

## 2021-2022 Season Opening Welcome



## Nov 20, 2021

Greetings Everyone,

Thank you for your support of the HOA Region Officiating in the past.

I apologize for the delays in getting this out to you,

but as always, our priority is to get teams registered and entered in events.

As we continue the journey to normalcy, we have several items for discussion.

Please remember to always check the HOA website for News and Updates.

### COVID-19

At this point in time, I know of no COVID-19 requirements, but we will be required to follow them as they are posted.

As the situation changes, we will post our policies to ensure compliance.

#### **USAV/HOA REGISTRATION**

If you have already registered as an official with membership type

## 21-22 HOA-OA Adult Official – SafeSport & Background Screen Required

## Please skip this section

HOA wants all members to register with this membership type so we can group all HOA officials together within Sportsengine. This provides for a convenient way for office staff to communicate directly to all officials.

If you have registered with any other membership type, please register as an official.

To register go to the 2021-22 Officials Registration page on the HOA website.

https://hoavb.org/2021-22-officials-registration/

Please read all information on that page below the header

### **CERTIFIED OFFICIALS That Want an HOA COACH Credentials**

After reading use the link at the bottom of the page to register as an HOA Official.

#### **ASSIGNING**

Since we no longer have an Officials Coordinator, I will be assigning this season.

I intend to start as soon as possible and will need your help.

We have developed a tool in HOAonline (HOA's Region Management system) that will assist you and me in communicating tournament dates.

When you registered as an Adult HOA member (F2-Coach, FA-Adult-Safesport..., OA-Adult Official) you should have received an email about your userID and password. If you have lost the email, please contact the office for assistance.

Now logon to HOAonline. Use menu item **HOAonline** on the HOA website (<a href="https://hoavb.org">https://hoavb.org</a>) or this direct link: <a href="https://hoaonline.org">https://hoaonline.org</a>

You should land on your Personal Member Menu page.

On the left side navigation bar under *Account* you should see an **Official's Event Request** Button, click this button.

You should see the Official's Event Request page.



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## **ASSIGNING - Official's Event Request**

Please read instructions and click the days you are requesting to work.

Please note that this does not replace Arbiter and represents requests from you.

We will assign you in Arbiter as quickly as possible.

### **ASSIGNING - Arbiter**

Please keep your Arbiter calendar current.

Please block your unavailable dates as soon as possible.

Assignments will be made based on several factors including your requests.

I will do everything possible to be as equitable as possible.

Please respond, as needed, to Arbiter emails as soon as possible

## Kansas City Area Roundtables

We plan to have at least two (2) meetings scheduled to discuss the upcoming season Early December and Early January.

### **NEW OFFICIALS**

As our recruiting efforts continue, we will see many new faces. Let's welcome them to HOA Officiating Family. Please feel free to assist them in any way you can. If you are unsure of the answer to a question, please refer them to me.

A consistent message to all our new officials is critical to our success.

## LIVE CLINICS/Training/Observations

As the season progresses, we will offer Live Clinics in several areas.

Check the HOA website for updates and news.

For many of the following, we are waiting for the National Office to complete their processes. Thank you for your patience.

### **ACADEMY**

Training modules will be preloaded into your Academy account as soon as they become available. Check the Officiating Tab on the HOA website for updates.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

**USAV RULES BOOKS** Online - Not yet posted

Paper - To be available on 01/22/2022

No major rule changes at this time.

**HOA Specific Materials** (work in progress)

HOA Specific Rules HOA Officiating Manual Advancement Applications

Other Support Materials

Check HOA website for News and Updates.



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On a more personal note, I want you all to know that HOA and I truly do appreciate the support that you all give to the Region and to me, your chair. Since we no longer have an Officials Coordinator, the Officials Commission has stepped up to help fill the gap.

I am so grateful for their support and assistance.

My door, phone, and email are always open to you Feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns or just to say Hi.

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Thank you all so much,

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