

OMNE VOLLEYBALL REFEREE NETWORK

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PRE-SEASON INFO

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Here we are again, another year, another new volleyball season. I know many of you are anxious to get started. If you are not planning to work this year, I hope you trained someone to take your place. As the years go by, there is a need for more and more volleyball referees.

I reset all officials registered in Arbiter to 'Not Ready'. If you want to be assigned by me this year, you must log into your Arbiter account, using the instructions below. (If you need assistance with your username or password, contact ArbiterSports directly at 801-576-9436.)

1. Click on your PROFILE tab. Update any of your personal information that has changed. (You must include an address, otherwise the system will not take into account your travel time or amount.)
2. You MUST upload a picture of yourself. (if you need assistance with that, let me know and I can help you).
3. Then make sure you click on top tab that says 'Blocks'. Enter your non-availability from August to November.
4. I have a new form posted on the MAIN page of your Arbiter account under Announcements. Please complete the form as soon as possible. (or cut and paste this link into a browser):
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/41d3ce309f2d439ea77504cbc206eead>
The link is also available on my website at omnevb.net under the High School tab.
5. After you complete the above tasks, return to your Main Page and click 'Ready to Be Assigned'.

Those of you who are working for me, but are not joining NSAA must attend an on-court scrimmage. There are a couple of rule changes this year that I want to make sure you are aware of.

If you have not already joined the NSAA, you need to do so by July 31 (or pay a late fee). If you are new to NSAA, you have until Aug 26 to join. However, the sooner you join, the sooner, you will get your rulebook. You are not required to join the NHSOA (Nebraska High School Officials Association), but if you want to attend one of their clinics, you must join.

NSAA INFO

MO July 24 – TU Aug 8

NSAA Online Rules meeting (no charge)

WE Aug 9 – TU Aug 15

NSAA Online Rules meeting (\$25 fee)

WE Aug 16 – FR Aug 18

NSAA Online Rules meeting (\$50 late fee)

MO Aug 7

First practice date

MO Aug 14 – TU Aug 29

NSAA Jamboree dates (jamboree dates are extended this year only)

FR Aug 18

NSAA online test due

TH Aug 24

1st competition date

OMNEVB Fees

I must charge a small fee of \$10 to anyone who is assigned by me and works varsity matches. This fee only covers some of my expenses. You can pay me anytime you see me. Thanks for your understanding.

CLINICS

Clinics are not mandatory, but are available for your information. Please complete your online rules meeting and your test before you attend a test review session.

Thursday	8-3	5:30 pm	new referee clinic	Nebraska Elite – 1212 n 102 ND St, Omaha (if you are a new volleyball referee, come learn more about volleyball officiating)
Monday	7-31	5:30 pm	Rules Test Review	Pizza Ranch, 3010 S 84 th St, Omaha
Tuesday	8-1	5:30 pm	Rules Test Review	Pizza Ranch, 8420 Lexington Ave, Lincoln
Tuesday	8-8	5:30 pm	Rules Test Review	Lansky's, 3909 Twin Creek Dr, Bellevue
Wednesday	8-9	5:30 pm	Rules Test Review	Pizza Ranch, 8420 Lexington Ave, Lincoln

Please support these businesses that give us free room rental by eating at that establishment.

I will have more on-court scrimmage dates coming soon. Check my website (www.omnevb.net) often for an updated schedule. All clinics in the Omaha/Lincoln area will NOT be through the NHSOA.

Test answers for the NSAA part 1 test must be entered into your NSAA account by FR Aug 18.

NHSOA Clinics

TH July 27	5:30 pm	NHSOA clinic	Hebron - Thayer Central Elem School
TH Aug 18	5:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	Auburn HS
MO Aug 21	5:30 pm	NHSOA clinic	McCook HS
TU Aug 22	5:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	Scottsbluff HS
MO Aug 28	4:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	Cedar Rapids HS
TU Aug 29	4:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	Norfolk HS

ASSIGNMENTS

Just so we are 'all on the same page' regarding assignments, I try and assign everyone as many matches as I can. However, I will assign first, those referees that work mostly for me and this organization. After assignments for those referees have been completed, I will make assignments to other referees who are available. If you notice openings in the schedule after most of the assignments have been made, I do not mind if you contact me and offer to work any open matches. I will always assign referees first before making any line judge assignments.

Your assignments in Arbiter are NOT assigned by position. You can figure out with your partner, who will be the R1 and R2 for the assigned matches. But, do NOT let me hear that you are always picking to be the R1 on varsity matches.

If you are assigned to work at a tournament, a secondary schedule will be sent with specific times and assignments.

Most of my communication is done through email. So during the season, you should check your email often.

I have some new schools in the Omaha area this year, as well as in Lincoln and other communities surrounding Omaha.

USING ARBITER

For a help article on how to register and put in your non-availability, please refer to the How To Guide for Officials on the Support Articles tab on the main page of your Arbiter account.

For those of you that will be assigned matches by me, here are a few things you need to know about the Arbiter system:

1. To find the name of your partner on an assigned match, click on the match number.
2. You can use the school name under the SITE tab to get the school address.
3. You can click on the AD's (or secretary's) email address to send an email directly to them (as long as your computer is configured to do this).
4. If you are assigned by other assignors, please make sure you keep ALL your assigning sites up-to-date.

I will be assigning line judges to some high school matches. Make sure you've indicated your willingness to work in that position. I only make line judge assignments after I've assigned all referee positions for that date.

ENTER YOUR VARSITY SCHEDULE on www.nsaahome.org

You no longer have to state how many varsity matches you worked the previous year when you register with the NSAA. The only way your varsity matches are tracked is if you enter them on the NSAA website. In order to advance in certification level, an official must have worked at least 4 varsity matches in the previous year. For more information about this policy, please read the officials manual on the NSAA website. As soon as assignments are completed, you can do this. If you do not enter your varsity schedule this year, you will not be able to do it next year when you register and none of your varsity matches will be counted.

NSAA OFFICIALS MANUAL

Warm-up protocol and other information regarding high school matches can be found in the NSAA Officials Manual. The manual can be printed from the NSAA website. Go to the NSAA website at www.nsaahome.org – click on the Officials tab (toward the far right of the upper menu). The 2016-2017 Officials Manual is the top listing on the left side.

There will be NEW warm-up protocols this year. The clock will be set at 16 minutes. The teams will share the court (on their side) for 5 minutes. Then the home team will have the court to themselves for 5 minutes. Then the visiting team will have the court for 5 minutes. When a team is allowed both sides of the court, the other team must be completely off the 30x60 playing court and the playable area adjacent to the playing court. When the timer buzzes for one minute left, the teams have that minute to return to their bench and be ready when the final buzzer sounds. At the conclusion of the one minute, teams should be ready on the endline of the court or should be ready for introductions (according to local protocols).

There will be no shared serving. So each team must serve within their 5 minutes. It shall be the official timer's responsibility to notify each team when it is time to change drills. (11, 6, 1) Referees are not responsible for the administration of warm-ups. If a team has an issue with the way warm-ups are being conducted, refer them to the host school management.