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Great Plains Club Directors, Coaches and players,

The Great Plains Region would like to thank everyone who has completed or has been working to complete their Coach/Player Ref and Scorer clinics. There have been some unexpected issues with the online system. But we thank you for your patience and dedication to completing your officiating requirements in a timely manner. We hope you consider it a benefit to see the new rules and get familiar with the new look of the scoresheet at your leisure without having to travel to an in-person clinic. If you've already played in a tournament, we hope your officiating assignments have gone smoothly.

Pre-season coach and player officiating certification information was sent on 12-5-13 to all club directors. Additional information was sent to all registered members on 1-8-14. With that being said, the deadline to complete your clinics is Feb 1 or prior to playing in your first tournament. If you have not completed your clinic(s), we hope you will be working to finish them soon.

The officiating requirements for coaches and players are listed under the Coaching Requirements tab on the left side of the Great Plains website home page. If you are not currently aware of the requirements, it would be helpful to read the information on this page. Under the heading **>2014 Rules and Scoring Clinic Requirement for Coaches<** is also listed the requirements for the players on each team. There is an excellent document giving you all the instructions needed to complete your officiating requirements linked to the word **[INSTRUCTIONS]**.

For those who may be hearing this for the first time, all coaches are required to take ref and scoring clinics online this year. For more instructions on how to register and what clinic you should be taking, go to the Coaching Requirements page on the Region website. <http://www.gpvb.org/page/coaching-requirements>

New this year, the Great Plains Region is requiring that each roster has a minimum of 2 certified junior referees and 2 certified junior scorers. Instructions for players are also listed in the Coaches Requirement document. See the Coaching Requirements page for more information. Or click <http://www.gpvb.org/uploads/coach/2014%20Clinic%20Instructions%20for%20Coaches.pdf>

It is not necessary to complete all the modules/clinics at one time. If you cannot finish a clinic in one sitting, you can return to the point where you left off. On the home page of the Great Plains website, there is a tab called **LMS Login Screen**. Just use the same login as your membership account.

In the latest edition of the January Just Plains Newsletter, we indicated **Internet Explorer 11** is having compatibility issues with the membership database. If you are unable to access a drop down menu when you click the Event Registration tab in your Great Plains membership record, you can fix it. After logging into your Great Plains membership account, go to your Tools menu (usually located towards the top of the page) and select Compatibility View Settings. Type [usavolleyball.org](http://usavolleyball.org) and click add. This should allow the Event Registration drop down menu to appear. You might need to add the CourseMill site in the same manner when trying to watch videos.

Recently we received some tips regarding the successful completion of your modules. These are just a few possibilities if you are having trouble registering or viewing the clinics. If you are trying to take your clinic on an iPad, you might experience some problems. Some have been successful. Others have had difficulty. If you have access to a computer, it may be a better choice to take clinics.

- It is easier if you are not using internet explorer 11.
- Make sure your flash player is up to date.
- Make sure pop-ups are not blocked on your computer.
- Clear your browser history and restart your computer before resuming your exam.
- Attempt to access the course material via another computer.
- Change to a different browser.

**Rosters:** When a player or coach registers for a clinic, a registration note is added to their record. Completed certifications will display on any roster a coach or player is listed on. On the roster, there are two columns listed as Ref

and Score. If you see a 'P', this means the certification is pending. They are still in progress or working on their clinic. A 'Y' means the course/clinic has been completed. **There will only be a 'P'/'Y' indicted in the REFEREE column for coaches.** (Scoring clinics were completed in the coach's curriculum). If you see multiple lines for the same person on the team roster, it means they have more than one ref or scorer certification that is pending or current. Contact the Region office if you see duplicate entries for the same person on a roster.

If a roster does not show the coach and player certification completion, **tournament directors** are instructed to note that information at the completion of the tournament. It is not the tournament director's discretion to keep a team from playing or from fulfilling their officiating requirements if the required information is not noted on the roster. If a tournament director has a question about a roster, Sue Mailhot, the Regional Commissioner can be contacted.

**Coaches Badges:** Coaches badges are starting to be sent today. This will be the last weekend (Feb 1 & 2) that you may be coaching on the bench without having your badge. Starting Feb 8, all coaches must wear their coaching badge on their upper body while on the bench at all sanctioned tournaments. Cards may be worn on a lanyard or attached with a magnet. (Contact the office if you want a magnet.) If you do not receive your badge by next weekend, please contact the Region office as soon as possible.

**Team Officiating Requirements: From the 2014 Great Plains Handbook (section 11):**

- H) A rostered adult is now required to either be the R1 or R2 on all matches their team is scheduled to referee.
- I) Each registered team is required to have a minimum of two referees, one scorekeeper, one assistant scorekeeper (visual score – libero tracker) and two line judges in attendance at every tournament. These officials need to officiate with a rostered adult during any pool play match or tournament playoff match. These officials may be any registered member of the team, including players, coaches and parents.
- J) One rostered coach must be at the scorer's table actively supervising the team's officials, addressing any problems, and resolving situations that might arise. Additional coaches or other registered USAV members could assist with these duties or work as part of the officiating team. Coaches not directly involved with their team's officiating responsibilities are subject to region sanctions.
  - 1. Any adult listed on the team roster may serve as first or second referee.
  - 2. Chaperones or parents who are registered USAV members may serve as scorers or line judges.
  - 3. Anyone participating in warm-up activities on the court, such as retrieving balls, must be a registered USAV member.

**A one page summary of the Team Officiating Requirements is posted on the Junior Home page.**

We appreciate your diligence in trying to complete these officiating modules. We think you'll find them beneficial as you start your season. Thank you for your patience and if you have any further difficulties, do not hesitate to contact Sue Mailhot at [sue@gpvb.org](mailto:sue@gpvb.org) or Bill Stanley at [registrar@gpvb.org](mailto:registrar@gpvb.org)

We hope everyone has a great season.

Great Plains Region