GUIDE FOR BEGINNER VOLLEYBALL REFEREES

Chapter 1: Getting Started
GETTING STARTED

- Obtaining an OHSAA officiating license
- Referee Uniform
- Equipment
- Professionalism
- Code of Ethics
- Assignments
- Maintaining your OHSAA certification
- Goals
➢ Take the OHSAA officiating class
➢ Take the volleyball officiating exam(s)
➢ Complete concussion training
➢ Receive officiating permit – Class 1, 2, 3
➢ Contact/join a local association
➢ Renew annually

YOUR OFFICIATING PERMIT
YOUR UNIFORM

- OHSAA Certified Official white shirt
- Black slacks, skirt or shorts with belt
- White shoes and socks
- Minimal jewelry, except a timing device (watch)
YOUR EQUIPMENT

- Whistle/lanyard
- Yellow & Red cards
- Flipping coin
- Lineup card
- Net measuring device (chain)
- Ball pressure gauge
- Rulebook/Casebook
Ensure fair and safe playing environment
Participate in pre-match and post-match briefing with partner and crew
Proper appearance, attire, attitude and demeanor
Physically fit, healthy image
Be timely – with correspondence, arrival on site, warm-up administration
Honor your contracts and commitments
Avoid being overly friendly with participants, host administration and spectators
Be a supportive team player on/off the court
Derogatory comments before/during/after a contest are unacceptable

YOUR PROFESSIONALISM
YOUR CODE OF ETHICS

- Devote time, thought and study to the rules of the game
- Work with fellow officials and the state association in a spirit of harmony
- Resist temptation and outside pressure to use one’s position to benefit oneself
- Uphold the honor and dignity of the officiating industry; be a worthy example
- Prepare both physically and mentally; dressing accordingly and properly
- Avoid the use of tobacco and tobacco products at the contest site
- Do not consume alcohol or any illegal/illicit drug prior to or during the contest
- Honor contracts, regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss
YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

- Start with an officiating calendar
- Accept assignments graciously; “earn” opportunities
- Don’t return one assignment to accept a “bigger, better” assignment
- Avoid conflicts of interest
- Notify assignor when a change/cancellation becomes necessary
- Renew your permit annually with the OHSAA
- Attend a minimum of four local association rules meetings
- Attend the OHSAA State Rules Meeting
- Concussion certification renewal (every three years)
YOUR GOALS

- Short-term and long-term
- Find a mentor
- Certification upgrade
- Branching out
- Post-season opportunities
- Fine-tuning