

VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS – **PLEASE READ THIS EMAIL CAREFULLY!!!!** This email is being sent to all registered volleyball officials. I will begin work on regional volleyball tournament assignments on Thursday, Oct. 8. Assignments will be released in multiple batches the week of Oct. 12. If you wish to be considered for assignment as an official or as a line judge in the regional or state tournament, please ensure that you read, understand, and meet the requirements described below.

Regional tournament dates: Oct. 20, 26, 27, 29, 30, Nov. 3, 4

State tournament dates: Tuesday - Friday, Nov. 10 - 13

To be considered to OFFICIATE in the 2015 REGIONAL volleyball tournament you must complete the following:

- 2015 Volleyball Official Registration
- 2015 Volleyball Officials Rules Meeting
- 2015 Volleyball Officials Exam with a score of 75% or better
- Have attended an IGHS AU-sponsored volleyball clinic in 2013, 2014, or 2015
- Ensure your BLOCKS calendar is up to date for the regional tournament dates
- Complete the following Arbiter Custom Fields:
 - o I wish to be considered for 2015 regional volleyball OFFICIATING (Select “Yes”)
 - o Please list your regular volleyball officiating partner(s)
 - o How many varsity volleyball Saturday tournaments are you working?
 - o How many varsity volleyball DATES are you working (do not include Saturday tournaments)?
 - o Schools you should not work in the regional/state volleyball tournament series
- HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to complete the 2015 Volleyball Line Judge Training Video

To be considered to LINE JUDGE in the 2015 REGIONAL volleyball tournament (semifinals & finals) you must complete the following:

- 2015 Volleyball Official Registration
- 2015 Volleyball Officials Rules Meeting
- Ensure your BLOCKS calendar is up to date for the regional tournament dates
- Complete the following Arbiter Custom Fields:
 - o I wish to be considered for 2015 regional volleyball LINE JUDGING (Select “Yes”)
 - o Schools you should not work in the regional/state volleyball tournament series
- HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to complete the 2015 Volleyball Line Judge Training Video

To be considered to OFFICIATE in the 2015 STATE volleyball tournament you must complete the following:

- 2015 Volleyball Official Registration
- 2015 Volleyball Officials Rules Meeting
- 2015 Volleyball Officials Exam with a score of 75% or better
- Have attended an IGHS AU-sponsored volleyball clinic in 2013, 2014, or 2015
- Ensure your BLOCKS calendar is up to date for the state tournament dates

- Complete the following Arbiter Custom Fields:
 - o I wish to be considered for 2015 regional volleyball OFFICIATING (Select “Yes”)
 - o I wish to be considered for 2015 regional volleyball LINE JUDGING (Select “Yes”)
 - o Please list your regular volleyball officiating partner(s)
 - o How many varsity volleyball Saturday tournaments are you working?
 - o How many varsity volleyball DATES are you working (do not includes Saturday tournaments)?
 - o Schools you should not work in the regional/state volleyball tournament series
- REQUIRED to complete the 2015 Volleyball Line Judge Training Video

To be considered to LINE JUDGE in the 2015 STATE volleyball tournament you must complete the following:

- 2015 Volleyball Official Registration
- 2015 Volleyball Officials Rules Meeting
- 2015 Volleyball Officials Exam with a score of 75% or better
- Ensure your BLOCKS calendar is up to date for the state tournament dates
- Complete the following Arbiter Custom Fields:
 - o I wish to be considered for 2015 regional volleyball LINE JUDGING (Select “Yes”)
 - o Schools you should not work in the regional/state volleyball tournament series
- REQUIRED to complete the 2015 Volleyball Line Judge Training Video

We want to get more officials involved in the post-season tournament series, and that is one reason for the change in process this year. Approximately 250 officials will have the opportunity to be assigned to the 2015 regional tournament. Additionally, some officials indicated a preference to only be assigned as a line judge for post-season. Our hope is that this change in process will allow those officials an opportunity to be assigned in their comfort zone as line judges, as well as attract additional officials to the tournament series. The line judge training video is an essential tool to learning proper technique and procedures for line judging. Just as officials devote time and effort into the rules and case book/officials manuals each year to be effective R1s and R2s, those wishing to be successful as line judges need to devote adequate time to studying the techniques and procedures illustrated in the training video.

We will be selecting 50-54 officials in the 2015 state volleyball tournament. Most of the selected officials will both officiate and line judge in the state tournament. A handful of officials who demonstrate a particular talent as line judges will be selected to work solely as line judges in the state championship matches.

To check your eligibility, please do the following:

Login to your account on Arbiter. On the IGHSAU Officials “Central Hub,” click on ELIGIBILITY on the menu bar in the upper left corner of the screen. You will see the six volleyball eligibility periods listed. Depending on which requirements you have completed, these eligibility periods will either be listed under “Started” or “Completed.” If you have unmet requirements - other than attending a clinic in the last three year or completing the 2015 exam – a link will display for you to click and subsequently complete the requirement. An example is shown below.








Started

2015 Regional Volleyball Official

[4 of 5 Requirements Completed](#)

2015 State Tournament Volleyball Official

[4 of 7 Requirements Completed](#)

-  2015 Volleyball Officials Rules Meeting Completed 08/31/2015
-  2015 Volleyball Official Registration Completed 08/22/2015
-  2015 Volleyball Line Judge Training [Watch Video](#)
-  2015 Volleyball Exam Completed 08/22/2015
-  I wish to be considered for 2015 regional volleyball OFFICIATING [Edit Custom Field](#)
-  I wish to be considered for 2015 regional volleyball LINE JUDGING [Edit Custom Field](#)
-  2015 Volleyball Clinic Tracking

2015 State Tournament Volleyball Line Judge

[2 of 4 Requirements Completed](#)

2015 Regional Volleyball Line Judge

[2 of 3 Requirements Completed](#)




Completed

2015 Non-Varsity Volleyball

[2 of 2 Requirements Completed](#)

2015 Varsity Volleyball

[3 of 3 Requirements Completed](#)

-  2015 Volleyball Exam Completed 08/26/2015
-  2015 Volleyball Officials' Rules Meeting Completed 08/26/2015
-  2015 Volleyball Official Registration Completed 07/14/2015

Lastly, one final reminder to MAKE SURE YOUR BLOCKS CALENDAR IN YOUR IGHSAU "OFFICIAL" ACCOUNT ON ARBITER IS CURRENT! Nothing is more frustrating that receiving a match turnback because an official showed as open on his/her blocks calendar, was assigned a match, and then declines the match because he/she already had a match or was "busy." Please take a few minutes to ensure your blocks calendar is up to date.

Thank you for your efforts all season!!!

Best,

Joel Oswald, IGHSAU Assistant Director