

NHSOA Volleyball Newsletter 2017 -1

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You are receiving this document because you were a 2016 NSAA registered referee. If you did not register this year, this will be the last informational document you will receive. I apologize if you find this information intrusive.

NEW THIS YEAR – Small group clinic outline

As Jennifer Schwartz, the NSAA Volleyball Director and I have traveled to various parts of Nebraska over the past few years to present pre-season volleyball rules clinics, we come to realize that many of you have a small group that you work with. These groups are beneficial in many ways. The group can train more referees that are desperately needed in all parts of the state. The group can give you options of having different partners or someone to replace a regular partner because sickness, et. Many of you have attended one of these clinics and many of you are disappointed when there's not a clinic in your area. We've tried go to as many different areas as possible. But because it's not possible for us to go everywhere, we've created a clinic outline so you can do a simple clinic with your small group (or make it a larger group and invite other groups that you know of). You can use the clinic outline as you see fit. You don't have to use it, or you can adjust to fit your group's needs. We applaud all of you who have made the effort to share your officiating knowledge with others in your area. As I've said many times, all of you are knowledgeable about the rules, you just need to share that knowledge with others.

If you are a group leader and you want to review your open book test answers before you get together, send me an email with your test answers on the day before your group session and I will assist you.

NEW WARM-UP PROCEDURES

If you've watched the NSAA pre-season video, you've probably heard about the new warm-up procedures. I've attached a document with further instructions about what the referees will do once the warm-up is over. These instructions in this document will replace the **Introductions and National Anthem Protocol** printed on page 68 in the 2017-18 Casebook/Officials Manual.

During the final minute of the warm-up, teams must return to their respective benches and the referees will proceed in the following manner:

1. The first referee and the LJ1 (taking their flag and putting on the ref stand) will proceed to the first referee side of the court. The first referee will stand closest to the net on the left side of the stand (as noted from the scoring table).
2. The second referee and the LJ2 (leave flag on table) will stay on the scoring table side of the court and will stand together, either on the right side of the net standard or immediately in front of the scoring table.
3. After player introductions/national anthem, the R1 (standing on the floor) will take one step forward towards the court and whistle for the teams to shake hands at the net.
4. After shaking hands, 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.
5. The first referee will shake hands with the line judge and proceed to climb the stand. The LJ1 will proceed to their corner.
6. The second referee will take their line-up card and check the line-ups as the LJ 2 picks up their flag and proceeds to their corner.
7. After verifying the line-ups are correct, the second referee will get the game ball from the table and roll it to the first server.

NSAA DEADLINES

Monday July 24 – Tuesday Aug 8 Watch pre-season video (it's less than 12 minutes long) FREE
Wednesday Aug 9 – Tuesday Aug 15 \$25 charge
Wednesday Aug 16 – Friday Aug 18 \$50

Part 1 (open book) test answers are due in your NSAA account Friday Aug 18

Part 2 (closed book) test will be available in your account from Wednesday Sept 6 through midnight of Monday Sept 11

Note regarding closed book test: In the NSAA packet, your paper noted the year that your closed book test must be taken. However, if you take the test every year (for practice), it does not count against you. If you pass the test, then you will move up in certification quicker. Even though you are not required to take the test but every 5 years, you can move up a classification in 2 years, if you've taken the closed book test. Don't wait until that final year to take the test and then take the chance to not pass. And think of the extra rules knowledge you will gain by taking the test more often.