

Junior Regional referees -

This is just a reminder that you are eligible to officiate any tournaments 15R and BELOW.

I have had a number of tournament directors/assignors ask why they can't find a referee's name listed for assignment to their 16s or 17s tournament. This is because Junior Regional referees' names do NOT show up in the assigning system for that level of play. So, when a tournament director or assignor sends an email requesting referees, if it's 15A or higher, DO NOT REPLY to them. They can't assign you.

You also cannot be assigned as the Head Referee for a tournament.

It is YOUR responsibility to seek tournaments that are appropriate for your certification level. Yes, on occasion, we assign Junior Regional referees to high levels of play when scheduling is tight, but we don't make a habit of this. PLEASE DO NOT ask a tournament director to assign you to their tournament if it is 15A or higher.

In that regard, I have sent a previous email asking you to notify me if you are interested in upgrading your certification from Junior Regional to Provisional this season. If you have not responded but are interested, please contact me ASAP.

Thank you,

Brian Hemelgarn
OVR Referees' Chair