



Chesapeake Region Junior Referee Training and Evaluation Program

The Chesapeake Region Junior Referee Training and Evaluation program is primarily concerned with the ongoing development and improving the officiating skills of junior players and their coaches. It comprises the training, evaluation, and monitoring of junior players and coaches as referees and scorekeepers in order to help them achieve their certification so that they can officiate at the appropriate level at CHRVA tournaments. Additionally, the program provides the ongoing monitoring and mentoring which is necessary to maintain and improve their skills.

THE CHRVA JUNIOR SEASON

The season is divided into two sections: a training and evaluation period and a regular (ongoing) period. For the entire playing season, all junior matches will be staffed with a minimum of one (1) Non-Playing Referee (NPR) per court.

Currently, the training period consists of the entire month of January and the first two weeks of February (after the Capitol Hill Classic). During this period, all junior tournaments are designated as training tournaments for junior referee candidates. All tournaments after this period are considered regular tournaments and, except where noted below, there are no special or exceptional requirements.

TRAINING AND EVALUATION PERIOD

Candidates

New referee candidates must attend a clinic prior to their training and evaluation. They must take the referee test by January 31 and submit their corrections by February 15. Candidates should make every effort to get their evaluations during the training and evaluation period. Candidates may get both of their evaluations at the same tournament if the schedule allows. Junior referees may not officiate solo until all the requirements have been met.

During these training and evaluation tournaments...

NPRs do not officiate any pool-play matches. However, they are to be **visible** and **actively involved** in the conduct of the match. NPR's work to keep delays to a minimum and keep the matches running on time. An NPR may also do a cursory check of the R2's and scorekeeper's duties. They may also sign off on the scorekeeper's evaluation form. But none of these activities shall add delay to the match.

All playoff matches are officiated by the NPR's.

Tournament Directors are responsible for requesting the names of each team's candidates as they sign in to the tournament. That information is given to the Head Referee.

Candidates are responsible for bringing a whistle, cards, watch, and coin to the match that they are to officiate. Candidates are to be at their designated evaluation match immediately after the previous match. If they cannot be located, the NPR starts the coin toss, and the warm-up.



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After these training and evaluation tournaments...

Host teams do not incur any additional costs for the training matches. Host teams are charged for pool-play and playoff matches that the NPR would normally have officiated. This process does not add any additional cost to the host team or club.

Head referees fill out Head Referee reports as usual and give them to the Tournament Director for payment.

An additional training report will be filled out and sent to the AAVO treasurer along with a copy of the above mentioned Head Referee report. This training report specifies the number of additional matches, beyond those reported in the Head Referee report, that were worked by the NPR's. This training report must not include those matches that are noted in the Head Referee report.

This training report is used to remunerate the training official for any extra matches they may work. This additional per match fee is determined by AAVO (see appendix A).

Junior candidates send their completed tracking sheets to the Junior Referee Administrator (address is on the form) who makes sure all requirements are fulfilled. NPR's should encourage the coach to keep track of their candidates' forms and where possible the coach or team representative should send it in for the player.

Upon successful completion of the evaluation process, the administrator sends the candidate a patch, a card, or some other indication that they have completed the process and are fully certified as a junior referee.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NPR's

The NPR...

Prior to Match: Briefly goes over pregame procedures with the candidate. He/she discuss topics such as: whistle sequence and tone, signals, working with the work team, controlling the match by making the appropriate calls, etc.

During the Match: NPR stands on the floor by the R1, whistle in mouth and will make calls on violations that the candidate does not make. After doing so, the NPR briefly explains to the candidate the reason and continues the match without delay. At the timeout, substitution, or after the set/match further explanation may be made.



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After the Match: Briefly discuss with the candidate the positives and areas of improvement of the match. It is not necessary to sign the form if the candidate clearly needs much more work. The NPR must use discretion. If a candidate is clearly progressing during a match, then consideration for passing the candidate may be warranted. However, if at the end of the match, it is obvious that the candidate is still struggling majorly, it does not do that person any good to certify them. They can be told that match was a good one to use as a training match. Keep in mind that only two certifications are required and if there is very little progress and they are clearly not ready to be by themselves, they will be put in a situation that will cause not only themselves, but others a great deal of angst.

Where appropriate, the NPR could also do a cursory check of the R2 and give them some feedback. If requested, a review and sign off of the scoresheet is also encouraged.

NPR candidates can also be afforded an opportunity to be evaluated at the junior tournaments if the schedule permits. However, the work team has priority.

THE REGULAR (ONGOING) PERIOD

Immediately following the training and evaluation period comes the regular season. During the regular season, the NPR's officiate their designated matches. Each match will have, at minimum, one NPR per court. Candidates will not be trained and/or evaluated when the NPR is scheduled to officiate. In addition to officiating their designated match, the NPR if requested, may train and evaluate a candidate when it is that team's time to provide the R1. These extra training matches are compensated in the same manner as during the training and evaluation period. That is, the regular matches are accounted for on a Head Referee report and the extra matches are submitted on a training and evaluation report.

Training (Floater) Referee

Where possible, the assignor will assign an extra referee (floater) to each tournament. The primary responsibility of this floater is for further training and evaluation of candidates and existing junior referees. This referee "floats" between courts assisting in the training and evaluation of player referees and coaches. This process for training and evaluation should occur just like the training and evaluation period.

The activities of this floater will not be reflected on the Head Referee report. Instead all matches will be noted on the training and evaluation report. The fees for these matches are set forth in appendix A.



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Appendix A.

All matches are reimbursed \$7.50 for Provisionals and \$10.00 for Regionals and above in 2011