

# OMNE VOLLEYBALL REFEREE NETWORK

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## PRE-SEASON INFO

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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. 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'.

I will have a few on-court clinics prior to the start of the season. Please make plans to attend one. There will be a special clinic for those referees that do mostly JH matches. Look for dates coming soon.

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 assign for Yutan and I picked up Mead this year. I also assign a number of matches in Council Bluffs, so I'm always looking for referees who have registered in Iowa. Anyone who registers in Iowa does not owe a registration fee to me.

If you have not already joined the NSAA, you should do so as soon as possible ([nsaahome.org](http://nsaahome.org)). 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. All NSAA registered members are now also members of NHSOA (Nebraska High School Officials Association), so all clinics are now free.

## OMNEVB Fees

If you want to be assigned by me or be registered in my Arbiter assigning system, I must charge a registration fee of \$20. This fee only covers some of my expenses. You can pay me anytime you see me (or you can mail it to my home address). 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. At the Rules Test Review session, you can review your test answers, then enter them into the NSAA system after the review session. Answers are not due until FR Aug 23.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7-29</b>	6:00 pm	Rules Test Review	Pizza Ranch, 3010 S 84 <sup>th</sup> St, Omaha
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7-30</b>	6:00 pm	Rules Test Review	Pizza Ranch, 8420 Lexington Ave, Lincoln
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7-31</b>	5:30 pm	Rules Test Review	Lansky's, 3909 Twin Creek Dr, Bellevue
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8-6</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 23.

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. If you are able to work at a pre-season jamboree, please take advantage of it.

### NSAA INFO

<b>WE July 31</b>	Deadline to register (if registered last year)
<b>FR Aug 16</b>	Deadline to register (if new this year)
<b>MO July 29 – TU Aug 13</b>	NSAA Online Rules meeting (no charge)
<b>WE Aug 14 – TU Aug 20</b>	NSAA Online Rules meeting (\$25 fee)
<b>WE Aug 21 – FR Aug 23</b>	NSAA Online Rules meeting (\$50 late fee)
<b>MO Aug 12</b>	First practice date
<b>MO Aug 19 – SA Aug 24; 26,27</b>	NSAA Jamboree dates
<b>FR Aug 23</b>	NSAA online test due
<b>TH Aug 29</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> competition date

NSAA is changing their certification procedures. There will be two levels of certification. If you just want to maintain your ability to officiate, you just need to register every year and take the open book test. However, if you want to be considered for post season opportunities, you must add an additional step of taking the closed book test every year. This is in addition to working at least 4 varsity matches. Varsity matches are only counted if they are entered into your online NSAA schedule.

Information from your NSAA log-in page: At the April 2019 NSAA Board of Directors meeting the NSAA Board of Directors voted to adopt a \$5 increase to official's registration fees. This increase will allow all officials to be a part of the Nebraska High School Officials Association (NHSOA). This also means that all officials can attend any NHSOA/NSAA official's clinic free of charge. A new classification system for officials will be as follows:

#### NSAA Officials Classification System

The NSAA registers officials in softball, football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, swimming/diving, baseball, and track and field. Officials will be placed in one of two classifications.

In order to officiate varsity contests, the following requirements must be met:

A. **Approved.** Requirements for this classification are:

- (1) View the NSAA online rules meeting.
- (2) Submit the Part 1 test for the current year and score 80% or higher.

B. **Certified.** The requirements for this classification are:

(1) View the NSAA online rules meeting.

(2) Submit the Part 1 test for the current year and score 80% or higher.

(3) Submit the Part 2 test for the current year and score 70% or higher.

(4) During the previous year, work at least four contests in football or volleyball, six matches in soccer, or eight contests in basketball, wrestling, softball or baseball. A wrestling tournament shall count as three contests. Only varsity high school contests shall be counted.

### **NHSOA Clinics**

SA Aug 3	10:00 am	NHSOA SUMMIT	Kearney HS	Speaker – Rachael Stringer
WE Aug 14	6:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	Thayer Central Elementary – Hebron	Host – Kirk Wiedel
TU Aug 20	6:00 pm	NHSOA clinic	Scottsbluff HS	Clinician – Ken Pitkin

**Look for more on-court clinics in the Omaha/Lincoln area coming soon.**

### **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.

### **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. If you know anyone who would be interested in working as a line judge, please have them contact me.

**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.