

GEVA JUNIOR WORK TEAM EDUCATION 2013-14

This is a new rule year, and significant rule changes will affect the duties of both Scorers and Second Referees. To help our Juniors certified as officials make the necessary adjustments, all will be required to attend a training clinic and take the quizzes this year, regardless of whether they were certified last season. There are also significant improvements to the way our education will be delivered and tracked as well.

Training clinics may be done at either an in-person clinic or online. All quizzes must be done online.

GEVA certification requirements for Junior work teams have not changed since last season. The clinic, test, and practical evaluation are still the stages en route to certification. Each team must certify, and have available a Second Referee and Scorer to be eligible for and participate in Regional play.

We will continue to use the scoresheet checkbox procedure for submitting practical evaluations (via the Tournament Director). The postcard method will also be available as a backup method for Second Referees, should something happen in submitting score sheets.

To complete their certification, Scorers will submit two acceptable regular set score sheets from the same match, and one deciding set (does not have to be a part of the same match) to the Junior Referee Coordinator.

Two successful evaluations are required for Second Referees to complete their certification. These may be submitted by either score sheet checkbox or postcard.

Clubs may schedule in-person clinics with our Junior Referee Coordinator, Babs Stead (margaret.stead@geva.org) You can have the clinics delivered to your club on a schedule of your choosing, for any number of candidates that your facility practically allows. You will know who has attended their clinic without having to check their individual registration records. We even encourage you to share clinics (and expense) with nearby clubs. Your candidates can interact with the instructor, and each other to enhance their learning experience.

As an alternative, Junior clubs may opt to have their players obtain required training online, by registering for the appropriate clinic (see below) on Webpoint, the same website used for registration (www.webpoint.usavolleyball.org).

A significant advancement this year is that all clinic completion and quizzes will be tracked on Webpoint regardless of whether your clinic is taken in person or online. Completing your clinic and quiz online will result in a checkbox on your record as **“Qualified”**. Your certification will be complete when your practical evaluation has been approved. The **“Certified”** checkbox will then be marked on your Webpoint page.

Regardless of whether a player takes a clinic in person or online, all candidates must register for the online clinic on Webpoint. If you attend an in-person clinic, the Junior Referee Coordinator will mark the clinic portion of the curriculum as complete, leaving only the quiz remaining to be taken.

Online candidate's record will update automatically in Webpoint in real time as they meet their criteria. Since in-person clinic candidates must have their records updated manually there will be a time lag in seeing their Webpoint clinic modules recorded as complete.

We have added curricula for Lines Judges and Libero Tracker this season. Certification is not required but we strongly suggest that Clubs direct all of their players to these online clinics. One of the chief objections of players to work team duties is unfamiliarity with the jobs they are asked to perform, and fear of failure in a public setting. Encourage them to be prepared. Each of these clinics is only about 20 minutes in length, and any of your players may be called upon to fill these roles during the season. They shouldn't be put in a position which is uncomfortable to them. Instruction in the performance of these duties is vital, but it is impractical to expect a referee to provide the 20 minutes of instruction found in these videos when there is only six minutes allotted prior to a work assignment.

Players' participation in work team duties has many benefits, including building self-confidence, and giving them a broader perspective of the game. But this can only occur when they have received proper instruction and feel comfortable with the job.

Think about this. A team's certified officials are not required to be Junior players! They maybe coaches or even parents, as long as they are properly registered and background screened. Consider this option. It could give chaperones who want to be more involved with the team an outlet to participate, add credibility to your work team performance, while giving your players downtime before their next match.

Junior Education Curricula:

New and Recertifying Junior Second Referee: for new Junior Second Referee candidates and those who last attended a clinic two years ago. Includes: the Junior Second Referee Clinic and Junior Second Referee Quiz. This certification becomes complete upon successful practical evaluation.

Renewing Junior Second Referee: for Junior players who attended a clinic last season and completed their certification as a Second Referee. Includes: Net and Centerline Rule and Junior Second Referee Quiz. This certification becomes complete upon successful practical evaluation.

New and Recertifying Junior Scorer: required for new Junior Scorer candidates and those who last attended a clinic two years ago. Includes: Scorer's Clinic, Libero Control, Junior Scorer Quiz.

Renewing Junior Scorer: required for Junior players who attended a clinic last season and completed their certification as a Scorer. Includes: Scorer's Clinic and Junior Scorer Quiz. This certification becomes complete upon successful practical evaluation.

Lines Judge: suggested for all players. Includes: Junior Lines Judge Clinic and Junior Lines Judge Quiz.

Libero Tracking suggested for all players. Includes: Libero Control module.

Junior First Referee: for Junior players who want to officiate as first referee for pay. It is recommended that candidates have been previously certified as Second Referee and Scorer. Those clinics may be taken

as a refresher for the purpose of quizzes. Includes: Junior First referee Clinic, Officiating U14s, Junior First Referee Quiz, Junior Second Referee Quiz, Junior Scorer Quiz, Junior Lines Judge Quiz. This certification becomes complete upon successful practical evaluation.

FAQ:

Q: Where do I find the online clinics and how do I register for them?

A: Go to (<http://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/>)

- Log in. There is a forgot user name and/or password function if you need it.
- Go to Event Registration (menu on the left side) → Region Ref/Score Clinic → Register.
- Complete the requested registration information, and click submit.
- Follow the link provided at the time of registration or go to www.usaVolleyballAcademy.com to take your clinic (use the same user name and password as for Webpoint login).
- Once in CourseMill, click on the curriculum number to show all of the modules in your clinic
- Click on each module to view it.

Q: Why do I have to register for the online clinic when I will be attending an in-person clinic with my club?

A: This is the first step, and creates a record of your intent to pursue a certification. If you take your clinic in person, the Junior Referee Coordinator will mark the clinic portion of your requirements as complete.

Q: Where do I go to take my quiz?

A: The quiz is part of the clinic curriculum found online. You will see it when you open your clinic you will see it listed as one of the modules. You must take the quiz online regardless of whether you take an online or in-person clinic.

Q: What if the same module is in more than one clinic I have to take, do I have to take it over again?

A: No. When you finish a module in one curriculum, it will show as completed in all curricula that have that same module (you only have to take it once).

Q: Can I access the material on an iPad or iPhone?

A: Yes! This is one of the big improvements from last season.

Q: Do I have to take the modules in the order they appear in the clinic?

A: No, but all modules, including the quiz, must be completed before you receive credit for completing the clinic, regardless of the order completed.

Q: May I take these clinics before I register as a member?

A: Yes, but only if you were previously a member. If you have never registered as a USAV member using Webpoint, you must do so before you can access clinic registration. That is the website that records your clinic progress and attaches it to your records.

Q: What are Webpoint, Learning Management Systems, USA Volleyball Academy and Course Mill?

A: Webpoint is the website that maintains your individual registration and education records. The Learning Management System (LMS) is the website which hosts the clinics. Its name is being changed and will be known as USA Volleyball Academy. Course Mill is the program that

you will see on your screen that delivers your clinic modules. They will work seamlessly if you follow the procedures outlined here.

Q: What is my user ID and password in Learning Management Systems (LMS)?

A: Your user ID and password are the same for LMS as Webpoint until you change one or the other. If you have any special characters (!,@,#,\$,%,&,*) in your Webpoint password, you must change that password for it to work in LMS (USA Volleyball Academy). You can change it back after you set a new password in LMS.

Q: I want a different user name or password for my LMS (USA Volleyball Academy). Can I do that?

A: Yes, but the password you use in LMS cannot have any special characters (!,@,#,\$,%,&,*).

Q: Why doesn't my user name and password from last season doesn't seem to work?

A: Last year's Volleyball Ref Training (VRT) and Learning Management Systems (LMS) usernames are no longer in effect. Start all over again starting with your Webpoint username and password.

Q. Can a coach use the same ID for referee and IMPACT training?

A. Yes! The two learning systems have been integrated this year.

Q: What is the difference between a clinic and curriculum?

A: Clinic is the word Webpoint uses for the modules that make up your study. In the Learning Management System they are called curricula.

Q: Why didn't I get my clinic notice in my e-mail?

A: Check SPAM for your registration notice and link e-mail.

Q: How can I verify which clinics I have enrolled in and completed?

A: Webpoint → My Information → Registrations tab. It might be a good idea to print the certificate you receive after completing your clinic, and give it to your coach or club director for his or her records.

Q: Who is the Junior Referee Coordinator?

A: Babs Stead: Margaret.stead@geva.org