



2012 FELLOWSHIP SEASON

As you assemble your teams for the coming indoor season, you will also want to think about CHRVA practice tournaments called Fellowships. Fellowships give teams an opportunity to “audition” new players without having to make a season-long commitment, but most important, they are the Region’s only vehicle for training and certifying new referees and scorekeepers. If you have players on your team who plan to become certified officials, they will need to attend the appropriate referee and/or scorekeeper clinic(s) and then attend one or two Fellowships in order to get rated or trained.

When your team elects to play in a Fellowship, please remember these events are for practice purposes only, both for the players and the officials. Matches consist of two games. The first game will be rally scoring to 25 points. The second game will be played using the deciding game format of one game to 15 with a side switch at eight. The reason for this adjusted format is so that the referee and scorekeeper candidates can be rated in both formats. There are no playoffs, and unlike the tournaments held during the regular season, you will not receive points for your play. Therefore your record is not important, but it will give you a sense if you registered your team at the correct playing level.

Don’t forget that the majority of the referees and scorekeepers you will see during Fellowships are candidates, not seasoned officials. In most cases it literally might be the first time that they are on the ref stand or keeping score. Occasionally a game may be stopped for an extended time while a candidate is given a tip, or a scorekeeping error is fixed. Please treat the candidates with respect and courtesy—it could be you or one of your teammates the next match. Also, bear in mind that this is a test of their skill. If a rater asks you or your team to “do something” such as deliberately use a wrong server, please do so. They are trying to ascertain if the candidates can handle a variety of circumstances that might crop up during a regular season match. Yes, your team could lose a point by complying, but Fellowships don’t count, so you aren’t really losing anything.

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to help out as scorekeeper and referee raters. Referee raters must have Regional level or higher certification, and are required to help rate new candidates in order to maintain that status. To rate scorekeepers you must be a Regional scorekeeper in good standing who has kept score for at least two years. Don’t forget that you can also rate referees and scorekeepers as a player during your team’s work assignments. Don’t be surprised if you get tapped for that during a Fellowship during a “rating emergency.”

As Digs goes to press, the Fellowship schedule is TENTATIVE. Please make sure that you consult the CHRVA website. Entry will be through Sports Commander this year.

2012 FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Level	Location	Host	Rating s Appts Avail.	Contact For Rating Appt.
Sat	11/3	Women All Divisions 10 teams	Virginia Volleyball Center Sterling, VA	Milkshake Madness Volleyball	YES	To be announced on the CHRVA website
Sat	11/3	Men All Divisions 10 teams	Virginia Volleyball Center Sterling, VA	Milkshake Madness Volleyball	YES	To be announced on the CHRVA website
Sat	11/9	Women All Divisions 10 teams	To be announced	Frederick Volleyball Club	YES	To be announced on the CHRVA website
Sat	11/1 7	WAA/A 15 teams	Virginia Volleyball Center Sterling, VA	Milkshake Madness Volleyball	YES	To be announced on the CHRVA website
Sat	11/1 7	MSilver/Bron ze 10 teams	Virginia Volleyball Center Sterling, VA	Milkshake Madness Volleyball	YES	To be announced on the CHRVA website
Sun	11/1 8	MGold/Silver 10 teams	MD Jrs Sports Center Jessup, MD	Shenanigans	YES	To be announced on the CHRVA website
Sun	11/1 8	WBB/B 10 teams	MD Jrs Sports Center Jessup, MD	Shenanigans	YES	To be announced on the CHRVA website

Once the schedule is finalized, we will post the information on the CHRVA website. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Fellowship Coordinator, Julie Briggs at julie.briggs@chrva.org.

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!