



The format of this year's R1 clinic will be different from last year. The clinic presentation that we viewed last year has been split into an R1 recertification clinic plus a new Beginner's clinic. They are both available on the USA Volleyball Referee Training website at http://volleyballreftraining.com/indoor_modules.php. Everyone should review these on-line presentations prior to attending the clinic, as we will not be viewing them during the clinic this year. Also note that the website has a dozen other training modules on specific topics that are very good. I highly recommend viewing all of them at some point this season, although they are not mandatory to be reviewed prior to the clinic. The first half of our clinic will be a classroom review of refereeing techniques and points of emphasis, including those rules which are unique to IREVA and several rule changes in the new DCR. Please bring any questions or unique situations that you have experienced for open discussion.

The second half of the clinic this year will be a live hands-on session using fellowship/scrimmage matches in the gym. Everyone will be paired up with a mentor, who will observe you working as both an R1 and R2, providing feedback and suggestions for improvement. Please bring your whistle, sneakers, and a comfortable shirt – formal uniform is NOT required.

Attendance is mandatory for all first referees who wish to officiate in IREVA this season. Please contact Mike McNeil, referee@ireva.org, (unless you have already contacted him) to identify which clinic session you will be attending or if you cannot attend either of these sessions due to previous commitments."

National Referees: I will give the presentation portion of the BCC clinic and Howard will give the Schalmont presentation. We will not team-teach like we did last year, although I strongly encourage audience participation and comments injected during the classroom portion. Depending on the total number and mix of inexperienced Provisionals, more-or-less experienced Regionals, and yourselves, I would like you to pair up with one or two less-experienced Provisionals or Regionals to work with them in the gym. Pair up some of the stronger Regionals to cover everyone else. There should be enough matches going on in the gym (3-4 fellowship adult matches at BCC and 2+ courts of NET JO practice at Schalmont) so that everyone can work one set at R1 and a second set at R2. I recommend that the mentor stand right next to the mentee working as either the R1 or R2, giving real-time feedback and advice. It might make sense for you to demonstrate certain techniques for a couple of points and then turn control of the match back to the mentees. Depending on the time and # of courts available, you might have to cut back to less than a full set, but I do want everyone to have an opportunity to spend some meaningful time at both the R1 and R2 positions with immediate feedback. We'll see how the BCC clinic goes this Sunday to see if there is any fine-tuning needed at Schalmont.