

Welcome HOA Prospective Officials





Who Can Become A HOA Prospective Official?

- People from different backgrounds like
- Former Junior volleyball players who have experience being part of the officiating team
- Junior coaches who have already officiated matches for their teams
- High school and college officials
- Parents who after watching their kids play have taken an interest in becoming a volleyball official
- Officials that have worked other sports that want to give volleyball a try
- Anyone who loves the sport of volleyball





Who is Heart of America Volleyball?

- One of the 40 Regions of USA Volleyball
- Manages competition for club volleyball in the state of Kansas and most of Missouri (not including the St. Louis area)
- About 17,000 members and 240 clubs in the region
- Runs events from very small single day tournaments to very large, 3-day events in the KC convention center with up to 1,000 teams from all over the country





What Steps Do Prospective Officials Need to Follow?

- Attend online introduction meeting (the one you are attending right now)
- Register with HOA Volleyball as a Prospective Adult Official member(\$5). This will provide access to the USA Volleyball Academy.
- 3. Take the online officiating clinics in the Academy.
- 4. Be assigned a mentor. Each mentor will work with 3 to 6 Prospects.
- 5. Attend in-person meeting with mentor (September/October).
- 6. Attend a HS or College match with mentor (October).
- 7. Register for a full membership with HOA, take Safesport training and pass a USAV background screen.
- 8. Work some scrimmages under guidance of experienced officials (November/December).
- 9. Start working events (January-March).





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How Do I Register?

Prospective Adult Official membership (\$5.00)

Registration

- 1. Go to HOA website (<u>https://hoavb.org</u>)
- 2. Click the Officiating tab
- 3. Click the 2021-22 Officials Registration
- 4. Click the link for 21-22 HOA-OP Prospective Adult Official
- 5. Complete the registration process, this may require you to create a Sportsengine account as part of the process
- 6. Once you have created a Sportengine account or signed in on your existing account you should see this registration



7. Complete and pay for your Prospective Adult Official membership



How Do I Take Online Officiating Clinics?

- Once Your Registration Is Processed And Active, a USAV Academy account will be created for you.
- Academy access is through your Sportsengine account Instructions will be available on the HOA website once the Academy is open.
- Your clinics will be pre-loaded in your Academy account you will see them on your Enrollments page
- You will need to complete the clinics on the Academy
- You can exit any course and resume later at that point
- COMPLETE THE ONLINE CLINICS BY SEPTEMBER 25!
- If you have issues or problems, contact the HOA Office





What is involved in Officiating Club Volleyball?

- You may start working some single or 2-day tournaments
 - For events (single or 2 day), you may typically work:
 6-8 matches on Saturday
 4-6 matches on Sunday
- Saturday match format for
 - Some events will be 2 sets to 25 points.
 - Other events will best 2 out of 3 sets.
 - Sets may be play: 0-25 points start at 4-4
 - 0-25 points start at 0-0
 - 0-15 points start at 0-0
- Sunday matches are typically best 2 out of 3 sets
- On a typical Saturday, play runs from 8 am till 6 or 7 pm
- For Sundays play usually runs from 8 am till 4 or 5 pm





What Is My Typical Tournament Day?

- 1. Meet with the Head/Lead Officials One of More depending on the number of courts in the facility
 - Head/Lead Officials are in charge of the officials for the day.
 - They work and communicate with the tournament director to ensure there is an official for every match
- 2. Meeting Details
 - Typically starts at 7:15 am
 - Receive any schedule changes or schedules if not posted on HOA website in advance
 - Discuss any special ground rules or tournament procedures
 - Answer any questions you may have
- 3. Your Duties and Responsibilities
 - Be Professional
 - Officiate Match and ensure that score sheet is delivered to Staff
 - Time Management is Essential
 - Arrive at court prepared to start the match on time
 - Matches may run early or late depending play
 - Do not let a court fall behind because you are not there







What Are My Equipment and Uniform Requirements?

When you start officiating, you will need:

- Uniform
 - White polo shirt You will not be required to get the official shirt the first year
 - Navy Blue Slacks
 You may use black slacks until December
 - White Shoes You may use black shoes until December
- Equipment
 - Whistle
 - Set of yellow and red cards
 - Net chain or other measuring device
 - Ball pump
 - Ball gauge



How Do I Receive Assignments?

- Tournament assignments are done through ArbiterSports
- You will need an Arbitersports account with a linked Arbiterpay account. If you do not have one currently, and you commit to HOA officiating, HOA will invite you to join our Arbiter group which will initiate the account creation process
- You will receive assignments in Arbiter that you can accept or decline (Please do so in a timely manner)
- You can block days that you are not available to work
- HOA will have resources/ambassadors available to assist you as needed
- First year officials are typically assigned for 2-4 weekends, depending on need and geographic location, availability and skill level.
- First year official are certified to work HOA sanctioned events **ONLY**.
- Experienced officials can work almost every weekend from January till April as they choose.





What Is My Compensation and How Do I Get Paid?

- Current Match fee is \$28 for starting officials
- When traveling more than 70 miles to a site, you receive a \$40 stipend to offset your expenses
- As needed, hotel rooms are provided for officials traveling more than 70 miles
- Rooms are usually shared by two (2) officials
- Match fees and travel stipends will be paid at the end of the month through ArbiterSports
- Payment will be credited to your linked ArbiterPay account





What Is My Future As A HOA Official?

- After completing a normal season, you may apply for advancement to a Provisional Referee.
 To advance you are required to complete more training and observation by more experienced officials.
- Provisional Official Certification permits you to apply to work in other region tournaments
- Next steps are to become Regional, Junior National or National level officials.
- The higher level you reach, the more opportunities are available to work events, to work larger events and receive higher match fees.
- Convention center events like National Qualifiers tend to be 3-days and provide opportunities to meet officials from all over the area or all over the country.
- To work National Qualifiers, typically a Regional status or above is preferred.





As I Advance What Other Opportunities Are Available?

With more experience and advancement other opportunities will be come available to you

- Work as a Day Official (WeR1)
 - Attend Junior Tournaments as an HOA representative to assist tournament directors and teams to maintain HOA standards
- Work Junior training events as a trainer
 - Train Junior Coaches and Player to Officiate including Scoring
- Work as a Head/Lead Official
 - Manage working officials at HOA events
- Become a New Officials Mentor
 - Work with training new officials



