

You are receiving this as someone who is on our current referee list. If you are no longer interested, please reply and let me know if you want to be removed from this list.

This Saturday, January 7, the Great Plains Region will host its annual officials clinic. The clinic will be held at Ralston High School, 8969 Park Drive, Ralston. Registration for the clinic will be from 10:00 am to 10:15 am. The clinic will be finished about 2:30 pm. Lunch this year will be (Jimmy John's) sandwiches, chips and cookies. Sandwiches will be pre-made. You will not get to order your own. If you choose not to eat the provided lunch, you can bring your own or will have a very short window of time to go get something.

If you haven't yet registered for Saturday's clinic, you can still do so by going to the Great Plains website at www.gpvb.org and on the Officials/Rules tab, go to the Advanced Ref clinic tab on the left menu.

On the gpvbrefs.com website, you can view a list of currently registered referees for the clinic.

The USA Volleyball clinic for National/JN's will start 8 am at Ralston HS and should be finished by 10. You must pre-register for this clinic. If you are a National referee, you should have already paid dues to cover the cost of the clinic. However, you must make sure you are registered for clinic at volleyballreftraining.com. If you are not a national level referee, but would still like to attend, you can do so for a small cost.

Observations will be done on Sunday Jan 8 at Elite Sports and Fitness. All 6 courts will be used, so there will be plenty of time to get several evaluations done. But to be assigned to be observed (or work as an evaluator), you must be 'ready' in Arbiter. Instructions sent earlier in the season told you to log into your Arbiter account, update your availability and then click 'ready to be assigned'. As of this writing only 16 people have completed this task. If you do not yet have an Arbiter account, please let me (sue@gpvb.org) or Bill Stanley (at registrar@gpvb.org) know, so we can add you. We use Arbiter to assign referees to officiate each weekend's events. So if you aren't 'ready to assigned', you won't be working.

Also on Sunday, there will be plenty of time for everyone to complete their 2 scoresheets. There will be copies of the scoresheets available at the clinic.

You should have completed your season modules before you start officiating. You cannot access your modules until you are a USAV Great Plains member. If you have not yet renewed your membership or become member, make sure you contact Bill Stanley once you complete that task, so he can load your appropriate modules.

We are looking to seeing you this weekend.

Message from Bill Stanley (12-5-16)

Clinics

I am in the process of loading the ref clinic for each person. I have many of them loaded. If I was able to load your clinic, you should have received an email from the USA Volleyball Academy. You must be a current member before the system will allow me to load your clinic. Many of you are not registered yet for the season. For those who are new and waiting for the advanced clinic on January 7, that's fine. You

will have them loaded once you decide you want to officiate this season. It's up to you if you want to wait. For those who know they want to officiate but haven't registered yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. When you are registered, please contact me and I will load the clinic for you.

Requirements deadline

All officials should have all officiating requirements completed by Feb 3, 2017.

Safe Sport

As previously sent out, all officials need to complete the Safe Sport training. See previous email or contact me if you need further instructions.

Arbiter – Availability

Everyone who is part of the Arbiter group Great Plains RVA needs to log into Arbiter and enter their blocks (that they know of so far) for the season. When you have finished this, you MUST check the box that says you are ready to be assigned. Please maintain your availability calendar at all times.

Anyone who is not part of the group yet, contact me and I will add you to the group.