



## Letter to All 2020-21 Potential Officials



Hello Potential Official,

On behalf of myself and the Heart of America Region (HOA), we apologize for the delay in responding to your interest in becoming an HOA Volleyball Official. We want to be fully transparent about the situation as it stands.

This year was a "perfect storm" with COVID issues and a new computer system for member registration creating a mountain of issues that we are attempting to climb.

Due to COVID and budget constraints we lost staff dedicated to coordinating all things involving officials. Additionally, state and local guidelines, have severely limited the number of courts available which has greatly reduced the number of matches available to officiate. Add to that several officials that have elected to skip this season due to COVID.

Looking at the total number of matches and the total number of officials available, it was determined that there was insufficient staff for training and an insufficient number of officiating opportunities for new officials to work.

Unfortunately, we could not guarantee enough opportunities for new officials to cost justify a \$55.00 expense to potential officials and the cost of a background screen (\$30.00 paid by HOA).

In December it was decided to put all training on hold for this season. Unfortunately, we could not arrive at a decision earlier due to the fluid nature of the situation. We had been given permission to conduct an event and four (4) days later have it cancelled.

All new potential officials fall into three (3) categories.

1. Current HOA member coaches.

These have been added to New Referees team in the Academy.

2. People who have already registered as HA21-FO Officials and are new.

You may choose one of these two (2) options:

a. A full refund of \$55.00 and a cancellation of your membership

b. A refund of \$49.00 and you will be added to the USAV Academy for online classes.

**Please email me indicating your chosen option.**

3. People who are not members of HOA-USAV and have not registered.

For these people we are pleased to offer a \$6.00 membership which will give you full access to the USAV Academy.

You can purchase this membership at this link- copy and paste into a browser.

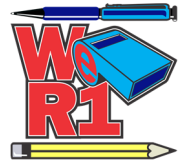
<https://memberships.sportsengine.com/buy/11eb5062-e26c-65ba-a728-0efe0d6174bb>

The USAV Academy is the learning management system we use to train volleyball officials. It is our hope that you will take advantage of this membership to learn about the rules and logistics associated with officiating USA Volleyball.

We will transfer all applicable training to next year so that you will have to redo those training modules and are ready to officiate next year.



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If you choose to register, within 24 hours. I will put you in an Academy team which will automatically enroll you in 2 courses or you can enroll yourself.

### **The Whole Shebang Parts 1 and 2**

These courses contain the entire contents of the Academy.

You are **NOT** expected to complete all the modules contained in these two courses. You can pick and choose which modules you would like to take.

To get credit for training for the 2021-22 Season you must take the following modules.

- 013\_USAV Jr. Line Judge
- 015\_USAV Jr. Asst. Scorer / Libero Tracker
- 014\_USAV Jr. Scorer
- 103q\_Junior Signals w/Quiz **and** 102q\_Junior Second Referee w/Quiz  
**or 012\_USAV Jr. R2 (when available)**
- 104q\_JrR1wQuiz  
**or 011\_USAV Jr. R1 (when available)**
- 051\_Critical Rules and Points of Emphasis
- 053\_Uniform Requirements & Reminders

Again, we apologize for all the chaos and confusion created by this situation.

I am always available to answer all questions you may have either by phone or email.

Thank you for showing interest in officiating for Heart of America.

We are excited to have you as colleagues and look forward to meeting you on a court in the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ric Washburn'.

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