

Rankings for Volleyball Officials

I. DESIGNATIONS AND CRITERIA

- A. Each TASO official will be ranked each year by the TASO Office. The rankings to be used for this purpose are: Certified, Registered, and Approved.
- B. Rankings will be determined according to the following criteria:
 1. Score on the current TASO/NF rules examination; AND
 2. Completed years of experience as a high school official to date; AND
 3. Number of regular season contests (varsity and sub-varsity) worked in the *last varsity* season worked; AND
 4. Attendance at a **mandatory** TASO Rules Clinic during the *current year*. Additional proficiency units may be earned at the Annual Meeting or Regional Clinics for the *current year*; AND
 5. The number of proficiency units earned during the *current year*.
 6. ***A member's failure to complete the mandatory exam and attend a mandatory rules clinic makes him/her ineligible for varsity assignments and post season assignments during that membership year.***
 7. A member's failure to meet the mandatory requirements for two consecutive seasons may result in expulsion.
 8. When circumstances beyond the control of the official prevent him/her from meeting the mandatory requirements, an official may apply, in writing to the TASO state office for a "hardship exemption" using the approved form.
 9. When an official retires, he/she will retire in the highest classification attained during his/her career.

II. DEFINITIONS OF AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR:

- A. **Certified:** A Certified official is that individual who has demonstrated consistent superior performance over a sustained period of time. This official is at the top of his/her peer group and has met standards of performance in excess of those required of Approved or Registered. The qualifications for a Certified official are as follows:
 1. The official must score a 70 or better on the mandatory TASO/NF rules examination for that year;
 2. The official must earn 75 or more proficiency units;
 3. The official must attend a mandatory TASO volleyball rules clinic for that year;
 4. The official must have a minimum of seven (7) completed years experience as a high school official, either with the TASO or another association which is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations; AND
 5. The official must have paid the state and local dues for the current year.
- B. **Approved:** An Approved official is that individual who has demonstrated the competence and gained the experience necessary to officiate at all levels of athletic competition in his/her sport. This official is in the upper middle range of his/her peer group and is distinguished by the TASO by means of proficiency units. The qualifications for an Approved official are as follows:
 1. The official must score an 70 or better on the mandatory TASO/NF rules examination for that year;
 2. The official must earn 50 or more proficiency units;
 3. The official must attend a mandatory TASO volleyball rules clinic for that year;
 4. The official must have a minimum of two (2) completed years experience as a high school official, either with the TASO or another state association which is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations; AND
 5. The official must have paid the state and local dues for the current year.
- C. **Registered:** A Registered official is that individual who, for whatever reason, does not meet the qualifications for a higher division, and all first year officials. This official may work any level of athletic competition. The qualifications for a Registered official are as follows:
 1. The official must score 70 or better on the mandatory TASO/NF rules examination for that year.
 2. The official must have paid the required application fee as well as the required state and local dues.

III. **PROFICIENCY UNITS**

A. Proficiency units are earned by an official based on the following criteria:

1. The Official's score on the TASO/NF rules examination for the current year
2. The total of completed years of experience as a high school official registered with either the TASO or another state association which is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations
3. Attendance at a mandatory TASO Rules Clinic
4. Attendance at the Annual Meeting or a Regional Clinic
5. The number of contests both varsity and sub-varsity, officiated in the last varsity season worked.

TASO Rules Examination Grade

Grade	Units	Grade	Units
95-100	30	80-84	16
90-94	25	75-79	14
85-89	20	74-70	12

Completed Years of Experience

Years	Units	Years	Units
10 +	20	5	10
9	18	4	8
8	16	3	6
7	14	2	4
6	12	1	2

Clinic Attendance

Mandatory District Rules Clinic Imax 1 time per season	5
Annual Meeting	5
Local Training Session (Must Attend minimum of 5)	10

Contests Worked in Previous Varsity Season

- * One contest unit for each varsity contest worked
- * ½ contest unit worked for each sub-varsity contest worked.

Contests	Games		Units	Total
Varsity		x	1	
Sub-Varsity		x	.5	
Total not to exceed 30				

IV. **TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER STATE ASSOCIATION**

An official who transfers his/her registration from another state association which is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations and who meets all TASO qualifications will be assigned a ranking by the TASO Office in accordance with his/her record in the previous state association. Documentation from the previous state association, on their official letterhead, must include the official's grade on the rules examination for the current year, verification of rules clinic attendance for the current year, number of contests officiated during the previous year and completed years of experience to date.