

North Texas Region USA Volleyball Referee Board Meeting Minutes

*Sunday, November 9th, 2008
North Texas Region Office*

Meeting Called By	Michele Furlong, Referee Chair
Type of Meeting	Referee Board Meeting
Facilitator	Michele Furlong, Referee Chair
Recording of Minutes	Brian Borski
Attendees	Board Members: Brian Borski, Michele Furlong, Michelle Kellen, Chris Tobey, Jeff West Referees: Traci Belton, Jonathan Daclison, Chad Klunck, Mark Krone, Greg Krueger, Hayden Mitchell, Liz Wilson Other: Linda Harris, NTR Administrator

- A. Call to Order—
 - a. Michele called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. The minutes from the last meeting were discussed. No changes were discussed. Brian made a motion to accept. Jeff seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Training of Officials—
 - a. Chad and Liz have put together a Training Budget for 2009 staying within \$10,000. It will be put to a vote at the end of the meeting. Brand new officials will be trained on court during week night practices/scrimmages that Michele and Chad will set up. They are going to contact some of the larger clubs that have their own facilities (TAV, Tejas, Summit) and arrange for no more than two courts to be used for officiated scrimmages that can be used as teaching opportunities for brand new (and maybe some other newer) officials. This way breaks can be taken between points and used as teaching moments. New officials with some experience and provisional referees will be trained on court during the first couple of tournaments of the year.
 - b. Chad has put together a Volleyball 101 Book for new officials. It explains the game and the role of the referee during the game. It will be a helpful tool for new referees.
 - c. We will also use the DVD from the Iowa Region for training. This will also be helpful for the R2 Clinics we offer to coaches and other adults. As voted on by the Junior Board only adults will be able to R2 this year...no players.
 - d. NCR two-part feedback forms will be used for new referees this year and those hoping to advance to the next level. These forms will be completed by the Evaluator/Head Referee at a tournament and one copy will be kept by the Head Referee/Evaluator and turned in to the committee and the other copy will be kept by the person and taken to future tournaments so other evaluators can see what feedback has been given in the past.

C. Advancement—

- a. The plan is to use the MLK tournament on January 10 and 11 to evaluate Regional referee's hoping to apply for Junior National status and Junior National Referee's hoping to be considered for National. The following weekend (January 17 and 18) Winterfest and the ASICS Texas Open will be used to evaluate Provisional Referee's interested in becoming Regional Referees.
- b. The Advancement Committee, chaired by Jeff West, will have something in writing to Michele within two weeks regarding how candidates are selected for advancement. This will then be put on the website and covered in the Clinics so everyone is aware of the process. We need to become more detailed in how candidates are chosen for advancement.
- c. Any referee interested in advancing up from their current level will need to contact Greg Krueger. An email address for Greg for this purpose will be set up.
- d. Candidates interested in going for their National Scorekeeping will need to contact Michelle Kellen, Scorekeeping Chair.
- e. A list of all candidates will be distributed to Head Officials for their assistance in rank ordering the officials they have worked with.
- f. We would like to see the date the Junior National and National candidates chosen moved back to February 20th. That date will still allow enough time to process paperwork prior to the March 15th deadline set by the National Office.

D. USAV NTR Officials Division Operating Codes—

- a. The Operating Codes document was brought up for revisions before the vote. After much discussion the following revisions were made:
 - i. Article V. Section 2. The last line was changed to read: **Additionally, if any officer or board member, elected or appointed, does not attend two of the three Officials Division meetings in the same USAV season without approval of the Officials Chair, the individual will be removed from the board.** This wording is consistent with the Junior Board Operating Code.
 - ii. Article VIII. Section 1. The first line will now read: **The Officials Board will consist of the following committees. Each committee will have a chair appointed by the Officials Chair. Members of each committee will be chosen by each Committee Chair and approved by the Officials Coordinator.**
 - iii. Article VIII. Section 2. The only line will now read: **The Officials Coordinator shall have the authority to appoint such other committees as deemed appropriate.**
 - iv. Article XI. Roberts Rules of Procedures will be changed to **Roberts Rules of Order.**
- b. Michelle Kellen moved to approve the Operating Codes as amended. Michele Furlong seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Officials Clinics

- a. The Clinic Schedule has been posted on the web and begins on November 30th. Attendees must pre-register and pay \$30 in advance. National Clinics will also take place and cost \$20 for referees who plan on working a Qualifier or National Tournament next summer.
- b. Scorekeeping Clinics will also be scheduled for all referees. Regional, Junior National and National Referees can take a written test and if they pass with at least 80% they do not have to attend a Scorekeeping Clinic.

- F. Site Ground Rules—
 - a. Ground rules for all of the commonly used sites will be developed and all Head Referee's must be aware of them and make the referees they work with each week aware of them as well. These ground rules are going to be site specific and deal with nuances in each building or on each court so that we can remain consistent from week to week throughout the season.
- G. Junior Code of Ethics
 - a. Michele wanted all of us to be aware that the North Texas Region Junior Board passed a Code of Ethics that supersedes the National Code of Ethics. Should something egregious happen at a tournament, even if the tournament is over and people are leaving the building, we are to send the information regarding the incident to Robin as a complaint and the Region has the ability to sanction the individuals/teams involved.
- H. Training Budget
 - a. The Training budget of \$10,000 was presented by Liz and Chad. Copies were made available and questions were answered.
 - b. Michelle Kellen motioned to approve the budget. Chris seconded. Motion approved.
- I. Next Meeting—Monday, February 16th at 7:00 pm at the North Texas Region Office.

Jeff moved to adjourn at 6:27 pm. Chris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.