip in an unsuspected, successful dump. Knowing this might create confusion for me, I tried using my fingers to indicate the number of the back row setter (both had single digit uniform numbers) on the side of the referee's stand as a constant, yet subtle reminder for me. It worked for a while - then, we were well into game three of a very competitive match. After a point for the visitors and before the next serve, I performed my routine scan of the receivers and then the serving team followed by the beckon for service. Only this time, I did not note that the player that the receiving (home) team was about to use as the setter was the front row setter.

Here is the scenario: An overpass from the receiving team was followed by their setter blocking the ball unsuccessfully; the ball landed on the receiver's court. I blew my whistle and signaled

confidently "back row block." (I was all over that call!) You have all been there - that silence followed by a chorus of, "But she's front row." I had a split second to decide my next move. Because my whistle had no bearing on the play, I opted to signal the ball down - point going to the visiting team - not a very popular call among the home crowd, not to mention the head coach. It was a very tough call to make. The easy way out was to replay it. The home coach wanted to protest, but since it was a judgement call, my partner informed the coach that it was not protestable. To make matters worse, the match was televised and "friends" could not wait to email or call me to say they saw this particular debacle on television. So easy for them to sit in the comfort of their family room and not know the entire story. (I always call my best match from my armchair, too!)

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For the past two years we have been watching the best team in the country, the University of Southern California, two-time National Champions, rejuvenate the 6-2 offense. As we watch teams implement this offense, the setters are ordinarily replaced by hitters, making it easy on the officials. But in my scenario, the setters were also viable hitters and stayed in the line up for the entire match. As the match continued I became more than cognizant of the setters' whereabouts. I noticed that the primary setter was wearing a thin headband, which seemed to help me. She was the only one that would run a 5-1 and be allowed to set in the front row. I also was attentive to the setter that would tug on her shirt to provide her hitters with play numbers while hiding the signals from her opponents; obviously, that player was going to set. Play progressed without a hitch, but that play haunted me throughout the match. It was even tougher when I had to face the home coach the following day at the last match of the tournament. My worries were put at ease when the coach told me that he had viewed the film and believed it was the right call, but that I had blown their deception. I appreciated his honesty, but had to take my medicine with the affirmation.

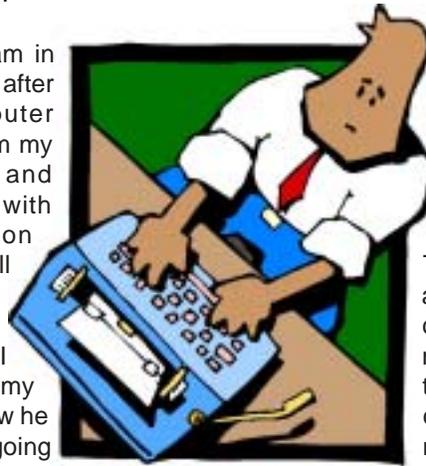
I learned a great deal at that tournament and wanted to share this in hopes that I can help my fellow officials!

The second story is one of total frustration. Years ago when computers were beginning to take over our lives, I was attending a NAGWS rules meeting. We took a lunch break and I noticed that many around me were engaging in an unfamiliar conversation. It was all about computers and the bells and whistles that many of the conversationalists possessed on their personal or business computers. (I wrote an article about this occurrence years ago because I thought I was in a foreign country.)

Thank goodness I looked up from my sandwich just in time to catch Fish Gupton's eye. Fish is a coach and

referee from North Carolina, a dear friend to many and a very funny guy! As I looked at Fish, he seemed as lost in the computer chatter as I was. We began to converse about our means of communication - the typewriter. He asked if I used a pica or elite. We chuckled and bantered throughout lunch. The computer wizards went on about their new findings in a language all their own. As we reconvened at the rules table, Fish and I could not control ourselves. I actually had tears running down my cheeks after asking him if he had the new "correcto tape" feature, for it was a God-send. The rules committee wanted to know what was so funny, but we just could not share our shortcomings regarding the new technological age.

Okay so here I am in the 21st century, after many computer courses, help from my friends, family and students, along with some tinkering on my own, and I still am struggling in the computer world. What I need is a fix from my friend Fish - I know he knows what I am going through.



Two days before the exam deadline, I decided to get on line and take my PAVO/USAV test. (I know, why did you wait so long?!) After numerous tries on the PAVO website (I continually got - "This page cannot be displayed"), I went to the USAV site and tried linking to the test, but to no avail. Next, I emailed my Board Chair, Alan Suzuki, and PAVO Executive Director Marcia Alterman. The following night I took my high school team to my assigned match at Colorado University to watch a college match. When we came back to my high school, my setter's car had been stolen from the school parking lot. Much later, after the police arrived and the reports filed, I came home to attempt to take my test again.

This time I got onto the PAVO home page, but once I moved the cursor to

the menu, the computer beeped at me and up came a box that read, "A Run Time Error has occurred. Do you want to debug?" Continuously I pressed yes as it counted down. The box then disappeared and when I tried to go to the menu, once again the box reappeared. And so it goes . . . Yes, I finally gave up and went to bed.

The following morning, I was able to get on with my school's computer without the debug box. Naturally I did not have the time to take the test during the school day, so I waited until after practice. I got on line without a hitch, filled in the necessary information including my password from both organizations. I then clicked on

"submit." Nothing - of course! I kept trying - no test. I called Kathy Ferraracio for fear that since it was now September 16, a day past the deadline, that perhaps the test was taken off the website.

Thank goodness she was at home; she told me to call her back in fifteen minutes, as she was going to try to log on. When I called her back, she told me that I should be able to get the test. So we

went through the preliminary procedures step by step and as I clicked "submit," she asked if I had a bar that was reading my information and getting ready to display the test. It was in fact loading, then the bar disappeared and I was staring again at my information screen. Once again, I was unable to take my test. I called Alan, who also is the WAC coordinator. Alan suggested that he read the test to me over the phone on Sunday after both of our weekend's assignments. I'll bet I am the only referee in the country that had to take the exam over the phone. Believe me, it was really tough. Picture yourself taking that test over the phone. All of the S-5 and R-3 stuff, not to mention the questions regarding illegal players and points being taken away was really difficult to follow! Finally I completed

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2005 USAV Referee Training Courses



By Brian Hemelgarn,
USAV National
Commissioner – RVA
Referee Development

USAV's Officials' Division is spearheading a new program aimed at providing officials of all experience levels with valuable on-court training and education. The Referee Training Courses ("RTC") will be held during the upcoming season at various locations around the country during the spring and summer of 2005.

With the modifications to the Junior National and National rating processes, we now have opportunities to utilize national Qualifiers, NIRSA, the Girls' Invitational Championship, and other major events as training venues. Gloria Cox, Steve Robb and Brian Hemelgarn will head the committee charged with developing the training materials and modules. Members of the USAV National Rating Team, and other Officials' Division administrators, will staff the RTC and provide both classroom and on-court practical sessions.

Details about the RTC, as well as dates and sites, will be available in an upcoming Official Word. If you're interested in participating, contact your regional referee chair to express your interest! This new facet in USAV referee development will surely be a popular addition to USAV's referee training and education programs. •

Officials Camp Scholarships Available for Spring 2005



By Julie Voeck
PAVO OTP Camp Director

The PAVO Officials' Training Camps have helped develop the quantity and quality of the cadre of officials over the past several years. Scholarships funded by PAVO, NAGWS, and various Division I conferences, and a special scholarship funded by former board member, Denise Izatt, have assisted many campers. These scholarships usually cover the camp registration fee, and some assist with travel expenses as well.

Last year, the following PAVO members were scholarship recipients:

Erik Fisaga – USAV
Martha Leshine – NAGWS
Joyce Skiff – Izatt
Kevin Gould – PAVO
Clayton Wong – PAVO

PAVO expects to be able to offer similar scholarships again this year. Applications for scholarships need to be processed well ahead of the camps. Any PAVO member in good standing may apply for the PAVO or NAGWS scholarships.

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the exam and passed; Alan submitted my scores to my assignors. Thanks Alan for your patience.

I truly think that when I sit down at a computer, it knows it's me. Yep, someone inside says, "Hey, here is that Powell character, let's make her life miserable." Last evening I sat down after a weekend of officiating to vote for the PAVO elections on line. Again, I got – "This page cannot be displayed" (Sound like Rodney Dangerfield's no respect bit?) This morning I came to school early to finish my newsletter message and the power went out in the school – no computer. Today I received a phone call from "Deadline Dale" (Goodwin), who prepares the PAVO

Camp scholarship application process:

- Submit a letter of interest, with name, address, home/work phones, e-mail address, and the name of the PAVO board of which you are a member.
- Write a short personal essay explaining your officiating goals, your personal motivation for officiating and why you feel you would be a good scholarship recipient.
- Include one letter of recommendation from your Board Chair, a PAVO National official or a conference supervisor.
- Visit us at www.pavo.org for update on the scholarships and camps.
- Submit the above information by **Feb. 15, 2005**, to be considered for a scholarship.
- Submit to:
Julie Voeck
6905 Wellauer Drive
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

or OTP.camp.director@pavo.org

Watch the PAVO web site after the first of the year for the announcement of the camp locations for 2005. •

material for this newsletter. He was in need of my article, but couldn't reach me because his reminder email to me bounced back today! Tonight I received numerous comments from those that voted in-line – all comments were positive, only two were unable to view the candidates biographies. I decided to try again – yea, I was able to vote and submit! I voted for Anne Pufahl – she never has trouble with her computer, even though she uses a Mac!!

I am sure some of you enjoyed reading this about my trials and tribulations – many of you are shaking your head and have no sympathy. Those were the days of pica and elite. I love you Fish Gupton, wherever you are. Call me, don't email me!!!! •

USAV Referee Commission



By Kathy Ferraraccio, AVP
for Referees

With the start of this season, we are at the beginning of a new quadrennial in volleyball. The Olympics are over, and some new leadership has been announced. I know that Glenn Sapp has made some announcements in an article elsewhere in the newsletter, but I would like to announce the return of those serving on the USA National Referees Commission.

Kathy Ferraraccio, AVP for Referees
Mary Blalock, National Commissioner for Evaluation and Training of National Referees

Charles Ezigbo, National Commissioner for Evaluation and Training of JN Referees

Brian Hemelgarn, National Commissioner for RVA Development, Referees

We are looking forward to another great four years, building programs, bringing in new referees, and training referees at all levels of the game. Each year, the number of teams increases dramatically, and the challenges we now face are to bring in new officials, get them trained, and get them on the courts. With the help of the regions, we are looking at new programs to assist in this endeavor. If you have suggestions, please forward them to one of the people above.

I would also like to personally thank **Wally Hendricks** for his tireless work to make the world of volleyball a better place for referees. He worked continuously on bringing us up to speed by updating records, talking to people to see what was needed, and by being there for us. None surpassed his dedication and his presence was seen at all tournaments, at all levels of play. I know that Wally will still be on the

courts with us, so make sure you go up to him and thank him for all the work he did for you.

At this time, we all know there are deadlines in front of us, and I would just like to give a quick reminder of some of them. Officials Division dues are to be paid by December 1, 2004 to avoid a late payment. They should be paid to Barb Van Pelt, 4118 Calle Unidos, Las Cruces, NM 88005. If you have one National or JN certification with USAV, then your dues are \$40. If you have two or more National or JN certifications with USAV, then you owe \$60. This includes, refereeing, both indoor and outdoor, and scorekeeping.

If the dues are received after December 1, there will be a 50% late payment assessed. After March 15, your registration will be dropped. You would then have to appeal to the AVP to be reinstated. If you plan on retiring this season, you must do so by February 15, 2005 to avoid paying this seasons dues to the Officials Division. Let the AVP know by that date if you would like to retire your patch.

Also on February 15, your exams are due to the AVP. If your exam is not in on or before that date, with a passing grade, you will not be confirmed for any tournaments during the summer. You will only be accepted, meaning you are not guaranteed any matches beyond those needed to retain your certification(s). When you take the exam on-line, your results are automatically sent to me, saving you the trouble of having to remember to mail them.

I would also like to remind each of you to go into the USAV/PAVO database and update your information as it changes. If you have a change of email address, or phone number, or move into a new home, please update this

information as soon as possible, as this is the information used to make sure you get all pertinent mailings, whether by pony express, or on the internet.

As we enter this new season, keep in mind that you are always being watched. Remain professional at all times, whether on the court as a player, a referee, or a coach. If we continue to hold ourselves to the highest of standards, we will improve the sport of volleyball, and we will improve the conditions for all of us. You might be the referee who brings in three new officials, just because of the professionalism that you show in the gym.

I am looking forward to a great start, and would love to hear from you about your thoughts for the division, and for the future. Drop a note to let me know your ideas, or just to say hello. I hope to see each of you sometime during the season. If not, then I will surely see you all after the winter snows are melted, and the summer is once again upon us. •

“USAV Rulebook Correction”



Rule 12.1.2 is correctly stated in the commentary and in the body of the rules (page 36) but is incorrect in the Rule Changes at the beginning of the indoor rules (page xviii). •

New National Referees Certified Under New Process



By Mary Blalock, National Commissioner for Evaluation and Training of National Referees

This year (2004) is the first year there were two classes of National Referees. The first class went through the process the old way which was to go to Boys, be invited to NIRSA the following year and then finish the process at Opens right after NIRSA. This class was listed in the last edition of the Official Word.

At the meetings in Atlanta it was decided to change the process to make it less time consuming and less costly for the candidates. The new process is to apply to the National Commissioner for Evaluation and Certification and then be accepted and go to Boys and be rated at the Boys event for one's National referee status. If successful at Boys then the new National referee MUST attend at least the second half of Opens the following year where they will receive their patch and be mentored by an existing National referee. In addition to that they will need to prove their ability to keep score by taking the scorekeepers test (if they are not already a National Scorekeeper).

Successfully passing this year as National Referees in Austin were: **Kevin Ball, Lara Brown, Steve Burinsky, Dickson Chun, Douglas Couvillon, Charles Fleet, Tracey Harrison, William Jones, Tom Joseph, Dan Kitchel, James Kramar, Bob Kyle, Lisa Paull, Steve Saviano, Tracy Shadle, Amy Unger, and Stacey Weitzel.**

A special thanks to the raters who helped make the new process work so well. They were: **Mary Blalock, Brian Hemelgarn, Wally Hendricks, and Dave Spencer.** •

High Performance Tournament



By Janet Blue, AVP USA/ International Scorekeeper Commission

Nguyen (Lone Star). This tournament also offers the scorekeepers the opportunity to work with international procedures and protocol that are not used at the Open

Austin Juniors hosted the 2004 High Performance Tournament from July 21 through 24 at the Palmer Arena. As in the past the USA International Referee and Scorekeeper commissions used this event as a training session.

In attendance for the referees were **Julie Voeck** (Badger), **Kevin Wendleboe** (Carolina), **Brig Beatie** (Northern California) and **Denis Bergstedt** (Great Lakes). Julie and Kevin are candidates to become international referees having attended the FIVB Clinic in Atlanta in May. Not having attended the High Performance Tournament in the past, they were given this additional opportunity to work using international rules and protocol and receive daily feedback on their performance. All referees attending also got the opportunity to practice using the international scoresheet; being proficient with this is an additional requirement for those desiring to become international referees.

Internationally qualified scorekeepers attending were **Amber Fulk** (Carolina), **DeAnn Korinek** (Great Plains) and **Thang**



Front: Thang Nguyen, Amber Fulk, DeAnn Korinek Back: Denis Bergstedt, Julie Voeck, Kevin Wendleboe, Brig Beatie

tournament as well as to receive immediate feedback.

Mary Holly Blalock (Lone Star), International Referee and National Commissioner for Referee Certification and Evaluation, was the referee supervisor. **Janet Blue** (Old Dominion), USA/International Scorekeeper and Assistant Vice President for the USA/ International Scorekeeper Commission, was the scorekeeper supervisor. •

2004 Newly Certified Junior National Referees



by Charles Ezigbo National Commissioner USA Jr. National Referee Certification & Evaluation

Congratulations to the 2004 newly certified Junior National referees. These candidates passed at the Girls National Junior volleyball tournament in Houston TX.

Christopher Aiello	Tammy Elliott	Gary Merrill	Emily Strickland
Stephen Arichea	Terry Fry	Cliff Milanoski	Janna Ter Molen
Andrew Beyer	Christopher Hermosillo	Don Miller	Orvil Weddel
Jeff Brown	Jennifer Janovec	Charles Moxey	Bob Willis
Shari Brubaker	Kenneth Johnson	Shera Moxley	Daniel Wong
Randall Burdin	William Kissell	Nancy Nunez	Michael Young
Scott Burnett	Chad Klunck	Patsy Neal	Michael Zewski •
Andrea Cervena	Ward Kostek	Gary Oncale	
Wayne Clark	Debra LaValley	Owen Reiley, Jr	
Phyllis Coleman	John Love	Donna Robert	
Scott Couch	Rick McQuown	Miller (J.R.) Salima	

USA/International Scorekeeper Commission



Janet Blue, AVP
USA/International
Scorekeeper Commission

I am pleased to let you know that our new Officials' Division vice president, Glenn Sapp, has asked me to continue as assistant vice president of this commission as we begin the new quadrennium. I have committed to at least two more years and really look forward to continuing my work with all the internationally qualified and certified scorekeepers.

In the past eight years the commission has accomplished many things: higher pay for scorekeepers as well as pay for assistant scorekeepers for tour and exhibition matches; increased expertise of all scorekeepers due to the changes made to the USAV scoresheet, the opportunity to work Open matches at the National Tournament using the FIVB scoresheet and the continued review of, feedback on and return of scoresheets; the opportunity to give additional training to qualified scorekeepers at the annual High Performance Tournament (see accompanying article in this newsletter); the certification of three scorekeepers; and, though short-lived, the opportunity to assign our certified and qualified scorekeepers to the United States Women's Professional Volleyball League matches.

I would like to thank all of you for your support during the past eight years, but especially **Debbie Reed**, **Sue Mailhot** and **Cathy Hoy**. Their help, input and expertise has been invaluable.

I regret that currently we have no upcoming tournaments, tours or exhibitions to assign. I will be using this downtime to review all those Open scoresheets and tour match

Thanks for a Job Well Done



By Kathy Ferraraccio, AVP
for Referees

After a long summer of tournaments and clinics, the PAVO season is now well under way. And in many areas, teams are also gearing up for the USA Volleyball season. But before we can let go of the summer, I would like to thank a number of people who made the tournaments run so much smoother.

The head referees at each event did a tremendous job of keeping everyone on track, and making sure that all referees received a fair amount of work. I would like to thank those people who put in their time in this position.

- Opens: **Kathy Ferraraccio** and **Steve Robb**
- Girls: **Kathy Ferraraccio** and **Leisa Jordan**
- Boys: **Steve Owen** and **Donnie Goodwin**
- Girls Invitational: **Donnie Goodwin** and **Brian Hemelgarn**

Those who ended up with the most work due to a shortage of officials at the juniors tournaments were the assignors. Many times, they received no thanks, even though they were not only putting out a schedule that was workable, but they were working matches that did not have referees to cover them. They worked tirelessly from morning till night, and always with a smile on their faces. This crew deserves more than kudos,

scoresheets from the Junior tournaments.

Please make a note in your address book that I am changing my e-mail address. The new address is JBB4vbirtc@aol.com. You may begin using it when you get this newsletter. I

but alas, this is all I have to offer. So, please, when you see the following people, give them a big thank you for a job very well done.

- Opens: **Corny Galdones**, **Scott Atkinson**, **Tim Harlow**, **Ron Buchanan**
- Girls: **Al Herbert**, **Randy Cummings**, **Tim Harlow**
- Boys & Girls Invitational: **Scott Atkinson**, **Ron Buchanan**, **Greg Leung**

Special thanks also goes to **Al Herbert**, who helps me many times over the course of the year, as I bounce numbers off him, hoping to get the perfect number of referees for each tournament. Without his help, this job would be much harder than it is. Thanks, Al.

Last, but not least, the most thanks go the referees who continue to work these events, even though each year we have a shortage of referees. Each of you worked hard to make sure that all matches were covered, even if it was your 12th of the day. You never complained, but continued on in a professional, although a bit tired, manner. The camaraderie that was felt at each of the tournaments was phenomenal, and all worked together to make these the best officiated tournaments of the summer. This organization could not do this without you, and I only hope that the compensation you receive can continue to improve, so that we can find more dedicated people like you. Thank you. •

also will send each of you for whom I have an e-mail address a reminder via that format. •

Member Profile: Thomas' Jump from Track to Volleyball Pays Dividends



Verneda Thomas' athletic career began at Chicago's YMCA in 1952 when, as a child, she was observed jumping rope at extraordinary heights. Soon thereafter she joined the USA track team, and competed in the Pan American games in Mexico City, where she placed third in the high jump. She traveled with the team to Russia, Poland, Hungary and Greece in 1958 for dual meets. She had become used to placing first or second in her meets, so when she placed third she became disenfranchised. Track's loss became volleyball's gain.

Thomas began playing volleyball with an AAU team. "I don't remember how we did in that first tournament," Thomas said, "but I do remember the great satisfaction I felt in playing the game."

In 1960, Thomas and her sister joined the Chicago Rebels AAU team, coached by Bertha Lucas, and qualified for USVBA Regionals. That same year the Olympic committee announced that it was adding volleyball to the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. The Rebels advanced to the national tournament, and Thomas got the attention of Team USA. She was selected to play on America's first Olympic volleyball team. "I was a teammate of many great players namely, Mary Jo Pepler, Genie Gartner, Gail Ohrorie, Sharon Peterson and Linda Murphy to name a few," Thomas said. "At that time I was one of two Afro-American women playing national volleyball, and the only one on the Olympic team."

It was a whirlwind tour for Thomas. She met USA swimmer Donna Deverona. She shook Walt Disney's hand on a team tour of the newly opened Disneyland. When she got to Tokyo for the games she was amazed at how crowded was the city, something she didn't expect having come from Chicago. "There were so many people on the streets, if you had fainted there was no place to fall," she said. "My Olympic volleyball experience was disappointing because I was on the 'second team'. When the first team got beaten so badly in their matches, the "second team" got to play the Japanese team. We got slaughtered. With games being played to 15 points and best-of-5, our team got 15 points for the whole match. We were so disappointed with our performance. We only won one match, which was against Korea. We didn't go to the closing ceremony, which today I regret," Thomas said.

She continued to play volleyball with the Rebels, and enrolled at Graceland College in 1970 to complete her degree. She attended a winter term in Honolulu and worked in a cardiovascular research lab. Queen's Medical Center there offered her a job as a chemist upon graduation.

She began playing with the Locahi Hawaiians, who trained on the beach and did squat jumps in the water. She didn't swim,

and training was a struggle. So she enrolled in swimming class, and despite almost drowning twice, she received her intermediate card by swimming one mile. After learning to swim, volleyball training was much easier.



Verneda Thomas

She played with Locahi from 1975-1984, when she began playing on a master's team. It was about that time that she began overseeing officiating at the University of Hawaii. She also served as USA Volleyball officials' chair.

She has officiated at all levels of volleyball, obtaining her USA National in 1982. She is an avid trainer of officials and scorekeepers. She serves as president of the Diamond Head Officials Association. She also is an internationally certified scorekeeper.

Verneda Thomas, a true pioneer of volleyball in the U.S. •

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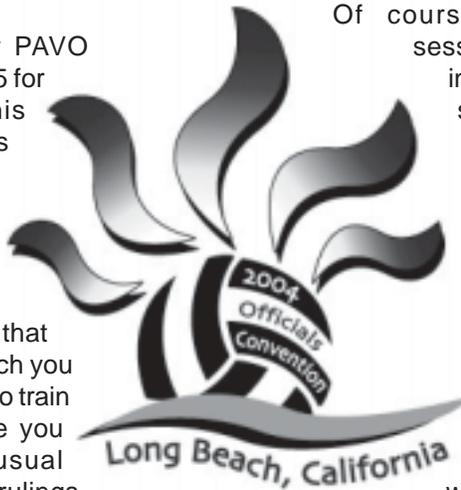
Long Beach Convention Has Something for Everyone



By Dale Goodwin
Interim Board Member

Sunshine, warm temperatures, Final Four volleyball and our sport's best professional development opportunity all await you in Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 16-18 when the 2004 Officials Convention comes to town.

For just \$100 for PAVO members, and \$125 for non-members, this convention offers officials a chance to hear about the best techniques for bench and crowd control, how best to overcome that bad call or bad match you had last night, how to train your eyes to serve you better, about unusual plays and proper rulings,



and how the pioneer women of volleyball have seen their sport grow.

The "tip-off" session on Thursday will feature Anita Ortega, who will relate her roots as an L.A. teen to her successes as a UCLA basketball star and current Division I women's basketball referee.

Of course, the standard sessions will be back, including a social and semifinal analysis of the officiating, a coaches panel to give us feedback, and a college coordinators panel discussion about moving up and getting noticed in officiating.

A special session will be offered for PAVO local board chairs, offering them

a chance to hear from and ask questions of PAVO Executive Director Marcia Alterman and President Joan Powell. A mini registration is being offered to entry-level college officials which includes Friday night's social and semifinal analysis, and Saturday's session, which will include a break out for new officials. That registration fee is \$75 for all officials.

Convention registration can be accomplished in-line at www.PAVO.org. Hotel reservations at the host Long Beach Hyatt Regency may be made on the website, or by calling 562-491-1234. Cost is just \$99/night. Semifinal and finals tickets are available through the Convention. A tentative schedule follows. Questions about the convention? Please contact Dale Goodwin at past.president@pavo.org, or by phone at 509-323-6133. •

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Thursday, Dec. 16

Session #1	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Tip off with Anita Ortega
Session #2	10:15-11:15 a.m.	Recordkeeping for tax purposes
Session #3	11:30-12:30 p.m.	Coaches Panel
Semifinal matches	5:30 and 8:00 p.m.	Long Beach Arena

Friday, Dec. 17

Board chair assembly	10:30-11:30 a.m.	
Session #4	Noon-1:30 p.m.	Vision Training (Ken Mills & Peggy Schaefer)
Session #5	1:45-2:30 p.m.	Division I Coordinators Panel
Session #7	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Social and semifinal analysis

Saturday, Dec. 18

Continental breakfast	8:00-8:30 a.m.	
Session #8A	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Novice on-court session
Session #8B	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Crowd and bench control (Karen Gee)
Session #9	9:45-11:00 a.m.	Plays and Ruling (Marcia Alterman).
Session #10	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Psychology of officiating (Paul Salitsky, Sports Psychologist)
Final Match	3 p.m.	Long Beach Arena •

Changes to the Junior National Referee Process



by Charles Ezigbo - National
Commissioner USA Jr.
National Referee
Certification & Evaluation

For those in the Northern part of the country, it is the time of the year where our volleyball activities most likely are moving indoors. For those in the warm weather states – play on! Whatever the case, the USAV season is just around the corner and there are some important changes to be aware of for those intending to take the step from Regional to Jr. National and for Jr. Nationals planning to step up to the National level. For the latter, please refer to the article in this Newsletter by Mary Holly - National Commissioner USA National Referee Certification & Evaluation.

Starting in 2005, the Girls National Junior Tournament is the only location where new Jr. National evaluations will occur. We will not be performing evaluations, as was the practice in the past, at the Qualifiers. All upgrades, evaluations, and certifications in 2005 will only take place at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah, the home of the 2005 Girls National Junior Tournament. Currently the dates for this tournament are June 29 – July 6. The exact dates during this event for the upgrade process will be forthcoming at a later time.

Application deadline is April 1, 2005. Candidates will be notified via email of their acceptance by May 1, 2005. By February 1st 2005, the "Application for Becoming a Jr. National Candidate" will be posted on the USAV web site, under "Officiating" and the specifics of where to send the required information will be detailed. Application is not automatic however. In order to be considered, a candidate must be recommended by his/her Regional Referee Chair. Additionally, the Commissioner and

Regional Scorekeeper Chair must also sign off on the application. A fee of \$150 must accompany the application. A copy of the candidate's USAV completed test must be included. This test must be completed to 100%. All new candidates will be required at the event to complete and pass a practice score sheet. Please work with your Regional Referee Chair if you are interested in becoming a Jr. National Referee. Your Regional Chair can guide and prepare you on what is required in order to be considered as a candidate.

The process that occurs for evaluations and certifications during the Girls Jr. National event will be detailed in a future Newsletter. They will also be clearly defined to all the candidates upon acceptance. For those who are already Jr. National referees, the Girl's and Boy's National Junior tournaments will continue to be used as opportunities to be reviewed. The intent is to continue to provide the opportunities to get your numbers up!

One of the advantages of this new process to the candidate is that the overall financial expense of completing the process is significantly reduced. But as you have probably figured out, the ability to handle the same number of candidates at one site will be limited as opposed to when we used multiple sites. Therefore, it is a good idea to start to work early with your regional leadership to make your intentions known. Then get out and work, work – especially in the R2 position.

What, you might ask, will be done now at the Qualifiers? Well, as this article is being written, an effort is in place to try to use the Qualifiers as a training site. If successful, this could provide yet another opportunity for candidates to prepare. Under the guidance of nationally rated referees, both potential

candidates and those just wishing to improve their skills will have the opportunity to attend these training sessions. This is yet another benefit to the overall refereeing cadre. Keep an eye out in upcoming articles of the Officials Word for more on this. •

New PAVO Nationals Recognized



By Mike Carter
PAVO National Rating
Team Director

I am honored to announce the 17
new PAVO National Referees.

From the University of San
Francisco rating site:

Joe Sloate
Robert Okamura
Kathy Rogers
Brian Brink
Michael Farish

From the Arkansas State rating
site:

Mark Noble
Tom Hobbs
Erik Fisaga
Mike Gibbs
Ron Mutter

From the LaSalle rating site:

Michael McPoyle
Alan Sowa
Harold Webber
Brad Aaberg
Dennis Branch

Please join me in congratulating
each of our new PAVO National
referees. •

NASO Conference Well Worth Investment



By Corny Galdones

It's a rare moment when an Average Joe official gets to learn directly from and hobnob with the top officials and authorities of other professional sports. I had the pleasure of doing that this summer at the National Association of Sports Officials annual conference on August 7-9 in Crystal City, VA.

The conference was held in a beautiful downtown area within a short hike to the Pentagon and right across the Potomac River from our nation's Capitol. The weather was perfect, more like fall climate rather than the hot, humid temperatures of the Washington, DC summer. Of course, these observations are biased. I live only a 10-minute drive from the host hotel, 45 minutes in rush hour.

When I first heard about this high-powered gathering, I had reservations about the pricey \$375 registration fee. Then I took a look at its proposed agenda topics and speakers. Wow! It would have been a shame for me not to attend an assembly of this quality, especially since it was being held practically in my backyard. I figured getting new and different perspectives on officiating could not hurt. And some folks might say I need all the help I can get. But I digress. If nothing else, the cost would be tax-deductible. The money spent turned out to be well invested.

Sports officials and directors attending the convention ran the entire gamut of the great, the wannabe great and the not-so-great like me. There were the familiar names from television like Jerry Seeman, Bob McElwee and Red Cashion of the NFL and Danny Crawford of the NBA, the not as familiar but just as outstanding officials from other sports and working officials of college and high school levels. The good mix of attendees created an atmosphere of camaraderie and an excellent forum for the exchange of ideas and viewpoints on issues and challenges we officials face.

The topics covered were wide-ranging and relevant to today's officials. Sportsmanship and the role of an official in improving its environment was the keynote topic. Other subjects covered included assigning, training and rating referees, independent contracting, insurance, background checks, security and the current state of officiating. The session on public disclosure of and organizational support for officials' mistakes captivated me.

As a bonus, I got to socialize with Marcia Alterman and Joan Powell, who were there to represent our sport in the professional and proficient manner that we have come to expect from them and take for granted. How's that? Do I get any brownie points? In all seriousness, they did a terrific job in leading the breakout sessions on volleyball. Plus Joan,

in her modesty, has not made it known that she is a NASO officer and had an active role in running the conference. Volleyball is fortunate to have these two stellar leaders.

I highly recommend for any volleyball official to attend a NASO annual convention at least once. It's educational and worthwhile. There's one caveat. Find a sponsor for your entry fee. •

PAVO Board Chair Assembly at Long Beach Convention



By Joan Powell, President

When most organizations have a convention, they include at least one "business meeting" in the schedule. The PAVO Officials' Convention in Long Beach will make that addition this year as well. All PAVO Board Chairs are invited to come to a special session on Friday morning (12/17) where we'll focus on the business of running a board. Marcia Alterman and I will be there to answer your questions and facilitate a discussion about how to recruit and retain members, handle ratings issues, etc. And, even more importantly, we want to receive your input on how PAVO can help you have a more successful officials' organization.

In order to motivate board chairs to attend, PAVO will give a 50% discount on convention registration to all board chairs who attend the business meeting (see the convention information elsewhere in this publication). Many boards are funding the travel costs for the board chair so that they have representation at this important event. I hope to see you all there! •



2004 Referee Chair of the Year: Steve Webster



By Brian Hemelgarn, USAV National Commissioner – RVA Referee Development

This year at the US Open Championships in Atlanta, I had the pleasure of presenting Steve Webster of the USAV New England Region with the inaugural Referee Chair of the Year award!

Steve was certified as a USA National referee in 1997 – the same year he took on Referee Chair responsibilities for the New England Region. Since that time, he has helped referees of all levels by offering his time and experience as a trainer, officiating educator and mentor. He guides NERVA officials through regional training camps, including videotaping and feedback, as well as on-line accreditation programs for player officials, line judges and scorekeepers.

These on-line accreditation programs consequently led to the deployment of on-line rules testing for NERVA officials in 2000. The success within his region was so significant, that a year later, Steve, with cohort Tom Sweeney, began offering the on-line testing to other regions. This has ultimately blossomed into the national on-line testing system, which is currently being used by both USAV and PAVO.

Steve has also been actively involved with USAV by serving as the Atlantic Zone Rep to the Officials' Division RVA Administrative Council. He also works closely with me to provide training and educational materials to referee chairs around the country.

His involvement in volleyball doesn't stop there! He was active as an adult player in competitions until 2002, including a Men's 35s silver medal at the 1996 Open Championships. He's



Steve Webster

also busy in women's collegiate volleyball as a PAVO National referee, and also as PAVO Spring Camp staff.

Steve is a well-deserving recipient of our inaugural Referee Chair of the Year award! Be sure to offer a "Congrats" the next time you see him on the court! •

NCAA Rules Committee



By Marcia Alterman, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor

The NCAA Rules Committee will meet in Indianapolis in January, 2005. The agenda is already quite full! One item that will get a great deal of discussion will be the results of the rules survey. This year, there are two new aspects to that survey – (a) it will be done on-line rather than via regular mail, and (b) referees are invited to express their opinions on the survey questions as well.

To participate in this survey, go on-line to <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB223U5TX8DU9>. On the cover page, enter your name and, in the line where it requires an institution to be entered, please put "Official". In item #3, select "Game Official". With that information successfully submitted, you will next see the survey questions.

Take advantage of this chance to have your thoughts become part of the rules-making process. •

2004 PAVO Convention Welcomes USAV Referee Chairs



By Brian Hemelgarn, USAV National Commissioner – RVA Referee Development

In addition to being the site for this year's PAVO Convention, Long Beach, California, will be the host for our inaugural Referee Chair Assembly (RCA) on Friday, December 17! In conjunction with a host of activities on the slate for PAVO's Officials' Convention, December 16-18, the USAV Officials' Division will offer the "RCA" to provide regional referee chairs with the most current, up-to-date rule interpretations, techniques, and training materials to get started on the upcoming season. What better place to spend a couple of days in December than sunny Southern California!

With the 2004-05 rules changes adopted by the Rules Testing Commission and the USAV Executive Committee in Atlanta, the RCA will be an important event for distributing crucial information, answering questions, and networking with referee chairs from other parts of the country.

The RCA agenda will be covered on Friday morning, allowing participants to attend PAVO's ever-popular Social/Semi-Final Analysis on Friday evening, as well as the Saturday PAVO convention sessions. RCA attendees must register for the PAVO convention, and may attend either the entire PAVO convention and the RCA, or they may opt for a "mini" registration, which includes the RCA, the Friday night Semi-Final Analysis and the Saturday convention sessions.

Registration for the full PAVO convention is \$100 for PAVO members, and \$125 for non-PAVO members before November 15. After that date, registration is \$150 for both members and nonmembers. The "mini" registration is \$75 for members and nonmembers who register before Nov. 15. It is \$100 after that date. •

USAV Scorekeeping Commission



By Sue Mailhot, AVP
Scorekeeping Commission

One quadrennium, four years, 208 weeks, 1460 days etc, etc, etc has certainly passed by quickly. Many changes to the scorekeeping methods have occurred in that time frame. When I was first appointed to this position, we were still using the "Lauten" scoresheet and sideout scoring. We were just getting ready to experiment with rally scoring and changing the scoresheet radically.

Initially, we thought the transition to the new scoresheet would take approximately two to three years to phase in and teach all the "old dogs, new tricks", but most regions jumped right in. We threw away our red pens and everyone adapted very quickly to the simpleness of the new scoresheet. And now, most of us would never go back.

This year, when Glenn Sapp called and asked if I would remain in this position, I happily accepted. I've worked with and had the support of some fantastic people over the past four years and I look forward to this new quad. I would like to thank the scorekeepers that have given so much time in making these past four years prosperous ones. Every one listed here has given some extra effort to this worthy cause; Dennis Lafata, Emi Vishoot, Debbie Reed, Steve Crane, Janet Blue, Cathy Hoy, Dee Yoe, Jeff Hoppen, Kim Williams, Kelli Auletta, Nancy Funk, Mary Uhlmann, Juli Nuttall, and Dixie Collins. I know there are many more that I failed to mention, but scorekeepers are a great bunch. They are always there willing to help out whenever it's necessary. And I am grateful for everyone's involvement over the past four years.

I would also like to thank Wally Hendricks for being a tremendous visionary who led the Officials Division in a positive progressive manner over

the past four years. His management style allowed the scorekeeping commission to continue its successful operation.

Over the past four years, we have certified over 75 new National Scorekeepers. We've seen the demise and the resurrection of the National Junior Scorekeeper program. The scorekeeper monitor program was instituted and has been a tremendous asset to the YJOV Championships.

So as we begin another quadrennium (or four years or 208 weeks or 1460 days) or however you want to count the time, I look forward to continue working with the National Scorekeeper Commission. I would like to announce the following members to the National Scorekeeper Administrative Council:

- Dennis Lafata** – National Commissioner for Scorekeeper Administration
- Nancy Funk** – National Commissioner for Certification and Evaluation
- Steve Crane** – National Commissioner for RVA Development
- Jeff Hoppen** – National Commissioner for National Junior Scorekeeper Certification and Evaluation
- Emi Vishoot** – National Commissioner for Beach Scorekeepers

Revising the Scorekeeper section of the Officials Division manual will be one of our first tasks.

2004 New National Scorekeepers

- Congratulations to our newest National Scorekeepers, who certified in Atlanta in June of 2004!
- Lynn Barber (Southern)
 - Maureen Barbosa (Southern California)
 - Kelli Bryant (Gulf Coast)
 - Arthur Chavers (Western Empire)
 - John Cline (Bayou)
 - Jim Farmer (Sun Country)
 - James Feickert (Arizona)
 - Erik Fisaga (Great Plains)
 - Tracey Harrison (North Texas)

- Brian Hemelgarn (Ohio Valley)
- Shanon "Moose" Knudtson (Southern)
- Scott Masters (Chesapeake)
- Jerry Moews (Arizona)
- Kristine Mullen (Ohio Valley)
- Michelle Prater (Southern)
- Regina Sanders (North Texas)
- Jeff Werner (Gateway)

Need to Recertify in 2005

The following people need to attend the National Open Championships in Denver, May 2005 and keep score on a minimum of 6 matches to renew their National Scorekeeper certification:

Brown, Kay	NC
Fallon, Tom	OV
Fulmer, Kristal	OV
Haggard, Kent	RM
Kaase, Ronnie	LS
Ludlum, Kevin	CH
Mara, Margie	RM
Mares, Chris	NT
McCracken, Chuck	CA
Meyer, Peter	AZ
Noble, Mark	SU
Obermeyer, Dale	AZ
Piontek, Phil	HA
Quinn, Ray	WE
Roehrer, Kathleen	FL
Salvatore, Patty	OV
Shaffer, Tamara	OD
Stevens, Bill	KE
Thompson, Marilyn	CA
Twohig, Barbara	EV
Updegraff, Lynne	IA
Washburn, Patty	HA

If you feel you are on this list in error or have extenuating circumstances, please contact Sue Mailhot by Jan 1, 2005. If you have at least 5 years as a certified National Scorekeeper and would like to retire, you must send a written request (email is fine) to Sue by Feb 15, 2005.

PowerPoint Scorekeeping Presentation

Lynne Updegraff, National Scorekeeper and Commissioner of the Iowa Region, is putting the finishing touches on a power point presentation that she developed to teach scorekeeping. This presentation can be used in many different ways in the region. You could send it out to the remote areas of your

region and not have to send an actual clinician. Individual clubs could use the presentation to effectively teach their players. A copy of this presentation is available from Lynne for a nominal fee. Contact Lynne at email address office.mail@iavbreg.org. Check the website for further information. We'd like to thank Lynne for her dedication and extreme efforts in making this possible.

Scoresheet Changes

When you get your rulebook this fall, you will notice some extreme changes. The Rules Testing Commission was tasked with making the USA Volleyball rulebook fall more in line with the FIVB rulebook. The scorekeeper commission was concerned that we would also need to change to the international scoresheet and techniques. But the commission was relieved to hear that is not case. We will continue to use the scoresheet that we've been using for the past few years, with a couple of minor changes.

International rules use the term set, instead of game. All terminology on the current scoresheet has been adjusted to reflect this change.

Also new this year, all sanctions will be in effect for the entire match. So if you are using the single game scoresheet in your region, do not forget to transfer all sanctions to the next sheet.

National Scorekeeper Ratings

For the past two years now, the ratings for National Scorekeeper certification have been done in the second session of the USA Volleyball Open National Championship. The Scorekeeper Administrative Council voted to keep the ratings in the second session. This change allows many of the scorekeepers that have dual roles at the tournament (raters, internationally certified, etc) be available for working Open matches. It also provides the tournament with more scorekeepers in the second session when we have been historically short of all officials. So if you have National Scorekeeping candidates for next year, make sure

they plan for the second session of the tournament and not the first.

The application for National Scorekeeper certification is on the USAV website under the Officials section. Applications are due by ??

New National Junior Scorekeepers

With the incredible voluntary efforts of currently certified National Scorekeepers in attendance at the YJOVC events this past summer, we were able to certify 6 new National Junior Scorekeepers. The raters only had positive comments regarding the prior training and professionalism of the new candidates. So we congratulate those regions that were able to send candidates this year and we looking forward to seeing more candidates in the near future. If you know of anyone that is interested in becoming a National Junior Scorekeeper, have them complete the application that is found in the scorekeeper section on the USAV website.

National Junior Scorekeeper Certification Program

The National Junior Scorekeeper Certification Program was reinstated at the 2004 USA Volleyball National Junior Championships. The program is designed to encourage junior players to participate as an active member of the championships. Although there is no pay for keeping score at matches at this time, we are hopeful that in the very near future, this will become a reality. In the meantime, the National Scorekeeper Commission wants to be prepared by creating a large cadre of certified scorekeepers.

To become certified as a National Junior Scorekeeper, the candidate must:

- Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with his/her RVA.
- Receive approval from the Regional Scorekeeping Chair.
- File the official application form with the National Commissioner for Junior

Scorekeeper Certification and Evaluation. This form is available on Scorekeeper section of the USA Volleyball website (under Rules/Officials).

- Pay an application fee of \$25.
- Attend an approved National Junior Scorekeeper clinic in its entirety.
- Successfully complete the written and practical scorekeeper examinations.
- Successfully pass ratings on two full matches.
- Successfully pass one rating on a deciding game.
- Complete other requirements as prescribed by the USA National Scorekeeper Commission.
- To retain National Junior Scorekeeper status, the scorekeeper must:
- Remain a USA Volleyball registered member in good standing within his/her RVA.
- Attend a USA Junior Volleyball National Championship event at least once during a three year period and keep score on a minimum of two matches for each year not in attendance.

In those years, that a National Junior Scorekeeper cannot attend a USA Junior Volleyball Championship, attendance and participation at a National Qualifier is strongly encouraged.

NOTE: A scorekeeper encountering unusual difficulty in attending a USA Junior Volleyball Championship during a three year period may apply to the Assistant Vice President of the National Scorekeeper Commission, for a one-year extension.

The National Junior Scorekeeper certification does not have an equal rating in the region. It does not equate to a Regional scorekeeping rating, unless the region has determined it as such. Check with your regional scorekeeper chair for your region's policy. •

2004 Rules Interpretation Newsletter #1

September 1, 2004

By Marcia Alterman, NCAA Rules Interpreter

NOTE: Use the following code to analyze these situations:

R = RECEIVING TEAM
S = SERVING TEAM

R1 = RIGHT BACK
S1 = RIGHT BACK
R2 = RIGHT FRONT
S2 = RIGHT FRONT
R3 = CENTER FRONT
S3 = CENTER FRONT
R4 = LEFT FRONT
S4 = LEFT FRONT
R5 = LEFT BACK
S5 = LEFT BACK
R6 = CENTER BACK
S6 = CENTER BACK

1. A cameraman is located in the gap between the score table and the team bench, further away from the court than the front of the table and the front of the team bench. Is this position legal?

Answer: Yes. The intention of Rule 1-1-1-b is to restrict media personnel and equipment from the playable area in front of the score table and team bench area (including the warm-up area). If there is a gap between the table and the benches, that is non-playable area, and media can be located there.

2. In Team R's facility, the score table is 40 feet long (extending approximately 10 feet past the attack line on each side). Can a cameraman be positioned in front of the portion of the score table that extends past the attack line?

Answer: No. The intention of Rule 1-1-1-b is to restrict media personnel and equipment from the playable area in front of the score table and team bench area (including the warm-up area).

3. The Team R head coach displays unsporting conduct as the result of a ball handling decision. As the first referee displays the yellow card, the

head coach goes to the warm-up area to talk with a substitute. Should the second referee follow the head coach to communicate the sanction?

Answer: No. When the referee assesses an individual sanction to a team member on the bench, the second referee must communicate the sanction to a designated coach (Rule 6-4-2-b). If the head coach is not accessible without further disrupting the flow of the game, that communication can be to another coach from that team. In addition, if the first referee has **any** degree of doubt that the second referee's communication is effective, s/he can elect to also communicate to the playing captain, even if the sanction is to a person not on the court. In the rare case when there is not a designated assistant coach, the second referee will have to communicate with the head coach, regardless of his/her location.

4. Team S is assessed a team delay sanction for failure to return from a timeout in a timely fashion. What is the correct referee procedure in the case of a team delay?

Answer: Both the first referee and second referee should communicate team delay sanctions (Rule 6-4-2-c). The first referee communicates with the playing captain, and the second referee communicates the sanction to a designated coach.

5. As the teams switch benches between games two and three, the Team S coach is assessed an individual warning (yellow card) for unsporting behavior. What is the correct referee procedure?

Answer: When sanctions are imposed between games, the referee shows the appropriate sanction cards immediately. If a yellow card is assessed, the referee does not show the card again at the beginning of the next game. If a red card is assessed, the referee shows the card and assesses the loss of rally at the beginning of the next game (Rule 6-4-3-b). Since this sanction is being assessed to a team member not on

the court, the primary communication for either situation should be between the second referee and a designated coach. If a player is assessed a sanction as she leaves the court at the end of a game, the primary communication will still be from the second referee to a coach, rather than calling the captain back to the referee stand.

6. Player R6 receives the serve. The libero for Team R makes the second team contact using an overhand finger pass while sitting on the floor with her buttocks in the attack zone and her feet behind the attack line. Can a teammate legally complete an attack-hit for the third team contact?

Answer: No. The libero is considered to be in the attack zone if any body part is touching the floor in the attack zone at the time of contact with the ball.

7. If a libero jumps to serve, should the referee consider that contact to be an attack hit if she contacts the ball while it is completely above the height of the net?

Answer: No. By definition, an attack hit is an action **other than a block or serve** (Rule 13-5-1).

8. The libero has not yet served in this game. Team R wins a rally and rotates to serve. Before rotating, the Team R libero has replaced player #2 and is on the court in center back. The next server is player #5. As the team rotates, player #2 enters the game over the sideline between the attack line and end line, the libero moves directly to the service area, and player #5 exits the court between the attack line and end line. Is this action legal?

9. The libero has not yet served in this game. Team R wins a rally and rotates to serve. Before rotating, the Team R libero has replaced player #2 and is on the court in center back. The next server is player #5. As the team rotates, player #2 enters the game and the libero exits the court, (both go over the sideline between the attack line and end line). Before the referee authorizes the next

service, the coach tells the libero that she is to serve next, so the libero re-enters the game, and player #5 exits the game (both go over the sideline between the attack line and end line). Is this action legal?

Answer: *Both of the above procedures are legal. The libero is not required to exit the court prior to replacing the server, but, if she does, she may re-enter immediately to make that exchange (Rule 11-2-5-b-4).*

10. Team S player #3 is rotating to the serving position. The libero is in the warm-up area. Before the beckon, the libero walks directly from the warm-up area to the service zone to replace #3 and serve (she has not yet served in this game). Must the referees give a verbal warning about this inappropriate replacement procedure?

Answer: *No. A team delay is the result of the failure to comply with Rule 11-2-5-b-4, especially if the replacement involves the service position. Players **must** exchange via the sideline between the attack line and the end line. The replacement is still allowed if a team delay is assessed.*

11. The Team S libero (#2) has served in the 3rd rotation in this game. Later in the same game, the libero is injured, and the coach redesignates another player (#5) as libero. Can #5 serve in a different rotation, since she has not yet served in this game at all?

Answer: *No. Once the libero has served in a particular rotation, any other players who play as the libero in that game will serve in that same rotation (even if they had already played and served in a different rotation as a non-libero).*

12. Team S's libero has replaced player #8 and is in the game in center back. Player #5 is serving. Team R calls a timeout. During the timeout, the Team S coach tells player #8 to return to the game and replace the libero in center back, and tells the libero to move over and serve, replacing player #5. When the team comes back onto the court after the timeout, the players go to these new positions. Is this allowable?

Answer: *No. The current interpretation is that the same six players that were on the court when a timeout was called must return to the court afterward. Failure to comply results in a team delay sanction. After the same six players return, exchanges may take place as usual.*

13. The Team S libero has served in the current game in position three (in replacement of starting player #5). Later in the same game, the libero is prepared to serve in position six (in replacement of starting player #7). The officials are aware that the libero cannot serve in this second position, but how should they handle the situation?

RULING: *Treat this situation as any other potential wrong server. The scorekeeper and referees should wait until the service contact is made before assessing the rotation order fault (Rule 17-4-4-b). Once the fault is assessed, the libero can remain on the court in replacement of #7 if the team desires, as a rally has occurred.*

14. Team S player #4 is in the service zone preparing to serve. After the beckon, the Team S coach has the libero replace #4 (the exchange occurs appropriately over the sideline between the attack line and end line). The libero serves within the allowed eight seconds. What should the referees do?

Answer: *Treat this as any other late libero replacement. Allow the rally to occur, and then give a verbal warning to Team S. Subsequent late replacements in the match will result in a team delay situation (Rule 11-2-5-b-3).*

15. Team S's libero has not yet served in this game. The libero legally replaces player #5 in the serving position, and the first referee beckons for service. The libero allows eight seconds to pass without serving, and the first referee calls a delay of service and awards a point to Team R. Can the libero serve in a different position later in the game, since no serve was contacted?

RULING: *No. Service delay is one of several faults listed as "Illegal Service" (Rule 12-2-2). When any of those faults occur, a loss of rally is recorded for the serving team, and*

the player in the service position is considered to have served. In this case, for the rest of the current game, the libero can only serve in that position.

16. The Team R libero has replaced player #7, and has played at least one rally in left back. Player #7 replaces the libero and the libero goes to the bench. After the next service contact, play is stopped and a play-over awarded because of an extraneous ball on the court. Can the Team R libero now re-enter to replace a back-row player?

Answer: *Yes. There must be at least one rally between libero exchanges. A rally consists of (a) a service contact, or (b) a sanction that results in a loss of rally.*

17. The Team R libero has replaced player #7, and has played at least one rally in left back. Player #7 replaces the libero and the libero goes to the bench. After the next authorization for service, but before service contact, play is stopped because of an extraneous ball on the court. Can the Team R libero now re-enter to replace a back-row player?

Answer: *No. There must be at least one rally between libero exchanges. A rally consists of (a) a service contact, or (b) a sanction that results in a loss of rally.*

18. The receiving team libero has replaced player #5 in center back. Player #5 is expelled while on the bench. What is the next allowable action regarding the expelled player?

Answer: *The libero can remain in the game until her position rotates to the front row. When that occurs (or any time before then), any legal substitute may be substituted for "phantom" #5. If no legal substitute is available at the time a libero replacement is required, the team is declared incomplete and the game is defaulted.*

19. A Team R receives the serve and passes the ball into the plane of the net. The Team R setter, who is in the back row, reaches higher than the top of the net to try to retrieve the ball. A Team S front-row blocker attempts to attack the ball while it is still in the plane, but contacts the hand of the Team R setter instead. Has a fault occurred?

Answer: If the Team S blocker truly prevents the Team R setter from playing the ball by contacting her hand, then the Team S blocker has committed a fault (Rule 14-2-3). The referees will use the “reaching over the net” signal (Signal #23) to call the fault.

20. When the libero serves in a deciding game, how does the scorekeeper indicate the position where that service occurred, since the numbers (1 – 6) on the far left of the scoring section do not appear in the middle and right-hand columns?

Answer: For the middle and right-hand sections of the deciding game scoresheet only, the scorekeeper should simply draw a triangle around the starting player’s number on the line where the libero serves for the first time. Even if the starting player has been substituted for (and slashed out), the triangle around that number will indicate the libero’s serving position.

2004 Rule Book Corrections

1. Points of Emphasis (Page 7), “Sanction Procedures”: Final sentence should read “When a team member on the bench or in the warm-up area is sanctioned, the second referee will clearly communicate the sanction to a **designated** coach; the first referee may also communicate this sanction to the captain.”

2. Rule 1-1-1-b (page 10), “Playing Surface”: First sentence should read “Media equipment and personnel are restricted from the **playable** area in front of the team benches, **score table, and warm-up area, and between the attack lines extended on the bench side of the court**”

3. Rule 2-1-1-a (page 15), “Size and Construction”: First sentence should read “A double thickness of white canvas or vinyl **5/8 centimeters (2 – 3 1/8 in.)** wide must be sewn along the full length of the top of the net.”

4. Rule 6-3-2 (page 28), “Examples”: Add item: “1. Improper libero replacement procedure (See Rule 11-2-5-b-3 and 11-2-5-b-4).”

5. Rule 9-2-4-c-3 (page 43), “Change of Team Areas Between Games”: Should read “Once the courts are determined for the deciding game, the **first referee will indicate whether the teams will exchange benches or not.** The interval between games begins at that time.”

6. Rule 11-2-5-b-3 (page 52), “The Libero Player”: Should read “Replacements can only take place after the end of a rally or at the start of each game after the second referee has verified the starting lineup. **Replacements cannot occur while the players are off of the court for a timeout.** The replacement must occur while the ball is out of play and before the authorization for service...” •

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NOTE: Use the following code to analyze these situations:

R = RECEIVING TEAM
S = SERVING TEAM

R1 = RIGHT BACK
S1 = RIGHT BACK
R2 = RIGHT FRONT
S2 = RIGHT FRONT
R3 = CENTER FRONT
S3 = CENTER FRONT
R4 = LEFT FRONT
S4 = LEFT FRONT
R5 = LEFT BACK
S5 = LEFT BACK
R6 = CENTER BACK
S6 = CENTER BACK

1. In the first game of a match, the Team S libero is injured and cannot continue play. When the Team S coach redesignates a different player as libero, how should the scorekeepers indicate the change on the score sheet and libero tracking sheet?

Answer: Both the scorekeeper and assistant scorekeeper should slash the original libero’s number at the top of the page and write in the number of the new libero. Also, a comment should be made in the Comments section of the score sheet, noting the score when the libero was

- redesignated (for example, “15-18, State #12 redesignated as libero”).
2. The Team S libero legally serves for player No. 2. A very long rally follows, which Team S wins. Team S mistakenly rotates and player No. 10 serves the next ball. Immediately after No. 10 contacts the serve, the scorekeeper informs the referees of the wrong server, and the appropriate action is taken. How should the scorekeeper note the involvement of the libero in the rotation fault in the Sanctions box of the score sheet?

Answer: The scorekeeper should enter “10/L” in the WS column of the Sanctions box. The libero’s number is always identified at the top of both the score sheet and the libero tracking sheet, so the “L” will clearly identify who was involved in the rotation fault.

3. Player S3 runs under the net cable to attempt to pursue her team’s errant first contact. What is the line judge’s responsibility when this occurs?

Answer: When a player travels under the net or net cable to pursue a ball that is in the opponent’s free zone, no fault is committed until that player actually contacts the ball. When the ball travels over or outside the antenna to the opponent’s free zone, the line judge should signal that the ball is pursuable by extending the left arm straight out at shoulder height. If a player who has run under the net cable contacts the ball, the line judge(s) and referees should signal the ball “out”.

4. When the libero serves in a deciding game, how does the scorekeeper indicate the position where that service occurred, since the numbers (1 – 6) on the far left of the scoring section do not appear in the middle and right-hand columns?

Answer: For the middle and right-hand sections of the deciding game score sheet only, the scorekeeper should simply draw a triangle around the starting player’s number on the line where the libero serves for the first time. Even if the starting player has been substituted for (and slashed out), the triangle around that number will indicate the libero’s serving position.

5. The libero replaces player No. 3 and serves for the first time in the current

game. Later in the same game, player No. 5 substitutes for No. 3. When player No. 5 rotates to the service position, can the libero replace her and serve?

Answer: Yes. The rules indicate that the libero may serve in one **position** (that is, one rotation). Once the position where the libero will serve is established, she may serve for any player that has substituted into that position.

6. The Team S libero has not yet served in the current game. Player No. 3 (the second server for Team S) should be the next legal server. However, the libero, who has been on the bench, replaces player No. 7, and goes to the service area to serve. The officials allow the illegal service contact to occur, and then call the rotation fault. Can the libero serve in a different position later in the same game, or has the rotation where the libero may serve been established with the illegal service contact?

Answer: The libero has not yet legally served in this game, and may subsequently serve in any position. The scorekeeper will indicate the illegal service with a **square** in the scoring section of the score sheet, and not place a triangle around the "2" under "Serving Order". In the Sanctions box, the entry should be "L/3" in the WS column.

7. The Team R setter is in the front row. Player R5 receives the serve, and passes the ball into the plane of the net. Then, there is simultaneous contact between the Team R setter and a legal opponent, and the ball immediately falls to the Team R court. However, when the simultaneous contact occurred, the first referee whistled and (incorrectly) signaled a back row blocker on Team R. Should a replay be awarded?

Answer: Probably not. The rules state that the referee must determine if an inadvertent whistle or horn affected play or not. If play was affected, a replay results; if not, the results of the rally stands (Rule 15-1-2). In this case, the fact that the ball immediately fell to Team R's court probably means that Team S should win the rally, unless the referee feels that the incorrect whistle truly affected

Team R's players from making the next play.

8. When the second referee checks the starting line-ups for game two, he notices that player No. 7 is listed as the Team S libero and is also one of the six players entered in the Team S starting line-up. Can the Team S coach choose to have player No. 7 as either the libero or a non-libero starter?

Answer: No. Once a player is designated as the libero, that cannot be changed for that game. The Team S libero for the current game will be player No. 7. A substitution must be made for player No. 7 in the starting position where she is listed, just as if a "phantom" number had been entered in the starting line-up. Note: preventive officiating would have prevented this situation. An excellent second referee would have the coach correct this error when the line-up sheet is carefully reviewed before submitting it to the scorekeeper.

9. While in the front zone, the libero reaches up and contacts the ball with the knuckles of one hand (fingers bent) for her team's second contact. After the libero's contact, the ball is attacked by a teammate while it is completely above the height of the net, and the ball crosses completely to the opponent's side. Has a fault been committed?

Answer: No. the libero is only restricted from using actual "finger action" when setting in the front zone (Rule 11-2-5-a-4). If, in the referee's judgment, the libero's contact is with the knuckles, the back of the hand, or the fists, the play is not considered to be an "overhand finger pass".

TECHNIQUE NOTE: There have already been several problems created by a lack of communication among the officiating crew when the libero serves. It is vital that both referees **and** both scorekeepers are alert and communicative about this situation. The second referee, in particular, must ensure that the scorekeepers are aware when the libero serves, especially for the first time in the game, and mark the score sheet and libero tracking sheet appropriately. Take extra time, if needed, to mark the libero exchanges and substitutions correctly. Please cover this issue thoroughly in the pre-match discussion. •

USAV Rule Modification



Based on recommendations from our risk managers (ESIX), the insurance committee of the ROD passed the following motion last weekend, which was also passed by the General Assembly of the ROD.

All Regions will make a USAV modification to Rule 10 to add back Commentary 16.1.1 to 16.1.1.4 from the 2003/2004 USAV Rules that states:

"Players may play the ball over a non-playable area if they have a body part in contact with the playing area at the time the ball is contacted. They may enter the non-playing area after playing the ball. Non Playing areas are defined as the: (a) walls, bleachers or other spectator seating areas; (b) team benches and any area behind the team benches; (c) area between the scorekeeper's table and team benches; and (d) any other area outlined in the pre-match conference by the first referee [reference Rule 24.2.5]."



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