

Referees,

Now that we have everyone registered, here are a few notes & reminders to get the season started:

#1 - Attendance at an OVR pre-season clinic is REQUIRED every year. It's part of maintaining your USAV certification. Clinics are listed on the OVR website -- log into your OVR account, then select "MY ACCOUNT" at the top of the page. From there, you can select the clinic you will be attending. You MUST register online for clinic attendance. Clinic cost is \$15 if you registered online, payable upon arriving at the clinic. Walk-ins are \$20.

#2 - This is a USAV rules change year -- there is A LOT of new stuff to cover from USAV - rules, procedures, etc. - so attendance at our pre-season clinics is imperative.

#3 - USAV exams are not yet available online. I will notify you when they are ready and will provide instructions for accessing them. EVERYONE receiving this email will take the FORM A USAV RULES EXAM. You must also take the USAV FORM C SCORING EXAM.

**National-level referees and scorers: when you take your national-level exams, that will fulfill OVR requirements too.

#4 - If you log into your OVR account and then check our referee database (<https://www.ovr.org/officiating/officials.php>), look in the two date columns at the far right -- the first date is SafeSport expiration; the second date is your concussion certificate expiration. If either of those two dates are missing or if either expires/expired in 2019, you MUST renew those certificates immediately. If your SafeSport training has expired, you cannot be hired for tournaments. Links for both are available in the TRAINING drop-down menu on the OVR homepage.

#5 - CERTIFICATION UPGRADES: I will be sending a separate email to request replies from those who are interested in upgrading their certification this season. Respond with your interest at that time -- DO NOT REPLY NOW.

#6 - During the next couple weeks, I will be sending availability requests for the tournaments I assign. Please respond to those emails when I send them -- DO NOT SEND YOUR AVAILABILITY NOW.

Many of us are still in the midst of our collegiate seasons and high school post-season, so good luck to all! Let me know if you have questions as we get started with the OVR season.

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