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Shane Hubred



Kelly Lehman



Jim Arts

All-Star Championships welcome all-star officials

Three Badger Region officials were invited to participate in the 2022 USAV All Star tournament in Tulsa, Okla., July 20-23. Kelly Lehman and Shane Hubred participated as officials and Jim Arts served as a coach mentor.

Both Hubred and Lehman shared some nuggets they learned officiating international volleyball events to bring back to the Region:

From Shane Hubred:

* Don't tell your subs to wait and don't hold up your hand to the subs to signal them to wait. They need to learn that they must wait by default, and then go once the R2 authorizes them to go. If they take off early whistle them back (R1 can do this, too, if R2 is busy with the other subs) and tell them they must wait until you authorize them.

* Verify that the scorer has entered the line-ups correctly. This could save you from some early match/set trouble.

* Know how to score!

From Kelly Lehman:

* The volleyball was very good, and getting to work with National and Junior National officials as R1 and R2s was quite valuable. For an official, it was a great way to get some feedback to fine tune. I found everyone I worked with was very different. High strung

to very laid back. Very personal with coaches to very professional and minimally communicative. Fairly tight to extremely loose in calling doubles, etc.

* International rule set was new to many and at times challenging for players

* Refs like late starts, early finishes, and warm food. The All-Star event started at 9 a.m. every day, ended with matches about 5:00 p.m. and they catered in a hot lunch every day. The combination of these three things put officials in a good mood every day.

* There are a lot of high level officials who are less than 50 years old. When I say a lot, I'm guessing maybe 25 percent of the 45 officials were less than 50 years old. Unlike our region which seems to have most of our National and Jr. National officials in their 50's or later, there were younger - high level officials at the All-Star event. That is pretty cool.

From Jim Arts

* A point of emphasis for international events: The R2 basically just goes to the fault side at the conclusion of the play and lets the R1 call the fault

* There a lot more protocols before the match, during/after timeouts and after the match with player protocols

* The R1 needs to use the whole officiating team during a match.



Board of officials names new leaders

The Wisconsin Board of Officials has elected longtime Badger Region official Jim Arts as its new Chairman effective July 1, 2022.

Scott Prox was named the group's secretary and Alex Grycowski has been named Treasurer.

The board is the Wisconsin arm of the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO), which works to identify, train and secure referees, line judges and scorers for collegiate volleyball competition.

Recruiting officials to help grow the number of eligible collegiate-match officials is a big party of the organization.

Another major task the group works on is to offer training clinics for officials so that they can continue to advance

PAVO has established several levels of certification for referees. Certification criteria include satisfactory completion of the written examination, on-court evaluation, and completion of iREF training materials. There are approximately 95 local officials associations affiliated with the national PAVO organization, and those local associations can award one of three referee certification levels (Apprentice, Local, State). After holding a State certification for a period of time, a referee can apply for candidacy as a

PAVO National referee. A National referee certification indicates superior skills and experience as a referee.

The PAVO certification process for line judges includes two certification levels. PAVO-certified line judges have attended an annual clinic administered by an approved clinician using the PAVO training video and manual, have taken the current-year written examination, and have been evaluated during a match. National line judges have met those criteria and also have demonstrated advanced skills during a postseason contest or at a national rating site.

PAVO offers a certification process for women's collegiate scorers that requires attending an annual clinic administered by an approved clinician using the current PAVO training materials, completing the current-year written examination and obtaining on-court evaluations. The training process includes practice games that cover typical and unusual situations that scorers are required to understand and record.

Quite often, the Badger Region office in Pewaukee will be home to the training sessions when they are held in Wisconsin.

Have questions about the PAVO or the Wisconsin Board of Officials? Email jarts@wi.rr.com.