

## **Becoming A High School Volleyball Referee in NY State:**

### **NY State Certified VB Officials Association Criteria:**

**1. Enroll in NY State Certified Volleyball Officials On-Line Training Modules by going to their website, [nyscvoa.org](http://nyscvoa.org).** On the Home page, there is information provided and a link to enroll. It may take 1-2 days for them to process your registration and provide you with access to the training link. If working in Western NY, you will be registering in "Section 6".

**2. Once enrolled, contact/email your local board chair** to let them know so they can add you to their candidate roster and assist you going forward:

**WNY Girls: Marilyn Keough 716-481-2458 ([mak4255@aol.com](mailto:mak4255@aol.com))**

**WNY Boys: Steve Tuhovak 716-310-5717 ([vbrules13@yahoo.com](mailto:vbrules13@yahoo.com))**

**3. Download/read the NCAA Rulebook [NCAA Publications -24 and 25 Women's Volleyball Rules Book](#)**

(Cost: Free) I do have a few hard copies left for those interested (Marilyn 716-481-2458)

**4. Read/complete the EOT on-line modules on the site**

**5. Successfully pass the on-line written test in order to participate in on-court training**

**6. Pay for NYSCVOA on-court insurance coverage (\$50)**

**7. Participate in on-court sessions** (usually 6-8 sessions)

**8. Pass on court practical**

**9. Join a locally approved NY State VB Board** (Western NY Girls/Western NY Boys/Southern Tier West)

**10. Buy Uniform/Other required VB referee equipment from NYS vendors** (Cost: About \$150)

**\*Your certification is recognized throughout all of NY State, no matter where you were trained\***

### **Section 6 Criteria:**

**\*Get fingerprinted by NY State Education Department (Cost: About \$100)**

**\*Fill out required Section 6 documents (Cost: \$10)**

**\*Section 6 may offer incentives back to new officials to assist in their training costs once they join a group and do a minimum of 10 VB contests within a year.**

### **Getting Games Assigned to you:**

**\*Your name will then be entered to receive local public and private school contests at the Varsity (\$87), Junior Varsity (\$70) and Modified (\$82) levels that the Section services. The season lasts from end of August until early November. JV/Varsity matches are usually played together (\$157 total). Modified are typically single matches. Multi-school tournaments (\$31.75 per set-typically \$300+ per day) are played every Saturday. Officials need to be dressed and arrive on court 30 minutes prior to match starts. Gametime starts are typically 4:30 or 5:00 starts.**

\*The more available you make yourself on your assigning calendar, the more contests you are likely to receive. You choose what dates you are available to be assigned. Like all sports, we are in need of increased numbers of officials.

As you can see, there are time and initial costs to becoming an official. There historically is an incentive offered by Section 6 to defray some of those costs. I assure you, it is worth the effort. You are considered an "independent contractor" with regard to officiating, , so all of your expenses are deductible on IRS self-employment form with regard to filing taxes. That includes any \$ outlaid, uniforms, equipment, total miles traveled (round-trip) for any training, contests, meetings, dues paid, etc. We will explain all of this in detail once you complete your training.

Hopefully, this answers most of your questions. For any other additional info or questions, please feel free to reach out to me at 716-481-2458 (text or VM). I will get back to you ASAP.

Hope to see you on the courts soon,

Marilyn