



NL Volleyball Officials Association Newsletter Fall 2011

Upcoming Clinics:

Level I: October 21-22
St. John's

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Corner Brook

Level II: November 18-19
St. John's

Cost: \$50.

Please Register online at
www.nlva.net
Under the Officials Link.

*"Better match referees do
not try to avoid being put
under pressure"*

Anonymous

Upcoming Tournaments:

October 14-15: VolleyWest

October 28-29: VolleyFest

November 4-5: VolleyCentral

November 18-19: 15U Junior
High Male & Female Regional
West

November 25-26: 15U Junior
High Male & Female Regional
East

December 2-3: 14U Bantam
Male & Female Regional East,
Central & West

Welcome back to a new Volleyball season! It is hard to imagine that the summer went by so quickly. The NLVOA is very excited to get started and most importantly work with all officials throughout the upcoming year!

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Rule Changes for 2011-2012

Net Height Changes:

Volleyball Canada has changed the net heights for the following FEMALE ages categories:

- 14U will now be 2.15 (was 2.10)
- 16U will now be 2.20 (was 2.15)

Quick Sub Rule:

More details to this rule change will come into effect as of January 2012. We will forward details when they become finalized.

Reminder: Rule Changes from Last Year

CENTER LINE RULE - ALL CATEGORIES

It is now permitted to totally cross the center line with any part of the body (except for the feet) as long as there is no interference with the opponent's play. It remains illegal to do so with 1 foot (or both feet) without being in contact with the line.

SERVE RECEIVE RULE - CATEGORIES 16U AND YOUNGER

Receiving a serve overhand with the fingers (like a set or a volley) is ILLEGAL. Any such attempts will be called by the official, regardless of the quality of the contact.

NET TOUCH

You are allowed to touch any part of the net, except for the top tape, providing there is no interference with the opposing team.

Professionalism:

As a referee it is very important to be professional. You must maintain a high degree of conduct when refereeing to increase the confidence and respect that athletes, coaches, spectators and fellow referees have for you.

This conduct must include the following:

- Come prepared with whistle and badge.
- Wear proper referee attire.
- All shirts must be tucked in and tidy, not excessively baggy.
- Black dress pants are preferred, not sweat pants.
- Footwear should consist of sneakers, something comfortable for all day. Remember most facilities require you to have indoor footwear only, so please adhere to these rules.
- Be RESPECTFUL to everyone around you. DO NOT talk about other athletes, teams and coaches in a

New Uniforms:



This is a transition year for the new referee's uniform. It is a navy shirt and dark navy pants, almost black. This uniform is **NOT** mandatory for this year, but will be for September 2012. If you wish to purchase a uniform please visit <http://mvoa.ca/sales/uniforms.html>. The old uniform is completely acceptable for this year, but we are expecting everyone to wear a navy polo shirt and black pants the following year.

***For those who have already ordered a uniform, they have been delivered. Please contact Cindy to arrange pick up. We do have some extra uniforms ordered. If you are interested please contact Cindy to see what sizes are available.*

Ball Handling:

We want to stress the importance of clean ball handling across all age categories, with emphasis at Senior High levels. It has been quite evident over the past few years that ball handling has deteriorated in the province and we, the NLVOA conjointly with the NLVA, believe that emphasis from the referee will be crucial to increasing this skill.

What exactly do we mean by ball handling?

- Face pass, forearm pass, and plays at the net. Each one of these contacts should be clean. Do not be afraid to call a carry or two hits when the ball has been misplayed. For example: When a player face passes a ball and it comes to a rest and is not a clean contact, it is a carry. It is VERY important to set a standard and maintain it through the whole match and tournament.
- This being said, we obviously want you to be conscious of the age level that you are refereeing. There is no question that at the Senior High level we have to be very tight on ball handling calls. At Bantam and Junior High levels, you will need to assess the quality of the teams.

VolleyFest:

Anyone wishing to referee VolleyFest please contact Steph Ivany (steph_ivany@hotmail.com or 834-8090)

