

# OMNE VOLLEYBALL REFEREE NETWORK

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## PRE-SEASON INFO

7-8-18

Here we are again, earlier than ever. I hope you are planning to work again this year, but if not, 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'. I will begin assigning no later than July 23. I will be on vacation from Aug 1 – Aug 12, so I need to get most assignments finished before I leave. 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 through 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/4ae533d6562848c294f57156acea952b>  
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, preferably the one at Boystown on July 26.

If you are new to this organization, I assign most of the matches in the Omaha metro area from middle schools to the varsity level. In Lincoln, I assign most of the lower level matches for the Lincoln Public Schools (Freshmen/Reserve) and all of Waverly's home matches. I also assign a number of matches in Council Bluffs, so I'm always looking for referees who have registered in Iowa.

If you have not already joined the NSAA, you should do so as soon as possible. If you were registered last year, you need to register by July 31 (or pay a late fee). If you are new to NSAA, you have until Aug 17 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.

## 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.

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7-26</b>	5:30 – 7:30	new referee clinic	Boystown Fieldhouse (if you are a new volleyball referee, come learn more about volleyball officiating)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7-23</b>	6:00 pm	Rules Test Review	Pizza Ranch, 3010 S 84 <sup>th</sup> St, Omaha
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7-24</b>	6:00 pm	Rules Test Review	Pizza Ranch, 8420 Lexington Ave, Lincoln
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7-25</b>	5:30 pm	Rules Test Review	Lansky's, 3909 Twin Creek Dr, Bellevue
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8-14</b>	6:00 pm	Rules Test Review	The Mark, 20902 Cumberland Drive, Elkhorn

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

Test answers for the NSAA part 1 test must be entered into your NSAA account by FR Aug 17.

I will have more on-court scrimmage dates coming soon. Check my website ([www.omnevb.net](http://www.omnevb.net)) often for an updated schedule. All clinics in the Omaha/Lincoln area will NOT be through the NHSOA. If you are able to work at a pre-season jamboree, please take advantage of it.

FR Aug 17      5:00 pm      on court scrimmage      Lincoln Northeast

### NSAA INFO

<b>TU July 31</b>	Deadline to register (if registered last year)
<b>FR Aug 17</b>	Deadline to register (if new this year)
<b>MO July 23 – TU Aug 7</b>	NSAA Online Rules meeting (no charge)
<b>WE Aug 8 – TU Aug 18</b>	NSAA Online Rules meeting (\$25 fee)
<b>WE Aug 15 – FR Aug 17</b>	NSAA Online Rules meeting (\$50 late fee)
<b>MO Aug 6</b>	First practice date
<b>MO Aug 13 – TU Aug 18; 20,21</b>	NSAA Jamboree dates
<b>FR Aug 17</b>	NSAA online test due
<b>TH Aug 23</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> competition date

### NHSOA Clinics

TH Aug 16	5:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	Chadron State College
TH Aug 16	5:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	Humphrey HS
FR Aug 17	5:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	Centura HS
TU Aug 21	5:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	West Point-Beemer HS
MO Aug 20	5:30 pm	NHSOA clinic	Nebraska City ???

### 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 an online 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](http://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](http://www.nsaahome.org) – click on the Officials tab (toward the far right of the upper menu). The 2018-2019 Officials Manual is the top listing on the left side.

**Last year we used the NEW warm-up protocols.** I think it worked well. Here is a review of the warm-up procedures:

Warm-up There shall be a minimum of 16-minutes warm-up for all interschool matches. The warm-up period shall be divided as follows for district and state competition:

- 5 minutes—Both teams on their sides of the court
- 5 minutes—Home team both sides of the court (to include serving)

- 5 minutes—Visiting team both sides of the court (to include serving)
- 1 minute—Teams at respective benches

For varsity regular season tournament play warm-ups may be 11-minutes divided as follows:

- 2 minutes—Both teams on their sides of the court.
- 4 minutes—Home team both sides of the court (to include serving)
- 4 minutes—Visiting team both sides of the court (to include serving)
- 1 minute—Teams at respective benches and by the conclusion of the final minute on the end line ready for play.

There will be no shared serving.

During the final minute of the warm-up, teams must return to their respective benches. By the conclusion of the final minute, the players who will be introduced (if doing player introductions) must be on the end line. After player introductions/National Anthem, the R1 will whistle for the teams to shake hands at the net. Then the starting players must immediately take their positions on the court for line-up checks, and the non-starters shall return to the team bench.

When a team is allowed both sides of the court, it may practice any skill including serving. While the team is allowed both sides of the court, the other team must be completely off of the 30' x 60' playing court, and the playable area adjacent to the playing court.

It is not automatically within the authority/duties of the referee to dictate the warm-up schedule. If the match officials are to direct warm-ups, meet management should make prior arrangements with the officials.

It shall be the official timer's responsibility to notify each team when it is time to change drills. Non-varsity warm-up shall be as listed unless the schools mutually agree to other arrangements.