

# THE OFFICIAL WORD NEWSLETTER



## THE NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS

by Marcia Alterman  
Executive Director

Since late fees were to go into effect on July 1, I hope most of you have paid your PAVO dues already; if not, get that done now!!

However, you've probably seen the notice that announced that PAVO will waive late fees for the first two weeks of July because of the significant changes that have taken place in the past year. We know it's been a bit confusing, and we certainly are not trying to make it worse for our members by adding late fees to those of you who just weren't sure how to take care of your membership obligations this year.

### **Membership Information:**

**Remember, if you still need to pay 2012 dues, you have until July 15 before the \$25 late fee will be applied.**

- **All** PAVO referee members will pay \$110 for PAVO dues, plus the local fees that your board charges. The local fees vary from board to board.
- Dues for PAVO line judges and scorekeepers are \$20, plus local fees (if any).
- All PAVO members (referees, line judges, and scorekeepers) are required to join a local PAVO-affiliated board, and pay any associated local fees. Please read the additional details below about the dues-payment processes.
- NCAA registration and access to the NCAA Central Hub is included with PAVO dues. It will

benefit **all** officials to access the Central Hub on a regular basis. The Hub will be the source for the NCAA/PAVO Form A&B examinations, the NCAA Rule Interpretation newsletters, video training, timely messages from the National Coordinator and Secretary-Rules Editor. *Any referee who works women's collegiate volleyball (or any match where NCAA rules are used) should be using the tools that are available on the Central Hub!!*

- Referee members - When you have paid your PAVO dues (either online or by check – see below) **and** completed your NCAA registration, you will be on the list to receive the NCAA "Welcome Package" that includes the 2012 NCAA Volleyball Rules book, the new PAVO Techniques Manual as well as valuable coupons and discounts from the approved uniform vendors. The "Welcome Package" will be shipped directly to each NCAA referee-registrant after the rule books are available in early July.

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*New Registration Process  
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- Those who join PAVO as a support official only (line judge or scorekeeper) and register on the NCAA Central Hub will have full access to all Central Hub features except the Form A/B exam. Support officials will not receive a “Welcome Package”, but may purchase NCAA rule books from the NCAA website and the NCAA/PAVO Techniques Manual from the PAVO E-store at the PAVO member price.
- The Form A/Form B exam for referees can ONLY be taken on the Central Hub, and is required for anyone wishing to be considered for post-season, and all PAVO National-, State-, and Local-rated referees. The exams will be available online from July 15 to Sept. 15. There will be a new Form C exam developed as well, to be used exclusively for entry-level referees (PAVO Apprentice- or Intramural-rated referees); Form C can be taken on the PAVO website or on paper.

As in recent years, your board chair has the option of allowing individual members to pay PAVO dues online, or collect the dues themselves and submit them in bulk to PAVO. If you have not yet heard from your PAVO board chair about which process your board is using, contact them.

### **Dues Payment Information**

#### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE PAYING DUES ONLINE:**

- If your board chair opts for online payments, you recently received an email with instructions for that process. When you pay your dues online in the PAVO E-store, you will pay the \$110 PAVO referee dues (or \$20 for support officials) plus your local board dues. PAVO will rebate the local amount back to your board chair, and submit the NCAA registration fee (which is included in the \$110/\$20) to the NCAA.
- The online dues-payment process will include the same steps as in recent years, requiring you

to electronically agree to the waivers and Conditions of Membership. Those documents are being reviewed and edited for 2012, so please review them when you see them online.

- As you complete the online dues payment process, you will be prompted to use a link to go to the Central Hub at the same time, and complete your NCAA registration. **PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYING PAVO DUES AND COMPLETING NCAA REGISTRATION ARE TWO SEPARATE STEPS, AND YOU MUST DO BOTH STEPS!!** PAVO is working with the NCAA technical staff to make that process as seamless as possible. If, for some reason, you do not complete NCAA registration when you pay your PAVO dues, you will be able to go back and complete that step later.

#### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT PAYING DUES ONLINE:**

- If your board chair opts for payments made directly to your local board, you will simply write a check for your dues, give it to your board chair or their designee, and your board chair will see that payment is made to the PAVO Central Office. Your board chair will submit \$110 for referee members and \$20 for line judge/scorekeeper members, and retain any local dues collected.
- Once your board chair submits your dues to the Central Office, you will receive an email with a link to the Central Hub so that you can complete your NCAA registration. You also will receive a link to the PAVO waivers and Conditions of Membership. Your dues will not be processed until you have agreed to the waivers/Conditions of Membership, and you will not have access to the Central Hub (including the exam and Rules Interpretation newsletters) until you complete NCAA registration

Please contact PAVO if you have any questions, and thanks for your continued work in volleyball.



**USA Volleyball**

*by Thomas Hoy*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012 OLYMPIC REFEREES

Later this summer the 2012 Olympic Games will be held in London, England, and USAV will have two FIVB referees representing the United States at this event. Patricia Salvatore will be representing USA at her fourth Olympics as an indoor referee while Dan Apol will be representing USA as a beach referee at his first Olympics. Not pictured here, but also representing USA will be WOVD official Joe Campbell, who will referee at the 2012 Paralympics Games in London following the Olympics. Joe has also worked at previous Paralympics, including the 2008 Games in China. We congratulate Patricia, Dan and Joe for their hard work that positioned them to be assigned to these prestigious tournaments. 'Mind the gap,' 'queue up,' 'take away' and have fun in England.



Dan Apol and Patricia Salvatore



## THINKING ABOUT ORDERING A 2012 NCAA RULE BOOK? READ THIS FIRST!!!

- Once your 2012 PAVO dues are paid and you've electronically agreed to the PAVO Conditions of Membership and the waivers, you can complete NCAA registration at no additional charge!
- However, NCAA registration is a separate step from dues payment – use the link available during dues payment OR on your PAVO WELCOME page to go to the NCAA registration site.
- PAVO referee members who are also registered on the NCAA Central Hub will receive a "Welcome Package", consisting of a 2012 NCAA rule book, the new NCAA/PAVO Officiating Manual, and discounts from the approved vendors.
- If you are NOT registered on the NCAA Central Hub, or if you are a PAVO line judge or scorekeeper member, you will not receive a "Welcome Package". NCAA rule books can be ordered at <https://ncaapublications.com/p-4282-2012-2013-volleyball-rules-2-year-publication.aspx>. Cost, including shipping, is about \$16.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Being consistent starts long before you step on the court**

*by Julie Voeck  
President*

We've all heard it before – from coaches, players, parents – “be consistent.” But what does that mean to us as officials? What do we need to do to “be consistent”?

Most of us think that “being consistent” relates to our decisions and judgments made during the match in areas such as ball-handling and back-row faults. We may also think that “being consistent” relates to our management of the game and interactions with coaches and team captains.

For an official, “being consistent” begins long before you ever walk out onto the court. It begins with your pre-match preparation, pre-game discussions with your partner and officiating crew as well as your actions during the match.

Have you ever heard the term “control the controllable?” How many times has something happened during a match that you were officiating which could have been addressed in your pre-match discussion with your partner or another crew member? I recently had a situation arise in a match that could have dealt with much better had I had addressed the issue with my partner in our pre-match discussion. The situation occurred while I was officiating as a second referee in the new USAV Premier Volleyball League (PVL) that debuted at the USAV National Championships in May in Salt Lake City.

The PVL incorporates some international protocols that are not present in most of the volleyball matches we regularly officiate or that the coaches are used to coaching.

About mid-way through the first set, the head coach for one of the teams requested a very late time-out between rallies. He requested the time-out verbally, without visually showing the required timeout hand signal. I did not have time to acknowledge his request or instruct him to make the time-out signal before my partner beckoned for serve. As you can imagine, the coach was not happy. He did not receive the timeout, and on top of that, his players were not sufficiently focused and ended-up losing the rally.

I was not happy with our performance as an officiating team. We didn't grant the timeout and it led to a coach becoming disgruntled. I was also disappointed that we had not covered this potential situation in our pre-match discussion since requiring a hand signal for timeouts is not a standard practice in the collegiate arena or most domestic matches. This was something we could have been more alert to and addressed before the match.

After the match, my partner and I discussed this situation. What could we have done better? How could we have managed this situation better? We discussed the need for more eye communication between us and the need to anticipate such a request. While we did have much better communication during the remainder of the match, we could have completely avoided the situation had we better addressed this potential situation prior to the match. This was the type of match that could require an even higher-than-normal need for referee communication given an environment in which both officials and coaches were being asked handle things differently.

Having a consistent approach to match preparation is critical to being consistent for each and every match. What are some examples of consistent pre-match preparation?

- Verifying your schedule several days in advance of the match
- Coordinating travel plans with your partner
- Before leaving home, verifying that you have a complete uniform and all equipment necessary for officiating
- Planning to arrive at the facility with sufficient time to find the venue and locker room, and allowing adequate time to get dressed

Pre-match activities and discussions are critical to good performance. As an evaluator of officials, I can't

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## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR HONOR, EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARDS

Awards honor members for commitment to PAVO and for contributions to officiating

Do you know somebody who has worked hard and has given back to help their local officials association? If you do, then submit their name for to be considered for one of two of PAVO's most prestigious awards.

The Honor Award is PAVO's highest honor. To be considered for this award, the nominee must be at least 30 years old and have worked in promoting volleyball officiating through PAVO for at least 10 years. Candidates should be persons of high moral character and personal integrity who, by their leadership and efforts, have made an outstanding contribution through officiating. Honor Award recipients are inducted as members of PAVO's Hall of Fame. Written nominations should be submitted by

Aug. 1 via e-mail to [president.elect@pavo.org](mailto:president.elect@pavo.org).

The Excellence in Service Award is given annually to a PAVO member who has demonstrated dedication, commitment and service to PAVO and/or its members, on a local, regional or national level. The nominee must be someone who has served in a leadership role in the past year and continues to actively demonstrate support within their board. They should be in good standing with PAVO. Written nominations should be submitted by Aug. 1 to the PAVO office at [pavo@pavo.org](mailto:pavo@pavo.org).

For more information call Miki Kennedy at 1-888-791-2074.

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tell you how many times I have asked officials about some things that happened during a match and whether they had been addressed during the pre-match discussion. Many times the issues that arose could have been addressed during the pre-game, but were not, which lead to a situation during the match.

Pre-match activities are more than simply the pre-game discussion with your partner. They also include:

- Inspecting the court, net system and playing area
- Verifying that all necessary equipment is in place, including the proper number of balls and scoring materials such as score sheets and line-up sheets
- Meeting the event manager or go-to person so you know who to turn to in the event there are issues during the match
- Identifying and planning your exit strategy following the match

Officials that follow the same pre-match protocol for each match will find that they are able to address many issues prior to the match rather than having to

fix them during the match, or having a hiccup the first time something happens before getting it right.

I have had the pleasure of working with many of the top referees in the country. Based on my experience of working with these officials, having a consistent pre-match is a key factor in their success. They consistently check the details for each and every match.

One top official whom I regularly work with each season holds the same pre-match discussion each and every time we work together. Even if it is our fifth match that year, we go through the same routine and discussion. We have both talked about things that happened during our matches. Some the items we covered during the pre-match discussion helped prevent what could have been issues in our matches. My suggestion for you: work on being consistent in your approach to all matches. "Being consistent" begins before you enter the court and before the first serve.

See you on the volleyball court.





**USA Volleyball**

by Keith Murlless

Director for National Beach Referee Certification & Evaluation

## FROM THE SAND

Summertime is upon us, and 2012 is proving to be a banner year! With beach season in full swing, there's a lot to report "**From The Sand!**"

### OLYMPICS

First and foremost, congratulations to our very own Dan Apol, who has been assigned to represent the USA as a Beach Volleyball Referee in the 2012 London Olympic Games! This is Dan's first Olympic assignment; please join us in wishing him the very best of experiences as he represents all of us at the world's largest sports venue.

Dan joins US Olympic veteran Patty Salvatore in London. Patty has officiated in three Olympics: as a Beach Referee in 96, then indoors in 2004, 2008, and again this year. Patty is one of the most decorated officials in FIVB history, and we wish her well in her fourth Olympics!

There is a very nice article that you might enjoy at [usavolleyball.org](http://usavolleyball.org) regarding these two and their Olympic assignments. Again, best wishes to both of our Olympic referees, and to our teams, indoor and out, as they represent the USA!

### COLLEGE SAND

Hopefully you haven't missed the debut of our new sport: **Collegiate Sand Volleyball**. The (inaugural) 2012 season was a huge success! From the first-ever match at University Alabama-Birmingham, all the way through to the Gulf-Shores AVCA National Championship, the new sport has impressed everyone involved. Our compliments go out to the AVCA, to the sixteen schools who participated, to the Gulf-Coast Region (Championship hosts), to the many USAV-certified officials who refereed the games... and of course to the athletes who showcased their skills to help launch a new era of volleyball!

Didn't get out there? Check out the **CBS Sports**

**Network** presentation of the Gulf-Shores Championship. The show is first-rate, and gives us all a glimpse of the great things that we can expect to come of Collegiate Sand Volleyball! (Show debuts in early June, with repeat airings through the summer on cable tv)

### NEW BEACH REFEREES

The Beach Trainers have been very busy of late. During 2011 and 2012, in conjunction with 14 member Regions, we've hosted more than a dozen Local and half-dozen Zonal certification clinics. We are very happy to welcome 62 new Local, and 21 new Zonal Beach Officials to our corps!

In addition, eight of our officials have earned their Beach-National ratings. In 2011: Joe Aguilar, Russell Combs, JR Gilkinson, Ted Grissom, Rich Richardson, and Tom Ulibarri. And in 2012: Steve Funk and Scott Long.

Finally, please help me congratulate our international group. Suzanne Lowry successfully completed her FIVB International Referee course in 2011. And Tony Chan and Katie Meyer completed their certification process and are now fully qualified International Beach Volleyball Referees.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: TRAINING CAMP

The Beach Commission is proud to offer its first ever BEACH OFFICIAL'S TRAINING CAMP July 18th-20th, at Hermosa Beach, Ca. The Camp will begin with an evening classroom session on Wednesday the 18th. Then the National Training Team will offer two chock-filled days of on-court experience, feedback and training. Certification is available for both LOCAL and ZONAL candidates throughout the weekend.

If you've been considering "coming out to the beach" then I encourage you to come join this inaugural Camp!

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## VOLLEY IN THE 'VILLE!!

### PAVO Convention: Ideas wanted

by Donna Carter  
Board Delegate

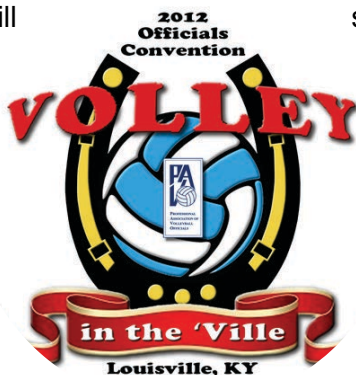
The PAVO Board of Directors is compiling a list of ideas for sessions at this year's PAVO Officials Convention in Louisville, KY., and we need your ideas and suggestions.

The Board hopes to have a session for improving your vision techniques as an official that will include specific training exercises. As always, there will be sessions on rules and techniques that will include video examples of what to do and what not to.

The coach's panel will help officials to better understand and relate to how coaches see officials, and how to improve those interactions. The assignor's breakfast and/or panel will help you better relate to what assignors need and expect from their officials. Other ideas on the table include a session on how to develop and maintain focus throughout a match, including the ups and downs, mistakes, intense play, and other distractions officials encounter. The Board also plans to include a session with the NCAA leadership with its report on the season, and an opportunity to get your questions answered. There will also be sessions that allow you to network with the

officials, assignors and administrators in attendance.

So what are we missing? What would help you to develop as an official? Send me an email and let me know your ideas. I have a stack of ideas from the evaluation forms from last year's convention, but if you weren't there, and plan to attend the 2012 convention, I need to hear from you. If you know of someone who would be a great presenter, get me their contact information.



The NCAA Division I Championships will be held Dec. 13-15 in the KFC Yum! Center. The PAVO convention will be held in conjunction with the tournament. The Hyatt Regency Louisville will serve as the headquarters hotel.

If you have never attended a convention before, consider adding this event as a reward for a successful and hard-worked season. If you've been to a convention in the past, you already know how rewarding, educational, and fun the event is; be sure to put it on your calendar now, and register as soon as the opportunity goes "live". See you in the 'Ville!!

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### **CERTIFICATION CLINICS**

Hermosa Beach, CA

As mentioned above, both Local and Zonal candidates may apply to be evaluated in Hermosa during the July 19-22nd weekend. Time is short though; please drop us an e-mail immediately if you'd like to sign up.

Bradford Beach, Milwaukee, WI

The last Certification event of the year will be offered in Milwaukee at the end of July. The mandatory classroom session will be held Friday night the 27th, with on-court work all day Saturday the 28th. In cooperation with Badger and other neighboring Regions, this Certification Clinic will offer both LOCAL and ZONAL candidates an opportunity to take that (in)famous "next step."

For more information about Beach Camps and Clinics, please e-mail Keith Murlless at [kmurlless@beachcommission.org](mailto:kmurlless@beachcommission.org)

And, as always... keep an eye on the official USA-Volleyball referee training resource: [volleyballreftraining.com](http://volleyballreftraining.com). We've added a ton of "new and improved" beach information to the VRT site: Our introductory PowerPoint now offers some video to help illustrate those tricky hand-setting decisions. And you can look to the TRAINING, RULES, RESOURCES, and APPLICATIONS pages for even more "beach" information!

That's it for this edition.... See you out on the sand!



## NCAA/PAVO CLINIC INFORMATION - 2012

by Anne Pufahl  
OTP-Clinic Director

The NCAA/PAVO clinic registration process is now available on the PAVO website, [www.pavo.org](http://www.pavo.org). Clinics will be held at 29 sites over five weekends during July and August. The clinic sites and host contact information are listed below. Go to the PAVO E-Store to register and view the details for the clinic of your choice. You may also contact the site host directly to get clinic start times and other details.

The registration fees for 2012 are the same as last year – **however, the add-on charge for “walk-ins” (those who fail to pre-register) has been increased to \$50.** The clinic registration fees are detailed below.

Even if your board or conference plan to pay your registration fee, you must register online!!

Please note that online registration for each clinic closes at 11 p.m. Central time on the Tuesday before the clinic date. After that point, your only option is to take a chance that walk-ins will be accepted, and pay the \$50 fee. Hosts are not required to accommodate walk-ins, and will do so only on a space-available basis. So register early!!

NCAA/PAVO clinic attendance is mandatory for all referees seeking NCAA post-season assignment, and is also required by many conferences and assignors.

<b><u>CATEGORY</u></b>	<b><u>PRE-REGISTERED, PRE-PAID ONLINE</u></b>	<b><u>WALK-IN** (Payable at the door)</u></b>
Current PAVO Member	\$25 + local charges	\$75 + local charges
Non-PAVO member, non-collegiate referee	\$30 + local charges	\$80 + local charges
Non-PAVO member, women's collegiate referee	\$75 + local charges	\$125 + local charges

\*\* Pre-registration is highly recommended. Clinics are not required to accommodate attendees who are not pre-registered, and will do so on a space-available basis only.

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### ***PAVO RefSchool – Better Than Ever!***

*The 2012 version of RefSchool is up and running! Those who have used RefSchool in the past three years have enjoyed significant improvement on their exam scores, and reported that their comfort level with rules knowledge increased their officiating confidence. Once again, all 2012 Form A/B examination questions will be included in the bank of RefSchool questions by about July 10.*

*Select brief study quizzes that cover specific NCAA rules, or take a complete 25-question practice examination. Get immediate feedback and rule references.*

*Subscription fees: PAVO members - \$10, non-members - \$15.*

*A subscription allows unlimited access from now until April 1, 2013.*

*Subscribe now, so you don't forget! Look for the link on the PAVO home page to navigate to RefSchool!*





## 2012 NCAA/PAVO CLINIC SCHEDULE

21-Jul	Savannah, GA	Lester Hayman	lesterhayman.svoa@comcast.net
21-Jul	Birmingham, AL	Pat Martin	riveroaks@msn.com
22-Jul	Louisville, KY	Nancy Funk	nfunk@insightbb.com
22-Jul	Murfreesboro, TN	Elaine Mitchell	elainesports@att.net
28-Jul	Los Angeles, CA	Verna Klubnikin	vernaref@aol.com
28-Jul	Bismarck, ND	Dorothy Lick	dorothy@ndba.com
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## WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE RULE AND TECHNIQUE CHANGES - 2012

by Anne Pufahl, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor and  
Joan Powell, NCAA National Coordinator

There are several significant rule and technique changes that will be implemented this fall. As you prepare for the fall season, review the information below, but remember that complete details will be provided at the 2012 NCAA/PAVO clinics. Also, the most updated information about rules and techniques for women's collegiate volleyball will be available on the NCAA Central Hub.

NCAA registration is a member benefit of PAVO, and is required for all referees who want to be considered for NCAA post-season assignment. "Welcome Packages" will be provided to all NCAA registrants, which will include the 2012-13 NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules book and the NCAA/PAVO Officials Manual (a new techniques and mechanics reference guide). Welcome Packages will be distributed beginning in mid-July.

Here is a brief review of the 2012 rule and technique changes and clarifications:

### RULE CHANGES:

**Referee Stand. Rule 1.5.4.** The rules language has been changed to require that the referee platform and ladder must be distributed evenly behind the net pole, and that the ladder must be at the back of the referee platform. Some net systems currently have the referee stand and platform inside the net pole with the ladder on one side of the platform. This could create a potentially dangerous situation and uneven playing area for the team on the side of the ladder.

**Use of Electronic Aids. Rule 6.1.5.** The rules committee determined that transmitting statistical data to the bench area from another location in the facility should be allowed. However, electronic audio communication or video transmission is still prohibited. The committee realizes that technology is changing quickly, and allowing statistical information to be transmitted is a current accepted practice.

**Change of Team Areas Between Sets. Rule 9.2.4.4.1.** The rules language will now specifically state that the second referee conducts a new coin toss

for the deciding set. The previous rule stated that the first referee could either conduct the coin toss or direct the second referee to do it. This rule change will align with the current practice.

**Substitutions. Rule 11.3.2.** Each team is now entitled to 15 substitutions per set. The 2011 rules survey results showed a vast majority of coaches in favor of increasing the number of substitutions per set. Many programs are being asked to carry more student-athletes on their team roster. This change allows for increased playing opportunities. *Associated Technique: The second referee notifies the appropriate coach(es) when the 12th through 15th team substitutions are made, and the first referee when the 15th substitution is made.*

**Hand Signals. Rule 18.1.5.** Starting with the 2012 season, the signal sequence used in women's collegiate volleyball will be nearly the same as the current USA Volleyball mechanics. If the fault is whistled by the first referee, he or she indicates the result of the play (point or replay) followed by the nature of the fault. The second referee mimics the first referee's signals. If the fault is whistled by the second referee, the second referee will indicate the nature of the fault and the player at fault (if necessary). The first referee, if in agreement, will then indicate the result of the play (point or replay), and the second referee mimics that signal. The rules committee feels that first indicating which team will serve next facilitates the actions of the scorekeepers, ball crew, media, etc. during the time the ball is out of play. This will add to a more consistent tempo to the match.

**The Line Judge. Rule 18.5.1.2.** The duties of the line judges has been changed; the line judges will no longer be responsible for calling non-serving players off the court (position fault) at the time of service. The committee felt that the first and second referees should be solely responsible for determining all position faults. Line judges may continue to provide information to the first and second referee at an

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appropriate time if they notice potential position faults of this nature.

### RULE CLARIFICATIONS:

**Jewelry. Rule 7.2.2.** An ear gauge (a device use to stretch a piercing beyond it normal limits) is considered to be jewelry and is not allowed.

**Other Articles. 7.2.4.2.** Specific language will now identify a cochlear implant as allowed medical equipment.

**Artificial Noisemakers and Bands. Rule 18.2.6.2.** Language was added to instruct the public address announcer to cease speaking when the first referee prepares to authorize the service.

**Flags. Rule 18.5.3.3.** The line judge flag dimensions were modified in the rule to meet the current industry standards.

**Event Management. Bullet 5.** The language was changed to allow for a three- or four-ball rotation system. The rules committee realizes that inexperience ball crew members may need the extra ball to be productive and keep the match flowing at a steady pace.

### TECHNIQUE CHANGES AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS

#### Line Judges

- The first referee should hold the pre-match briefing with line judges in the locker room before the match if possible. If the line judges are not present prior to the 30 minute mark, the officials will go to the court, and have the discussion as previously practiced.
- A line judge will call the ball “down,” then show the “touch” signal when an unsuccessful pancake attempt occurs in the free zone.

#### First Referee

- At the 30-minute mark, the first referee will whistle and hold up a coin to invite the team

representatives for the coin toss. The first referee will no longer use the hand signal indicating “C” for captains. The visitors will still call the toss.

- After the pre-match introduction, the first referee will use one whistle while signaling the team to the net to shake hands. (The first referee will no longer use two whistles, one for the captains, followed by a second whistle for the teams.)
- When signaling a change of court, the first referee will use fists – only one rotation, starting with the right arm in front of the body and the left arm behind the body.

#### Second Referee

- Prior to each set, the second referee will remind the scorekeeping crew to verify the lineups while the second referee checks the team’s positions on the court.
- The second referee needs to control the substitutes early and firmly regarding their position in the warm-up area. The “whistle and wave” back repeated several times is not appropriate.
- The second referee will notify a coach when a team has used its second timeout by showing the timeout signal, and then indicate “two.”
- The second referee will give the substitution signal to the coach and indicate the appropriate number of substitutions used when a team has used its 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th substitutions.
- Only after a team’s 15th substitution, the second referee will signal the first referee the number of substitutions used as well.

#### First and Second Referees

- The signal for substitution is made with closed fists.
- When the second referee judges that a net fault has occurred, the first referee will not mimic the fault signal, but will mimic the numbers provided and then initiate a point signal.
- When the first referee issues a sanction card, he or she will accompany the signal with a whistle.
- When the second referee requests a sanction card, he or she will accompany the request with a whistle.



## NOMINATIONS FOR PAVO BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS DUE JULY 15

PAVO is accepting nominations for two open positions on its Board of Directors. Nominations are due July 15.

Members will vote this fall to elect a director-at-large, a position currently held Carlos Rodriguez, and a board delegate, a position currently held by Kathy Ferraraccio.

The successful candidates will serve for three years from Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2015. Directors are required to attend annual board meetings which are normally held in March. They also will be expected to foster positive relationships with local PAVO boards by addressing local board and member issues that arise,

and take on other duties as assigned by the president. Candidates who have been involved in PAVO leadership on a local, regional or national level, have been or are currently on the National Rating Team, or worked as an OTP clinic or camp clinician are eligible to serve on the board. Candidates should also have held a leadership position in a local PAVO-affiliated board within the past five years. The positions also require the candidate to be a member in good standing.

To nominate yourself or a member who would serve PAVO well, e-mail a letter to Crystal Lewis at [past.president@pavo.org](mailto:past.president@pavo.org).

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**USA Volleyball**

by Nancy Funk  
Director of Scorekeeping Certification & Evaluation

## ACCOLADES TO THE SCORERS

We have just completed the 2012 USA Volleyball Open Championships. At these championships the 2012 scorer awards were presented, so when you see the following individuals please congratulate them on their achievements.

### **Edward P. Lauten Scorer Service award**

Dixie Collins, Chesapeake Region

### **Gold Pen**

Kim Williams, Puget Sound Region

### **Silver Pen**

Nathan Wagner, Great Plains Region, and  
Victoria Hinkle, Puget Sound Region

I am sure you have heard through the grapevine about one of the new rule changes for next season. The Liberos will be allowed to serve. The scorer commission is working on writing the explanation of the rule change to be an addition to the DCR. Steve Crane is creating examples of the new rule scoresheet for us. Thanks Steve for all your hard work!

Of course this is going to be information that will need to be disseminated to our group as the DCR will not be reprinted until the 2013 -2014 season. This should all be approved and sent out by August...hopefully sooner.



by Brian Hemelgarn  
Examination Director

## REFEREE EXAM UPDATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

It's true that a few things are changing regarding the 2012 NCAA/PAVO referee examination – but the overall process and format of the exam will be very familiar to you. Here is the basic information regarding the 2012 examination process:

- As in the past, there will be a Form A/Form B examination that must be taken to retain or obtain PAVO Local, State, or National referee certification. The Form A/B exam is also required for consideration for NCAA postseason assignment.
- It is a requirement for PAVO National referees and anyone considered for NCAA postseason assignment to take the exam without outside assistance (closed-book) and within a 90-minute time frame. A score of 90 must be obtained on Form A, or Form B must be taken using the same guidelines. The exam must be taken and the

score submitted by September 15.

- PAVO Local and State referees will take Form A, and correct the exam to 100%, submitting those corrections to your board chair.
- PAVO Apprentice and Intramural referees will take the (new) Form C exam, which may be taken online or on paper. A master copy of this exam will be provided to each board chair. The exam must be corrected to 100% and submitted to your board chair.
- The Form A/B exams may no longer be taken in printed form. The **only** access to the Form A/B exams will be via the NCAA Central Hub.
- All three exams will be available by around July 15.

Please contact me if you have questions (hemelgarn@ovr.org).





**USA Volleyball**

by Donna Wigton  
Director, International Indoor Scorers

## INTERNATIONAL SCORERS NOTES

### Salt Lake City Opens

Thanks to the addition of the twelve teams in the Women's Premier Volleyball League (in place of the Women's Open), and eleven teams in the Men's Open division, there were lots of matches for our International Certified and Qualified scorers. George Egan and his crew did a great job of getting us what we needed – thanks! All of the assistant scorers on one court of the Men's Open Division ran the E-scoresheet each day – thanks to those who got trained and performed so well! Also a BIG thanks to the volunteers who helped input rosters – Rose Atkinson, Jane Dong, Bill Jones, Margo Juergens, Terry Lawton, Rosie Sintop, Jenny Vogt, and Kim Williams – and all the experienced folks who helped at the training Friday morning. Five people fulfilled the requirements to become Qualified: Maureen Barbosa (SC), Cathy Fischer (SC), Jackie Martin (FL), Jerry Moews (GL), and Darlene Taylor (SC). Congratulations to the following scorers who were assigned women's and men's finals respectively: Amber Ellis (RM), assisted by Dixie Collins (CH); and, Tina Stanley (GP), assisted by Felix Madera (GL).

### High Performance Championships (Des Moines, IA)

Donna Wigton (RM) will be Head Scorer at this event and Becky Brockney (RM) will return to the training court, supervising Roger Thinnies (GL), Kent Haggard (RM), and Amber Ellis (RM). Working the regular courts are: Roy Benasaraf (KE), Bob Dingee (GE),

Chuck Ellis (RM), Ross Erickson (NO), Sonny Fernandez (LS), Malcolm Grimes (SO), Eloise Hiemke (GP), Linda Lawrence (PR), Virgie Mallett (LS), Jimmy McKinzey (OV), Mike McNeil (IE), Renee Paser-Paull (WE), Rich Richardson (LS), Cathy Rivera (EV), Tina Stanley (GP), Jenny Vogt (PS), and Ron Weigand (CR). Also working and mentoring on the regular courts we have Amber Fulk (CR), and volunteering is Sue Mailhot. Thanks to all of you!

### Men's Junior NORCECA (Colorado Springs, CO)

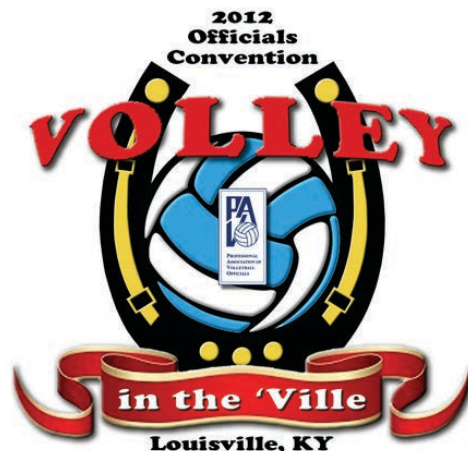
Congratulations to the following candidates for International Scorer Certification working this tournament in August: Jane Dong (SC), Travis Karlin (NO), Carlos Rodriguez (LS), and Jennifer Williams (FL). Raters will be Dixie Collins (CH), Becky Brockney (RM), and Donna Wigton (RM).

### New Web Address for International Scorer Info!

As you may have noticed, all of the official's information has been moved from the USAV site to the Officials' training site. To access this information go to [www.volleyballreftraining.com](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com), click on Resources, then Indoor Scorer Materials, then the tabs at the bottom for our manual Janet Blue prepared, and the power point presentation Steve Crane developed. Sometime after the Olympics, I will be updating the manual with changes for the next quadrennial. I think you will find this resource easy to navigate and very informative.

## 2012 PAVO Officials Convention

Louisville KY  
December 13-15  
Plan now to join us!!





## MAINTAINING A NATIONAL RATING:

by Mara Wager  
NRT Director

The requirements for maintaining PAVO National referee certification are listed below, and are also on the PAVO website. Please make sure that you are familiar with these requirements and meet all deadlines!!

- By September 15 - Pass Form A of the theoretical examination with a minimum score of 90 without using a rule book or other resources, and within the 90-minute time allowance. If a score of 90 is not attained, the referee can be re-examined using Form B, using the same criteria as above. See the PAVO Theoretical Exam Procedures in the annual board packet. Test results must be submitted to the NRT Director by September 15th.

- Attend a NCAA/PAVO clinic prior to each women's collegiate season.
- Submit an annual survey to the NRT Director by March 1 each year for the previous season. Please note this revised date – points entered after this date will NOT be accepted!!

If a National referee fails to meet any of the above requirements once, the referee is ineligible to receive renewal points for that season. Two failures to meet any of the above requirements during one renewal term will result in losing the National certification.

If you have questions, please contact Mara Wager (mara\_97@hotmail.com).

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