



2020-2021 Season Opening Welcome REV 2



Dec 16, 2020

Greetings Everyone,

Thank you for your support of the HOA Region Officiating in the past.

I apologize for the delays in getting this out to you, but we are in a very fluid situation and our first consideration was getting all the teams registered and rolling.

It is our hope that we will have a feasible season and return to normalcy sometime in 2021.

We will plan as if we will have competition and events starting soon. Bertil and I have discussed the policies as established by HOA. Here is the current plan and policies for officiating this season (as of today).

Due the various restrictions imposed by municipalities and venues HOA officials must comply with the following policies established by the HOA Region.

2020-2021 POLICIES FOR OFFICIALS

A. Officials/Participants must comply with all venue/municipality COVID-19 policies.

B. At all HOA managed events

- 1) Officials must wear masks at all times.
- 2) Electronic whistles or oral whistles underneath the mask may be used.
- 3) Due to social distancing requirements, a lounge for officials may not be available.
- 4) If out of town officials are needed, people not living in the same household will be individually housed in single rooms.
- 5) **MLK:** (Just approved by KC)
 - a) Players must wear masks at all times **(including while playing)**.
 - b) 18s qualifier division will have full officiating teams.
 - c) Club division will have 2nd referee and Scoreboard Operator (Flipper).
- 6) **Powerleagues:**
Players must wear masks at all times **(including while playing)**.
- 7) Some events, including Powerleagues, will restrict the number of teams permitted in the venue. This may result 4 team pools playing on two courts.

For these events:

- a) There will be no work teams (2nd referee, Line Judges, and Scoring Table)
- b) The R1 will have a flip chart for scoring and a match report sheet. The sheet will allow the official to track time-outs, total number of substitutions per set, and set score. At this time, officials will not track exact substitution details (player in/player out). This may change during the season.
Officials will report the final score of each set.
- c) It is expected that Route 66, Keeper of the Plains, Shell Price and Heart Challenges will follow the format detailed above in b).



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Since Denise is no longer the Officials Coordinator, Kyla and I will be working together to get through this season. Our priority will be to provide officials for our competitions. Our focus will be putting officials on the stands and less emphasis on training and advancement. At this time we will: not be deploying WeR1s; limit training and observations. Depending on availability of officials and our coverage at events we may or may not have head referees.

We will begin assigning in Arbiter on Monday.

To help us accelerate the process, we respectfully ask that you keep your availability current in Arbiter and to accept Arbiter assignments as quickly as possible.

Due to the amount of volleyball that is planning on playing Referees will be in high demand. We will do everything to accommodate everyone's conflicts.

WHAT IF I AM UNAVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON

If you do not want to officiate this season, for any reason (including inability to adhere to the above policies) please email both Kyla Majors (kyla@hoavb.org) and Ric Washburn (ha.officials.chair@hoavb.org) stating that you will be unavailable to officiate this season. No questions will be asked and no explanation needed. We will then block your entire season (**for HOA only**) in Arbiter. It is easier for us to do than you, especially if you are in multiple Arbiter groups. I have mistakenly blocked the wrong group several times when doing it in my personal account, **HOA can only block HOA group assignments.**

MATCH PROTOCOL

This will be posted later, on our website (<https://hoavb.org>), along with all scoring (match report) materials.

NEW INFO REGISTRATION - Board Members Already Registered - Please Disregard

USAV has moved to Sportsengine as our national registration system. Like any new system it is a bit different and if you have questions please contact the office.

1) If you currently have a Sportsengine account, please logon to your account before following any links.

Due to ongoing changes

I have put the registration links on the HOA website under the Officiating tab.

a) If you are not Coaching and plan to Officiate only please register using the link labeled **F0-Sportsengine Registration for Officials without IMPACT (NON-coach)**

b) If you are **IMPACT certified or plan to be**, please register using the link labeled **F2-Sportsengine Registration for Officials with IMPACT (COACH)**

Email me that you have registered and I will set up an HA21-FO-Full Season Official membership for you at no charge.



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ACADEMY

A new LMS Academy has been installed by USAV and our courses have not been developed at this time. Just like last year, it is planned to pre-populate your Academy with courses. There will be limited requirements this season for completion of these courses.

NATIONAL LEVEL OFFICIALS (REFEREES/SCORERS)

At this time we are all required to register to access the Academy to meet our National requirements. If you are interested in taking a year sabbatical, please email me and I will discuss options with Pati Rolf.

On a more personal note, I want you all to know that HOA and I truly do appreciate the support that you all give to the Region and to me, your chair. Since we no longer have an Officials Coordinator, the Officials Commission has stepped up to help fill the gap.

Feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns or just to say Hi.

WeR1

Thank you all so much,

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

Ric Washburn

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