

This notice is for officials who are scheduled to be in attendance in some capacity at the Adult Open Nationals in Minneapolis, MN. If this is incorrect, or if your plans have changed and you find that you will not be at the tournament, please let George Egan (george.egan@usav.org) and Kathy Ferraraccio (kathy@ferraraccio.com) know of this IMMEDIATELY.

You will find here some details which you will need to know before coming to Minneapolis. The meeting schedule has been posted at: http://volleyball.teamusa.org/event/event/574?page_id=6170 .

If you have any questions on the information below, contact either Kathy or George, who will do their best to address all your concerns. You can check your registration status at: http://volleyball.teamusa.org/event/event/574?page_id=2487

Status of Registration:

- **Confirmed:** this means that you have returned all paperwork to USAV Events Department regarding the tournament, have attended a National clinic (if a referee), turned in a completed referee exam (if a referee) by the deadline, have paid your Officials' Commission dues and your USAV membership fees to your region, and are in good standing with the Officials' Commission.
 - A confirmed official will work the requested number of matches – up to a hopeful maximum of 6/day. This includes all paid line judge and assistant scorekeeper assignments in the Open Division.
 - Working a match in the Open Division counts toward 1-1/2 matches.
- **Pending:** this means you have not completed one or more of the following:
 - Turned in all paperwork to the USAV Events Department regarding the tournament,
 - Attended a national clinic (if a referee), or registered to attend one at the Open tournament,
 - Turned in your referee exam by the deadline, or
 - Are not in good standing with the Officials' Commission
 - A pending referee will **NOT** work any matches till all the above are completed.
- **Accepted:** this means you have turned in all your paperwork to the USAV Events Department regarding the tournament, have turned in a completed referee exam by the deadline, have paid your Officials' Commission dues and your USAV membership fees to your region, and are in good standing with the Officials Commission. What you have **NOT** done is attended a National clinic **OR** registered to attend one at the Open Nationals.
 - We ask that all accepted referees pre-register to attend the National clinic before arriving in Minneapolis. Your registration will then become confirmed, and we can begin scheduling you matches for the first day of your availability.

- The registration form can be found at:
<http://www.usavolleyball.org/content/index/3214>
- If you do not register for the clinic before arrival, and are registered for OCRP, this could be in jeopardy since you might not receive the minimum number of matches on the first day of your availability.
- Until you attend the clinic, you are not eligible to be assigned or work any matches at the tournament.
- All National SK candidates are noted as accepted
- **Accepted only:** this means you are on staff or you registered after the tournament had been fully staffed with officials.
 - Accepted only officials will work enough matches to maintain their certification and to show attendance as both a referee and scorekeeper as needed.
 - All players are accepted only.
 - If you have not yet attended a National clinic and are a referee, you must attend the clinic to work the matches necessary to maintain certification.
 - If needed, and if the official is willing, accepted only officials can work more than the certification matches.
 - Accepted only officials might work as line judges or assistant scorekeepers if we are in need for the Open Division.

If you are registered to stay in an OCRP room, please review the following information.

- You must work at least 6 consecutive days of the tournament with no conflicts. Do not try to leave early on the last day of your registration, or you could put this in jeopardy.
- On your last scheduled day of work, you should plan on leaving the tournament no earlier than 5pm.
- There will be no unauthorized persons in your room or you will risk losing your eligibility for future involvement in OCRP and will receive a bill for the room at this event.
- Hotel and roommate assignments are listed at:
http://volleyball.teamusa.org/event/event/574?page_id=2487

If you are interested in being a line judge for the Open Division during the first session and **HAVE NOT ALREADY RESPONDED TO BOTH KATHY (kathy@ferraraccio.com) AND CORNY (cfgaldones@msn.com)**, please let us know that you are willing to work in this capacity. We are still in need of a few more people. If you do **NOT** want to work as a line judge, please let us know that also, so you are not assigned to work as one.

All assignments at the tournament will be posted online at www.vball-life.org/usaopen as soon as possible each day for the next day. The assignors are aiming to have your

initial assignments for the first day of the tournament available on Friday afternoon at the officials' awards and assembly meeting.

If an emergency arises before coming to the tournament and you will not be able to be in attendance or you will be later than expected, please make sure you get in touch with either George or Kathy and that you get a response that your message has been received. Kathy's cell phone is 413-427-4140 and George's cell phone is 719-310-5472.

However, these cell phone numbers, along with the two listed below should be used **ONLY** in an emergency.

The head referees for the event are Donnie Goodwin and Steve Robb. Once the tournament has begun, you **MUST** contact them if you find you will not be available to work the tournament for whatever reason.

- Donnie's cell phone: 502-641-3457
- Steve's cell phone: 469-371-8057

We think that is all the information we have at this time. We look forward to seeing all of you very soon!!! With your help, this tournament will turn out to be one of the best yet for the players. Your professionalism each year has always been appreciated by both the USAV event staff and the Officials' Commission. Thank you for your continued support of both groups!

See you in Minneapolis!