

# THE OFFICIAL WORD

## NEWSLETTER

### NOTABLES

#### July 1

Late Fees in effect for PAVO annual dues not received in PAVO central office

#### July 22 - Aug 20

PAVO OTP Clinics  
(see online schedule for specific dates)

#### Aug 1

PAVO Honor Award nominations due

#### Aug 1

Excellence in Service Award nominations due

#### Aug 15

PAVO election nominations due

#### Aug 25-26

AVCA Showcase,  
University of Wisconsin

#### Nov 1

USAV Officials Division Dues for National Level Officials

#### NRT SITES

##### Aug 25-26

University of Toledo

##### Sept 1-2

University of Hartford  
Missouri State University

##### Sept 7-9

University of Portland

##### Sept 14-16

University of San Diego

##### Sept 15-16

University of Miami



### A Word from Glenn

from Glenn Sapp

Vice President, USAV Officials Division

Greetings!

As we embark into high school and college season for 2006 I want to recap and thank those responsible for the Divisions' successes this past year. Thank you to Mary Blalock and Charles Ezigbo for their and the rating teams efforts. They certified twenty-four new National Referees and FIFTY-TWO new Junior National referees. I want to give special thanks to those evaluators who worked the Junior National event this year and the extensive amount of effort and work they performed. Special accolades to Kathy Ferraraccio and Brian Hemelgarn for their work, in conjunction with PAVO on the number and success of the Training Camps. Over the past two years, a number of officials have gone through and benefited from this training. Thank you to Kathy Ferraraccio and Sue Mailhot for all of their efforts in making our Division more professional with the contracts and working in conjunction with USAV Events Department on the refined housing program for the USAV National Tournaments.

The contracts being sent out are very important to help build our professionalism and it is important that we fulfill the contracts we accept.

On this note, many might know that USAV has agreed to hire a person dedicated to the programs and needs of the Officials' Division. Kathy Ferraraccio was hired for this position and has been doing a great job. Part

of her job is to make sure the database is up-to-date and Officials are living up to their professional obligations and to make sure skills are kept up to date. USAV has pretty much approved our budget for next year which will offer a number of new programs and opportunities. I will outline the Divisions progress in my next article. Now, a little bit of "soap box." As we embark upon this up-coming season, please embrace the challenge I have asked and look to mentor an official into the USAV. Look for fellow high school or college officials. I would challenge you "in your spare time," and if you do not already do so, to go to a high school match and search out possible officials to add to our ranks. I would even go as far to urge you, if possible, to help the local high school organizations as they are sometimes as short handed during their season as we are at our USAV events. We need Volleyball Officials across the nation to help try and catch up and keep pace with the growth of our sport.

Finally, I would again like to thank each and every one of you for all of your efforts this past season.

As always, if you have suggestions, constructive criticism or ideas on how we can make the Division better and more prosperous for our associates, I would invite you to please contact any of your representatives on the Division Assembly.



### PAVO elections outlined; three positions up for vote

The fall PAVO elections will present candidates for president-elect, director-at-large and board delegate. Nominations have been received by the nominating committee, and the PAVO Executive Board will select the candidates to place on the ballot. Ballots will be disseminated to all PAVO members Oct. 1, and members will have until Nov. 15 to cast their ballots. Those who do not have an email address on file with PAVO should contact Member Services Coordinator Miki Kennedy for assistance, at 888-791-2074. Questions? Respond to [past-president@pavo.org](mailto:past-president@pavo.org).



### PAVO GUIDEBOOKS 2006 NOW AVAILABLE

The 2006 PAVO Volleyball Officials Guidebook is now available. This publication is published bi-annually in even-numbered years, and provides complete techniques and mechanics for first and second referees, scorekeepers and line judges. Also included are rules comparisons (NCAA/USAV/NFHS), a practice examination for referees, and details on PAVO certifications and local board structure. This publication is a vital tool for the well-prepared volleyball official, and should be in every referee's courtside bag. Order the 2006 Guidebook today!



### Scorekeeper Triumphs

by Nancy Funk  
Director Scorekeeping Certification & Evaluation

This has been an exciting and interesting year.

We enlarged our National Scorekeepers cadre by 21. I want to again thank all those who helped me rate in New Orleans this year...Janet Blue, Terry Miller, Amber Fulk, Kim Williams, Dixie Collins, Becky Brockney, Thang Nyugen, and Rose Atkinson. Without their diligence it would not be possible to get through the rating process so quickly. Also thanks to the new National Scorekeepers for the evaluations they returned at the end of their candidacy so we can continue to improve the process.



Congratulations to four of our National Scorekeepers who have been selected as International Scorekeeper candidates - Kim Williams, Becky Brockney, Amber Fulk and Emi Vishoot. Hopefully by the time this newsletter appears we will have four new International Scorekeepers.

I received numerous inquiries from the new National Referees at the Boys JO's about becoming National Scorekeepers. It is exciting that so many are interested in expanding their horizons. Since they are required to attend the second session of the Open to fulfill their National Referee candidacy it is not possible for them to be a National Scorekeeper Candidate during the same year they are fulfilling their obligation as a referee. National Scorekeeper candidates are also required to attend the second session of the Open. I do hope to see many of them as candidates in 2008.

For those of you who are Junior National Referees you might want to consider attending the Open and obtaining your National Scorekeeping patch prior to attending the Boys JO's as a National Referee candidate. This step will also mean you will not be required to take the scorekeeping exam when you go for your National Referee patch as you will already be a National Scorekeeper.

Speaking of the Boy's JO's I had some concern that a number of the referees serving as a R2 were not looking at the scoresheets during the match. There are scorekeeping monitors available to look over the junior players shoulders and assist as needed, but as a referee with a junior scorekeeper, you should be observing that they are doing it correctly so corrections can be made early in the match if needed. It was obvious that scoresheets were not being observed when there were no exit scores for a whole set. Remember that a minute of your time early can avoid big problems later.

# Convention in the Big O

## Making You Better Is Convention Goal



By Dale Goodwin  
PAVO Interim Board Member

Helping you improve as a referee and as a professional . . . that is the goal of every PAVO Officials' Convention, regardless of where you are on the officiating ladder. Whether your matches are primarily high school, college, USAV play, or on the beach, you'll get some valuable information if you join us for the 2006 event.

This December in Omaha, Neb., referees and officiating professionals will be exploring such topics as improving our communications with the benches and game personnel when we're the second referee; examining keys to taking care of ourselves while on the road; comparing rules and techniques between various brands of play (collegiate, USAV, Federation); dissecting the new proposed joint rating process between PAVO and USAV; plus talks by some of sport's biggest names, like Dave Yeast, NCAA National Coordinator of Baseball Umpires and Kathy DeBoer, executive director of the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

In addition to about 10 professional development sessions Dec. 14-16 at PAVO's host hotel, the Omaha Doubletree, there will be the annual PAVO Board Assembly and a USAV Regional Volleyball Representative Assembly. Time will be built into the schedule to allow for browsing the points of interest in Omaha.

The Doubletree is located near the historic Old Market and the Qwest Center, site of the NCAA Division I semifinal and final matches, Dec. 14 and 16. Spacious guest rooms, indoor pool, covered parking and warm chocolate chip cookies will greet their guests. A special PAVO rate of

Known for quaint bistros and fine dining, Omaha possesses its share of maverick chefs serving up some of the most innovative cuisine in mid-America. An inviting variety of beers, mixed with tantalizing food, are available at area microbreweries. And Omaha is most famous for its tender beef. The charming Old Market offers more than 100 eclectic shops, galleries, pubs, coffee houses and restaurants.

Convention registration is open to everyone. PAVO members may register for \$125 before December 1. Non-members may register for \$150. Registration includes admittance to all sessions, a Saturday morning continental breakfast, a goodie bag, and free admission to the Amercian Volleyball Coaches Association Trade Show. Few will walk away from the convention without a door prize, provided by volleyball vendors and college conferences.

A special \$75 rate is available for a mini convention package, which includes Friday night's semi-final analysis and social, and Saturday morning's sessions. Tickets to the NCAA semifinals and finals are available for purchase in a PAVO block, on a first-come, first-served basis. A PAVO Convention registration flyer is included in this newsletter. Complete it now.

For more information, check out the PAVO web site at [www.pavo.org](http://www.pavo.org).



\$99/night is available. All PAVO sessions will be held there. The Doubletree is about 8 blocks from the Qwest Center (playing site) and AVCA Headquarters (Hilton).

Omaha ([www.visitomaha.com](http://www.visitomaha.com)) is a city experiencing dynamic growth. Two billion dollars have been spent to transform downtown into a Midwestern oasis. New riverfront activities, a historic shopping and dining district, a modern arena and convention facility, museums, a world-class zoo, performing arts, and more make Omaha a first-class destination.





By Glenn Goudy

As Robin Williams once said; "How does one get to the Met (Metropolitan Opera)? Practice, Practice, Practice".

It is the same with officiating volleyball or any sport! One can only improve through learning and practice, practice, practice. Such was the first Advanced Training Camp offered by USAV at the Girls JOVC Tournament held in Atlanta June 27th -July 1, 2006. Thirty plus Regional Referees were afforded the opportunity to work with other Regional (campers and Jr. National Candidates), Jr. National, National, and International Referees to improve their skills, find their weaknesses and strengths, and converse with their peers about subjects ranging from officiating at the higher level to how to survive this tournament without starving.

Campers were indoctrinated into the processes, rules, and ideals that make an official better and how to apply such before, during, and after a set, match, or tournament. The first day began with the mandatory National Clinic for all individuals that had not attended a previous clinic this year. Subjects ranged from the rules and rule changes to how to log onto the computer system to properly record match results. Next Brian Hemelgarn and the clinicians introduced themselves and told the campers what to expect over the next four days. Then each camper was given their assignments when they would be observed by one of the clinicians as they officiated. This was the only time when

## A Campers Perspective

the camper was aware of direct observation by a clinician. The clinician observed the campers during two matches so that the camper could be seen as an R1 as well as an R2. After the matches and paperwork were completed, the campers and clinician went somewhere private to discuss the clinician's observations. All observations were presented in a positive aspect and as a means for the camper to learn and improve. Unlike ratings where the individual is told what was done incorrectly or that the level was not stringent enough, these observations gave insight into areas where the camper exceeded as well as where the camper could improve and how to make such adjustments. The observations were given in written form and mirrored the verbal discussion. Also, the campers were enlightened as to skills and processes that could be utilized to enhance the individual's abilities. Once the first evaluations were completed the camper returned to the assigned matches to be paired with Jr. National candidates, Jr. National, National, and International Referees. After completion of each match the campers and respective partners discussed the events and how the individual performed. Similar to the clinician observations and discussions, the camper was given insight into areas to improve as well as offered the opportunity to give observations on their partner and if there were any things the partner could do to improve or assist their respective partner in future matches.

During the four days of camp and officiating at the higher level the camper was encouraged and applauded consistently. Several times the clinicians would gather the group together to have a general informative discussion. During these discussions it was emphasized that rules and procedures associated with USAV rules should be adhered to, but individual techniques and judgments may vary from official to official and such may not work for all.

In conclusion, all of the clinicians and officials were more than helpful in teaching and assisting this camper to move forward. Many a time I as a camper heard a candidate state that they wished that such a training camp had been available to them to help them prepare for what was to come. The ratings and observation processes were excellent and not intimidating. Under most circumstances the camper did not know that he/she was being observed until after the match was over. Would I return as a camper? Most definitely!

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By Marcia Alterman  
NCAA Rules Interpreter

Even after attending an OTP clinic, you may have some questions about the application of some of the 2006 rule changes. Just to review and clarify, please take note of the information below. And, watch for the Rules Interpretation Newsletters for further details and clarifications.

**Extended Attack Lines** - The attack line extensions are required, and the rules are specific about the specifications on how they are marked. If you arrive at a facility that is missing the extensions, they must be added with tape. If you arrive at a facility where the extensions are marked incorrectly (for example, a solid line rather than the five dashed lines specified by rule, the marking must be corrected. This rule should be treated the same as any other court marking that is not according to the

## **Understanding the NCAA Rules Changes for 2006**

rules. What would you do if you are assigned to a facility where the service area hash marks are missing, or the center line is "dashed" across the school logo? You would ask host management to correct it. The same is true for the new requirement of attack line extensions.

**Team Delays for Late Return** - The new rule states that a maximum of five minutes is allowed for a team to get to the court and begin the next game - during that five minutes, a team delay is given every 30 seconds, beginning at game time. Penalty points are recorded on the scoresheet with squares in both the running score and the scoring section. At the end of the five minutes, the game is defaulted with a score of 30-0. (See chart on page 11)

NOTE: Rule 10-1-1-I (failure to submit a timely lineup) should be worded just as the

rule above - a maximum of five minutes will be allowed before the game is defaulted, with a team delay given every 30 seconds.

**Screen Warnings** - The intention of the new technique is to formalize the procedures for warning teams that their players are in a position that could result in a screen call if the ball is served appropriately - however, this is **not** a rule change. The purpose is to leave no doubt that a warning has been given, negating the need for further warnings, however there has been no rule change indicating that no further warnings may be given. In general, additional warnings in the same game or match should not be needed, and referees are entirely within the rules to whistle a screen fault if all the criteria for a screen are met, before or after a warning. However, further warnings are not prohibited by rule.





## PAVO OTP Camp Program Wrap Up 2006

Camps offer on-court recording,  
immediate feedback

*By Julie Voeck*  
*PAVO OTP - Camps Director*

The PAVO OTP Spring Camp program drew 82 campers this year. There were seven camps held throughout the country at a variety of venues. Four camps were held in conjunction with Division I spring tournaments. Three camps were held during college club tournaments. This was our second year hosting camps at collegiate club tournaments, including two camps at NIRSA, the national collegiate club volleyball championships, in Salt Lake City.

Our Advanced Camp, now in its sixth year, was held at NIRSA this year. The tournament offered the campers challenging play as well as top-level staff. We plan to maintain different levels of camps that offer opportunities for all officials. Classroom sessions, on-court performance recording, and feedback from staff are the methods of training currently used at the camps.

This year we also began the purchase of new equipment to replace the original VHS video camera equipment. Several of our camps used the new equipment that records to a DVD instead of a VHS tape. There was a significant improvement in the quality and clarity of the recordings using the new equipment. Next year we hope to have the new recording equipment available at all camps.

Each year scholarships are offered to camp participants. This year the scholarship winners were:

Lisa Paull - USAV Scholarship  
Terri Narantic - Izatt Scholarship  
Juli Smaellie - NAGWS Scholarship  
Ryan Tighe - PAVO Scholarship  
Margo Juergens - PAVO Scholarship

Congratulations to all scholarship winners.

Participants and staff for the 2006 Spring Camp program were:

Marquette Club (Milwaukee, WI)  
March 31 - April 1

Allan Baranek	WI
Becky Blank	WI
Jim Depass	CO
Ross Erickson	MN
Mike Immel	WI
Tom Johannsen	IA
Jean Lyons	WI
Adam Pike	MN
Al Tarara	MN
Steve Truckenbrod	NC
Rick Turner	MN

--Staff--

Denis Bergstedt	IL
Mary Blalock	TX
Tim Harlow	MN
Nancy Nester	IL
Julie Voeck*	WI

Michigan (Ann Arbor, WI)  
April 7 - 8

Lisa Bain	MI
Jill Baker	MI
Zack Bird	IN
Kim Harrell	TN
Pat Jones	MI
Sharon Lucey	MI
Kent Neitzert	MI
David Saenz	MI
Perry Sutherland	MI
Milan Vuchenich	IN

-- Staff --

Tom Blue	VA
Kathy Ferrarccio*	MA
Dan Houser	IN
Ann Hutchins	MI
Daryl Korinek	NE

San Diego  
April 7 - 8

Steve Flinn	CA
Vince Hall	CA
Lonnie Hampton	WA
Linda Kildew	WA
Michael Kulow	CA
Nikki Resch	CA
Ricky Robertson	CA
Dante Segura	CA
Mark Sykes	OR
Tom Ulibarri	CA
Tony Wu	CA

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Karen Gee*	CA
Patsy Malta	CA
Verna Klubnikin	CA
Kevin Cull	CA
Margie Ray	CA

Univ. of Central Florida (Orlando, FL)  
April 14 - 15

John Angelica	FL
Donna Beasley	FL
Rebecca Carstenson	FL
Dave Crowder	FL
Tom Godart	FL
Robert Owen	FL
David Skove	FL

-- Staff --

Donna Carter*	FL
Doug Darling	FL
Wally Hendricks	IL
Ben Jordan	FL
Michael Hertz	FL

NIRSA-Traditional (Salt Lake City, UT)  
April 12 - 13

Thomas Berg	NE
John Freddie	NV
Ricky Gonzalez	TX
Margo Juergens	OK
Bruce Miller	UT
Bette Norman	MI
Jackie Parker	UT
Kerry Peart	UT
Allison Perry	AZ
Lisa Peshell	UT

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## 2006 PAVO Officials' Convention – December 14–16 REGISTRATION

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PAVO Board Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Can we release the above information to other convention attendees &/or sponsors?      YES      NO

	PAVO Members Before 12/01/06	PAVO Members After 12/01/06	Non-PAVO Members Before 12/01/06	Non-PAVO Members After 12/01/06	Amount You Are Paying
<b>Convention Registration *</b>	\$125	\$175	\$150	\$175	
<b>Includes all PAVO sessions and AVCA exhibit show (dates &amp; times TBD)</b>					
<b>"Mini" Convention Registration *</b>	\$75	\$100	\$75	\$100	
<b>Includes PAVO Social &amp; Semi-final Analysis on Friday evening, and all Saturday sessions</b>					
<b>Extras and Options:</b>					
<b>NCAA Match Tickets **</b>	Tickets are not included with convention registration. Matches are on Thursday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 16. Tickets sold in sets for both days. Limited quantity available, orders filled in arrival order. Each convention registrant may order a maximum of <b>TWO</b> tickets, but the second ticket will only be fulfilled if quantities permit as of Nov 10. See the PAVO website for complete details. Non-registrants may not place ticket orders. <b>PLEASE CIRCLE NUMBER OF TICKETS ORDERED.</b>				0 tickets = \$0 1 ticket = \$48 2 tickets (if quantities permit) = \$96
<b>AVCA Coach of the Year Luncheon (Qwest)</b>	Thu, 12/14/06. May overlap some PAVO Convention sessions. <b>\$45 x _____ (No. of tickets)</b>				
<b>AVCA All-America Player Dinner (Qwest)</b>	Fri, 12/15/06. May overlap some PAVO Convention sessions. <b>\$45 x _____ (No. of tickets)</b>				
<b>Guest attendance</b>	Fri., 12/15/06 PAVO Evening Social and Semi-Final Analysis (Guest ticket only needed for NON-convention registrants) No. of guests _____ X \$20 each (Max. of TWO per convention registrant)				
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\* Requests for convention registration refunds received before December 5 will be charged a \$25 service fee. Requests for convention registration refunds received after December 12 will be charged a \$40 service fee.

\*\* NOTE: NCAA match tickets are **not** refundable under any circumstances.





Charles Ezigbo  
National Commissioner  
Junior National Ratings and Certifications

Please join me in extending congratulations to 52 new Junior National Referees. Their long, hard work paid off as they displayed their officiating skills during the second session of the Girl's USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships in Atlanta this past July. Several of them also came in to attend a training camp during the first session. Not only did their presence help support the tournament by adding extra officials, it also was a great opportunity for a final tune-up. This was a truly mutually beneficial experience for both the tournament and the candidate.

Also, we give a big thank you to the extraordinary team of raters that performed the evaluations during the tournament. Few people know the "other" side of the rating process where after a daily rating session, hours are spent at meetings that can last until 1a.m. The raters then get up the next day to start the process over again. For this and all the other things the raters do, I want to publicly say "THANKS". I would not be able to do it without you, and the program would certainly not be successful without the help of ALL who are on the rating team.



### 2006 Junior National Raters

Brian Hemelgarn	David Spencer
Carlos Rodriguez	Julie Voeck
Charles Ezigbo	Ken Cain
Clark Radcliffe	Joan Powell
Denis Bergstedt	Verna Klubnikin
Mara Wager	Steve Kenyon
Paul Albright	Keith Murlless
Phil Nadeau	Steve Webster

### New Junior Nationals - Class of 2006 !

Name	RegionCode
Joe Aguilar	Southern California
Arne Allen	Puget Sound
Zack Bird	Hoosier
Barry Bledsoe	Hoosier
Thomas Borek	Keystone
Brian Borski	North Texas
Melvin Cayetano	Southern California
Jerilyn Clawson	Intermountain
Tony Cothron	Florida
Scott Cull	Rocky Mountain
Lonnie Dickson, Jr.	North Texas
Sean Doheny	Great Lakes
Jan Filip	Northern California
Gary Hajek	Ohio Valley
Sharon Harris-Higgins	Lakeshore
Phillp Hornberger	Keystone
Keith Hutchison	Delta
Chris Johnson	New England
Neal Kenzakowski	Keystone
Andy Krawiec	Florida
Bill Krivohlavek	Great Plains
Mark Krone	North Texas
Chris Lanfear	New England
Mindy Leftwich	Southern
Terri Lewis	Intermountain
Andres Lopez	Arizona
Felix Madera	Great Lakes
Jim Marcelo	Rocky Mountain
Linda McKinney	Columbia Empire
Jeff McKinney	Western Empire
Phil Meyer	Southern California
Robert Miller	Southern
Bette Norman	Lakeshore
Stacy Olewiler	Keystone
Jason Olson	Columbia Empire
Luis Ramos	Lone Star
Ed Richardson	North Country
Dawn Roberson	Lone Star
Jimmy Ruiz	Old Dominion
Moises Santiago	Florida
Tony Slone	Ohio Valley
April Sutor	North Country
George Svaranowic	Hoosier
Bob Tang	Arizona
Darlene Taylor	Bayou
Chad Uebele	Badger
Louis Ventura	Southern California
Ruth Verbel	Great Lakes
James Werner	Heart of America
Scott Werner	Gateway
Kevin Willett	Intermountain
Scott Witmer	Keystone



**CORNY'S****CORNER***by Corny Galdones***Are We Traveling Or Officiating?**

More and more, officials are lugging briefcases, backpacks and rolling suitcases to the courts for their matches. What gives? When did these travel fashions become standard officiating equipment? I must have dozed off in the clinic that covered this topic.

Being prepared is the proper approach as long as we don't get carried away. Murphy was right on target. What can go wrong will go wrong. However, if we were to haul stuff to the court for every possible scenario, we would need a footlocker. Simplify. The bare essentials are ample. The less we tote, the more professional we look.

Taking our lunch pails to work is a must. Just don't do it literally. Getting hungry or scared witless may occur while officiating, but that's no reason to bring a full meal or a change of underwear to courtside. A hand-held kit bag with our officiating gear, line judge flags and a cushioned standing pad will do. How about a fanny pack? Well, it's not called that name for nothing. Wearing one isn't a pretty sight. Clutch it instead. Carting anything more to the scorekeeper table is overkill. Surely, we can function without our security blankets and office files. Besides, being packed appears as though we have places to go, things to do. What's the hurry? The match is our one and only priority. So put the cell phone away. The call from that hot date can wait till later. Get it? Get with it.

The same goes for bearing a load of bubble gum or sweets to entice members of the work team to do a good job. We're better off using our people and communication skills during the match rather than going around offering, "Wanna piece of candy, little girl?" Whatever we do, remember this tidbit. Perceptions, folks. Perceptions.

If we can cram a million things into our wallets or handbags, we certainly can manage with a little officiating kit. What goes into it, anyway? Whistle. Spare whistle with a different tone. Disposable whistle to loan. Lanyards. Red and yellow cards. Rulebook. Flipping coin. Net chain. Ball pump, needle and gauge. Pens. White-out. Pencils. Eraser. Officiating patch. Magnetic holder or Velcro strip for patch. Earplugs. That's it. Personal items can be added to full capacity but no more. Don't forget the breath mints.

Everything else should be stowed in the officials' lounge or locker room. Secure anything valuable. Unfortunately, we must resort to this measure because our belongings sometimes have a tendency to walk away. That's sad. What has our community come to? Where has the respect for our fellow officials' property gone? Once, these questions weren't necessary. There was honor and trust. Times have changed. Or have they? The answer is yours. But I digress.

Opportunities to blow our whistles exist all over the country. Suitcases and other baggage help to get us there. They're for traveling, not officiating. Let's keep it that way. As for our work gear, minimize. It's sharper.

**New National Referees Certified***by Mary Blalock**National Director for Referee Certification and Evaluation*

24 new National referees were certified at Boys Junior National Championships held in Minneapolis in July. Ratings were held over the first 3 days of the Boys competition.

These new National referees will be completing their certification when they attend Adult National Championships next year in Austin! Please congratulate them when you see them.

Our newest National referees are: Randy Burdin (Carolina), Wayne Clark (Old Dominion), Russell Combs (Southern California), Doug Darling (Gulf Coast), Jim Fales (Florida), Barbara Farnsworth (Evergreen), James Feickert (Arizona), Brad Frost (New England), Brian Heaton (Heart of America), Margo Juergens (Oklahoma), Dick Kappel (Lone Star), Sonny King (Sun Country), Nathan Mahaven (Ohio Valley), Terry Miller (Hoosier), David Oughtred (Northern California), Rich Pillar (Ohio Valley), Robert Regetta (Keystone), Donna Robert (New England), Steve Thomas (Oklahoma), Ryan Tighe (Great Plains), Howard Veater (Iroquois Empire), Craig Werner (Iowa), Jeff West (North Texas), and Daniel Wong (Badger).



A big thank you to the raters who worked very hard over those 3 days to watch the candidates as well as evaluate existing Junior National referees. They were Scott Atkinson (Keystone), Mary Blalock (Lone Star), Mike Carter (Florida), Gloria Cox (Lone Star), Larry Dolvig (Great Lakes), and Brian Hemelgarn (Ohio Valley).

**Evaluations Done At Adult Nationals**

Over 100 re-evaluations of existing National referees were done at Adult Nationals this year in New Orleans. The raters who were able to watch all those referees and matches were: Gloria Cox (Lone Star), Wally Hendricks (Great Lakes), Thomas Hoy (Lone Star) and Clark Radcliffe (Great Plains).



## NCAA Season Preparation: Rules Knowledge is Critical

*By Marcia Alterman  
NCAA Rules Interpreter*

The women's collegiate season is just around the corner, and most of you are in the thick of preparation. A significant part of that groundwork, as always, should be a thorough rules review. That review should include both those difficult rules that we sometimes get confused, and the new rules for 2006.

You'll get a thorough explanation of the 2006 changes at the OTP clinic you attend. You can also download a list of those rule changes on the PAVO website ([www.PAVO.org/rules.htm](http://www.PAVO.org/rules.htm)). Another tool that will help you prepare is one or both of the rules comparison documents. PAVO prepares both a comparison of the NCAA women's rules to the USA Volleyball rules, and a comparison of all three rules codes - NCAA, USAV and NFHS. Both comparison documents will be available at the OTP clinic you attend, and your PAVO board chair has been sent a master copy as well. Or, you can also download them from the PAVO website ([www.PAVO.org/comparisons.htm](http://www.PAVO.org/comparisons.htm)). These documents are invaluable for those who officiate USAV play in the spring and

summer, or who work both college and high school matches in the fall.

The examinations that PAVO develops are great training tools as well. Before you sit down to take the Form A exam, increase your confidence and practice your test-taking skills by taking the practice exam in the 2006 Volleyball Official's Guidebook (on sale now on the PAVO website, [www.PAVO.org/store.html](http://www.PAVO.org/store.html)). Or, ask your board chair for a copy of the Form C exam that PAVO sent in the board packet. The Form C exam is intended for entry-level referees, or as a practice exam for anyone who takes Form A as their "real" test.

Have you ever heard the old adage that to thoroughly understand a concept, you should "hear one, do one, teach one"? You can apply that to rules preparation for the upcoming season as well. Listen diligently at the preseason clinic you attend. Then, try to find a scrimmage or alumni match that you can call before the "real" season starts. Additionally, offer to do a clinic for the entry-level officials in your area. You'll find that explaining the rules to others is the best way to ensure your own comprehension.

Finally, don't forget the informal (but highly effective) method of rules education. Get together with a few fellow referees and have everyone identify the peskiest rule for them - the one that they can never keep straight. We all have one! Bring it to the group and see if someone else has a sure-fire method of remembering the rule that is your nemesis. Chances are that someone has some good hints to offer.

Watch for the Rules Interpretations Newsletters that will be developed as needed. There are usually two or three newsletters that are sent email or first class mail to all PAVO members as soon as they are written - usually in the first 2 to 3 weeks of the season. About a week after distribution to members, the Rules Interpretation Newsletters are posted on the website, too. But it is a member benefit that allows PAVO members to get them first. When you get a Rules Interpretation Newsletter, read it thoroughly!

The bottom line is - prepare, prepare, prepare. A solid foundation of rules knowledge is a key to excellent officiating. Becoming an outstanding referee takes more than just rules knowledge, but you can't do it without that building block.



## Special Olympic Games

*by Joe Sharpless*



The Inaugural Special Olympic USA National Games in Ames, Iowa, July 1-7, included 19 teams of both men and women, and represented 16 states in this first-ever competition. This is a forerunner to the next Special Olympic World Summer Games, scheduled for Shanghai, China, Oct. 2-11, 2007. Applications for volleyball referees will be available soon and are to be returned to the Washington, D.C., office of Special Olympics, Incorporated, by early November.

Joe Sharpless, Technical Delegate for Volleyball reports that 13 USA Volleyball National referees attended and officiated at the National Games. Nancy Sommer, a retired FIVB Arbitre and retired USA National referee served as the Head Referee, with Linda Hamernick assisting her. The referees are pictured.



The crew included (front row) Rick Laskey, Linda Hamernick, Joe Sharpless, Nancy Sommer, Corny Galdones and Fusako Hines; (second Row) Owen Nakamura, Daniel Leake, MaryAnn Gonzales (a Special Olympic Athlete-referee), Chuck Ellis and Jim Visgaitis; (third row) Bob Stanek, Joe Campbell, Ron Buchanan, Rich Richardson and Gordon Morrison. Not Pictured: Virgie Mallett



## Thanks to Those That Make the Tournaments Work

*by Kathy Ferraraccio*

It has been a summer of great National events for USA Volleyball. It began with the National Open tournament in New Orleans, continued with the Girls JOVC in Atlanta and the Girls Invitational in Minneapolis, and finished with the Boys JOVC also in Minneapolis.

To make these tournaments run as smoothly as they do, it takes a lot of behind the scenes efforts from staff at USA Volleyball and volunteers from all over the country. I would like to thank some of the people who put in so many hours to help the officials by making sure they get to the tournament, receive rooms if merited, get to the correct courts, and get reviewed if necessary.

At the Open tournament, the following people did a great job of making sure that all went as smoothly as possible for all officials. Thanks go to:

Head Referees Ben Jordan and Steve Robb

Assignors Corny Galdones, Margie Ray, Ron Buchanan and Greg Leung

At the Girls JOVC, thanks go to:

Head Referees Eric Hoffman and Kathy Ferraraccio

Assignors Al Herbert, Randy Cummings, Henry Leong and Glenn Reid

At the Girls Invitational and Boys JOVC, thanks go to:

Head Referees Leisa Jordan and Donnie Goodwin

Assignors Margie Ray, Roger Ozima, Greg Leung, and Tim Harlow

These people put in many long hours of work at the tournament, and make sure that the match count is as equal as possible for each of the officials at the event. Please thank for them the job they do in your behalf next time you see them on the courts!!

I would especially like to thank Al Herbert once again for his pre-tournament help in making sure that we have the information we need to assure correct assignments before we even arrive at the tournament.

I would also like to thank Mike Chandler and George Egan from USA Volleyball events department for all the work they do to ensure that the officials are treated fairly and equitably at the events. The contracts, the rooms, and the goodies we receive at the event are due to their hard work in our behalf. So please make sure to let them know how much you appreciate all their work.

And finally, many, many thanks go to the officials who work each of these events, going to their courts, working hard for the players, and then being available when an emergency arises. Each of you is the reason that we do what we do. You are the heart of the tournaments, and put in many hours, not expecting any recognition. Please know that each of you is appreciated for all your work and dedication to the Officials Division. Thanks to all of you for your support and professionalism during this summer of events.

Take some time off now, so you are ready for the collegiate season ahead. And as always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please send them my way.

Have a great August!!!!

## OTP Camps continued from page 6

Juli Smaellie	ID	Steve Thomas	OK	Chad Uebele	WI
Randy Smith	CO	Howard Veater	NY	Ed Vesely	IL
Barry Vaughn	TX	Craig Werner	IA	Judith Wahlam	IN
Kevin Willett	UT	Dan Wong	WI	John Wasserstrass	WI
Scott Witmer	PA	-- Staff --		-- Staff --	
-- Staff --		Marcia Alterman*	KS	Michael Blalock	TX
Marcia Alterman*	KS	Mary Faragher	KS	Donna Carter	FL
Mary Faragher	KS	Brian Hemelgarn	OH	Larry Dolvig	IL
Verna Klubnikin	CA	Verna Klubnikin	CA	Wally Hendricks *	IL
Joan Powell	CO	Joan Powell	CO	Marty Prochko	MO
Steve Webster	MA	SPRI Division I Tournament (Chicago, IL)		Bob Stanek	MN
				Julie Voeck	WI

\* Indicates camp crew chief

NIRSA - Advanced (Salt Lake City, UT)  
April 13 - 14

Doug Couvillon	LA	Karl Koopman	NE	A "BIG THANK YOU" goes out to all of the staff who helped to make the camps a success again this year.
Gary Hajek	OH	Jim Kramar	NY	
Don Miller	NY	Linda Lawrence	IN	
Milo Moyano	MN	Mike Marassa	IL	
Lisa Paull	ID	Brian McCaghren	TX	Another thank you goes out to all the local boards and conference coordinators who support our camp program. For further information about the camp program, please contact Julie Voeck at (414) 607-9918 or OTP.camp.director@pavo.org.
Steve Saviano	NY	Kevin McKinstry	OH	
Chris Stephens	KS	Devonie McLarty	IL	
Ryan Tighe	NE	Terri Narantic	IL	
		Kim Patik	IA	
		Russ Rodriguez	NY	
		Michelle Sanchez-Demaree	IN	
		George Svaranowic	IN	

## Team Delay Chart for Late Return

	Lineup <b>WAS</b> Submitted On Time	Score	Lineup <b>WAS NOT</b> Submitted On Time	Score
-3:00	Send someone for team	0-0	Send someone to get team	0-0
-0:30	Nothing further	0-0	Team Delay Warning	0-0
0:00	Team Delay Warning	0-0	Team Delay Penalty	0-1
+0:30	Team Delay Penalty	0-1	Team Delay Penalty	0-2
+1:00	Team Delay Penalty	0-2	Team Delay Penalty	0-3
+1:30	Team Delay Penalty	0-3	Team Delay Penalty	0-4
+2:00	Team Delay Penalty	0-4	Team Delay Penalty	0-5
+2:30	Team Delay Penalty	0-5	Team Delay Penalty	0-6
+3:00	Team Delay Penalty	0-6	Team Delay Penalty	0-7
+3:30	Team Delay Penalty	0-7	Team Delay Penalty	0-8
+4:00	Team Delay Penalty	0-8	Team Delay Penalty	0-9
+4:30	Team Delay Penalty	0-9	Team Delay Penalty	0-10
+5:00	Game Defaulted	0-30	Game Defaulted	0-30





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