



## Officiating During the 2010-2011 Season

Once again, we are about to embark on another new season. I have to say that there were very few issues to deal with last year, even with the new net rule. Remember we are using the same rule book as last year so I hope you've all remembered to keep your rule books (Domestic Completion Rule Book - DCR). We have very few to give out to new referees and players this year so ask for another one only if you really need one.

### **Adult Uniform Changes**

There are a few changes being made only in the Chesapeake Region, of which all referees should be aware. The most significant of the changes is to the **ADULT** uniform rule: The bottoms of the uniform will no longer be considered part of the uniform. This change is being made to reduce the cost of uniforms for our adult teams. Be aware that long pants or sweats will be allowed as well. Uniform jerseys must still comply with Rule 4.3. Remember that if an adult team plays outside the Region or at a National Tournament, the full rule will be enforced and bottoms will be considered part of the uniform again. The uniform rule change is for **ADULTS ONLY**. There is no change for junior teams. Junior teams must fully comply with the rule as set forth in the DCR.

If you ever have any question about a uniform, do not hesitate to send me pictures of the questionable uniforms ([bryan.strong@chrva.org](mailto:bryan.strong@chrva.org)). Most people have camera phones these days so let's put them to use. With any luck I'll be able to make a decision quickly. At worst I will be able to make sure referees are forewarned the next time that team plays in a tournament.

Also, don't forget that jewelry is still prohibited except for plain, flat wedding bands. Emergency alert medallions or religious jewelry can be worn but only if it is taped to the inside of the uniform. The rule for hats and any other headwear also has not changed. Sweat bands and bandanas folded to the size of and worn like a head band are the only allowable headwear.

### **Changes and Clarifications the Procedures to Become a Referee**

New junior or adult player referees or Provisional non-player referees must:

1. Become a scorekeeper
2. Attend a referee clinic in person. All clinics will be held in October (Juniors will also have additional clinics in November and December)
3. Pass the online referee test. See the CHRVA Officials page for instructions on how to take the test, deadlines, passing scores, and when corrections are required.
4. Pass TWO evaluations as an R1 at an (adult) fellowship or a (junior) training tournament

Recertifying junior and adult player referees must:

1. Ensure your scorekeeper certification is current for the 2011 season
2. Adult player referees must attend a clinic in person or watch the online clinic every other year. Junior referees must attend a clinic in person and view the online clinic every opposite year. This is a significant change for juniors.

3. Pass the online referee test. See the CHRVA Officials page for instructions on how to take the test, deadlines, passing scores, and when corrections are required
4. Juniors who completed their referee certification last season need to pass only ONE evaluation as R1. Adults need to pass two evaluations during the regular season EVERY OTHER year.

The membership database, Web Point, has proved very effective in tracking who is certified and who is not, so be sure your scorekeeping certification is up to date. Remember the requirement for adult referees assigned to work junior tournaments must have a current background check. Check your Web Point record if you are not sure if your certification is current or not.

### ***Referee Development Program***

Carla Bunner and Steve Burinsky will again be coordinating the Referee Development Program (RDP). The program works to improve the skills of our Region's referees. If you are interested, please let them know by emailing them at [rdp.coord@chrva.org](mailto:rdp.coord@chrva.org).

Last season the RDP provided opportunities to observe and hear commentary on the performance of referees during NCAA Division I college volleyball matches. We plan to do that again this season.

If you are a Regional Referee interested in obtaining a Junior National Referee rating next summer, it is imperative that you contact Carla and Steve immediately. If you have plans for a later season, now is a good time to let them know as well.

If you are a Provisional Referee interested in obtaining a Regional Rating this season, please see "To Become Certified as a Regional Referee" at <http://www.chrva.org/page/show/111342-requirements-responsibilities-and-privileges>. Also, be sure to attend an Adult Referee Clinic in October. The clinic schedule will be posted. Upgrades are conducted in February or March, but you'll need time to prepare during the season beginning in December. Again, contact Carla or Steve for additional information.

### ***Junior Match Protocol***

Finally, I want to make sure we are all on the same page for the pre-match protocol for junior matches: Teams are lining up on the sidelines and waving. Here's how to do it properly.

1. Line up on the sidelines. R1 to the left of the pole, R2 to the right.
2. Each team will line up on their respective sides starting at the three-meter line. The Game Captain lines up next to referee. The Libero lines up next followed by the rest of the team in numerical order (numerical order preferred but not required).
3. The R1 will get the attention of both teams and leads them forward to the center of the court without whistling.
4. Once in the center of the court, the teams will wave, turn around and wave again. The officials DO NOT wave.
5. The R1 will now whistle and the two teams will greet or shake hands at the net.
6. R1 and R2 will step back to the opposite sideline. Once the teams are done shaking hands, the officials will shake hands. At this point, the officials will now go to their positions.

So, let's all have a great season!