



Referee's Report

By and large it was a quiet season, but I think I'll just go over a couple things before signing off and hoping everyone has a great summer.

First, I want to talk about an abnormal substitution that happened early in the season. A team with 7 players, one acting as libero, had a player injured. Normally, you could do an exceptional substitution except that the libero did not have a uniform jersey with the same number on it. The team apparently also did not have any other jersey with any other number on it. This team proposed to take the jersey off the injured player, have the libero put it on, and then play on. It was this last part that was the problem. Once on the score sheet, that number cannot be reused by another player. If the team had any other jersey with any other number the libero could have changed into, the team could have played on. Instead, the referee and tournament director ruled correctly that the team was incomplete and forfeited the remainder of that match. For the next match, the jersey was allowed to be changed and the roster corrected to reflect the change in number. I'm afraid it's simple in this case: everyone on a team should remember to bring all the jerseys a team might wear. Anything could happen.

Next, let's talk about referee certifications and what will happen in the fall. All referee certifications will expire on October 31, 2012. Please see the Referee Requirements page of the CHRVA web site for details on what you must do to re-certify. Use the WebPoint database to verify your status as referees and scorers. I don't make people referees unless they are also/already scorers. There are a number of referees that will have their scoring certifications expire. Too many for me to personally remind. Note that if you are a PROVISIONAL scorer, you must take the scoring test again to maintain your certification. Don't let it expire! It is a lot easier to just take the test, than have to attend a clinic, test AND get evaluations.

Lastly, I've heard some serious talk about rule changes for next season. Mostly concerning the libero. Stay tuned for more information as rules changes solidify. I think I can safely say that we'll need to learn a few changes on the score sheet to accommodate the new rules.

If any of you have any questions about your status as referees, I'm more than happy to help you find your current status and what you will need to do to maintain your current certifications or advance.

Now go have a great summer!