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To: National and Junior National Referees:

Last year, the Officials Commission introduced a USAV National Clinic program that allows all of our National-level referees to receive the latest information on rules, interpretations, and techniques from some of the top clinicians in the country early in the season rather than waiting for the end of the season at the Open Nationals and JOVC tournaments.

This year, there are three options for payment of the national clinic:

1. You may pay the clinic fee at the same time you pay your Officials' Commission dues of \$40, but at a reduced rate of \$15 for the clinic – in other words, you will pay a total of \$55 for both your mandatory Commission dues and your national clinic fee. If later you decide not to attend a clinic, you will not receive a refund.
2. You may pay your Officials' Commission dues of \$40 as you have in the past with no additional fee paid at the time. If you then choose at a later date to register for a clinic through the National Office and pay in advance, the fee will be \$20 as it was last year.
3. If you decide later to attend a clinic and register at the door or pay after the registration deadline for the clinic you plan on attending, the fee will be \$30.

If you choose Option One, the Officials' Commission dues form is located at <http://volleyball.teamusa.org/content/index/405> , and you just need to check the appropriate box showing you are paying the \$55 fee at this time. Please make all checks payable to **USA Volleyball**.

Additional clinic fees may be added by the host depending on local expenses. These will be identified on the website with the list of clinics when known. Please contact the host region contact in advance to understand the actual cost of your preferred clinic. The clinic schedule and registration form are located at <http://volleyball.teamusa.org/content/index/6521> .

All Junior National and National Referees are **required** to attend a National Clinic each year if they plan to officiate any of the National events – Adult Open Championships, Girls Junior Olympic Championships and/or Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships. Failing to do so will limit your potential to work the Open Nationals or Junior Olympic Championship events.

The National Clinics are not limited to National-level referees. They are open to all certified, experienced referees and we have heard that some regions may choose to use them to satisfy their regional recertification requirements.

Please be aware that we plan to offer the National clinic at the Open Nationals and both of the Junior Championship events, but this might be limited to one per tournament, more than likely at the beginning of the event. The length of the clinic will be approximately 3 hours, so if attending the clinic at one of the tournaments, it is likely you will have to come in even earlier than in the past.

We have requested that the Regions have this information posted to their local region websites. We will also be posting this schedule on www.usavolleyball.org .

If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to answer all questions and address your concerns.

Thank you and have a great season.

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