

President's Report
Mid-Hudson Board of Volleyball Officials
August 25, 2018
Wallkill High School

The contract with Section I has been approved but still awaiting signatures. This is a landmark contract in that there is parity among all sports fees. The contract term is though 2022-23. Copies will be made available once signed.

Fees for the 2018 season will be as follows:

Varsity - \$117

Junior Varsity - \$94

Modified - \$86

Hourly - \$37, \$30, \$27

We are trying to establish **uniformity in procedures among the three Boards which service Section I.**

Single court tournaments will have three officials. Multiple court tournaments will have 3 officials on the first court, and 2 on all others. **On the courts where there are only 2 officials, the officials will work two matches, and then break for one match.**

This will add time and expense to the tournament, but it is hoped that will cause reexamination as to why one court should have officials with breaks and the others being expected to work straight through. **It is important that we follow this procedure if we are to get this inconsistency corrected.**

If you work a court alone at a tournament, bill at 1.5 times your regular rate, and still follow the above break schedule.

You are paid from start of the pre-play activities to the time your responsibilities are over following your last match.

The timed pre-match warmup is 22 minutes. Set the clock for 22 minutes prior to each match (first and second). Conduct the coin toss before starting the 22-minute clock. Start the clock so that time expires with enough time remaining to conduct pre-match activities, including team huddles and lineup checks, and allow you to **start the match at the scheduled start time.**

Some schools will want a full half hour warmup before the second match, particularly those playing the varsity match second. Inform both coaches that this is acceptable, but when the second match starts more than 30 minutes following the first, there is an additional fee to the officials.

If teams arrive late, call the captains/representatives conferences when the teams are on the court, in uniform, ready to warmup, then start the 22 minute pre-match protocols. If they want more time, allow it with consent of both coaches, after making them aware that this may result in a late start and an extra fee.

It is important that all three Boards are consistent in following these procedures.

Testing:

Please remember that you have two attempts to pass the NYSCVOA Exam. If you are unsuccessful in your first attempt, take some time to review documents such as the “10 Most Missed Questions”, “The New York State Certified Volleyball Officials’ Association Rules and Procedures Manual”, and oh yeah, the rule book.

If you are unsuccessful on both attempts, you will not officiate this season.

The test is found at NYSCVOA.org, on the members tab.

NYSPHAA Concerns:

Uniform violations: Know the procedure when a team does not comply with uniform regulations. “Be sensitive and fun” (especially with transgender issues). Let them play. Following the match, go through the rules interpreter chain of command for a waiver. This is to be included in the coaches rules interp.

E-mails or letterhead from Todd Nelson are **the only acceptable waiver** for equipment issues. Waivers may be for the lifetime of the student athlete (pay attention to the language in the waiver for specifics).

NYSPHSAA wants online **training**, allow an official to train at any time, with a FastTrack procedure for certification.

NYSCVO and NYSPHAA contract is due to be signed before this summer. This is the agreement that allows us to have exclusive territorial rights, but which also prohibits officials from taking work action.

State Tournament dates:

Boys: 11/17/2018, Albany NY)

Girls: 11/17-18/2018, Glens Falls NY

The NYSCVOA.org level of security will be increased as of January 1st. This will help keep an official’s private information private (address and phone numbers). This will require an additional layer of security questions (i.e. mother’s maiden name, etc) to be completed by officials.