

2017 Volleyball End of Season Report

November 9, 2017

Total Games—1740 (1688 in 2016)

Total Slots—3682 (3576 in 2016)

Varsity Level Games—421/Tournaments 27 (437/24 in 2016)

Varsity Level Slots—867/161, compared to 925/115 in 2016 (includes Line Judges)

Sub-varsity level games—1292 (including tournaments, down from 1595 in 2016)

Sub-varsity slots—2654, down from 3209 in 2016

NOTE: 30 slots went unassigned—no officials

Members—170 (Down from 183 in 2016.)

Members receiving at least one assignment—161 (175 in 2016) (Officials not receiving: Englert—board; Aleesha Ball, Camille Kimbrough—school; Jeff Gibbs, Becky Harrold—job; John Shepherd, Winkler—health; Diamond McAlister—out of area?); Kevin Rowald—chose FB only.

Declines—935 (down from 996 in 2016!) This includes auto declines. There is still a great need for officials to improve communication during the summer months and season. It helped to have a longer acceptance window during the summer.

Overall, GKCOA had 161 officials receiving assignments, there were 79 white males (49%); 24 minority males (15%); 50 white females (31%); 8 minority females (5%). Of the 3456 **VB only assignments**, 1669 (48.2%) went to white males with an average of 21.1 assignments; 594 (17.2%) went to minority males with an average of 24.75; 1042 (30.2%) went to white females with an average of 20.84 assignments; 151 (4.4%) went to minority females with an average of 18.75 assignments. As can be seen, assignments basically tracked fairly evenly along these demographic lines, though this was not an expressed goal or purpose in the assigning process.

Following stats show 2016 data in parentheses:

8A Games—268 (249); Slots 510 (479)

8B Games—223 (219); Slots 437 (436)

8C Games—55; Slots 110

8A Tournament games—13 (14); Slots—50 (59)

8B Tournament games—11 (6); Slots—52 (30)

9A Games—329 (317); Slots—658 (626)

9B Games—68 (108); Slots—136 (216)

9A Tournament games—10 (9); Slots—50 (46)

9B Tournament games—2 (1); Slots—10 (6)

All Non-tournament games—1615 (1595); Slots—3223 (3209)

All Tournament games—85 (59); Slots—401 (319)

JV Games—251 (235); Slots—505 (467)

JV Tournament games—17 (13); Slots—68 (59)

Varsity Non-tournament games—421 (437); Slots—867 (925)

Varsity Tournament games—30 (15); Slots—161 (115)

Line judge matches 186 (192); 107 (109) different officials. NOTE: 11 of 30 assignments that went unfilled were Line Judge assignments.

This season saw 24 schools, beyond the 24 from 2016, requesting MSHSAA/GKCOA certified officials as line judges for varsity contests. We anticipate more schools requesting Line Judges. This I excellent training for varsity speed and pre-game with veterans. Pay for best 2 of 3 was \$15. One school called and requested to raise pay to \$25 per official for best 3 of 5 line judge assignment. Two schools for which GKCOA assigns paid \$75 each for 2 certified officials to line judge a 9/JV/V set of matches. The need for increased pay for line judges is crucial to obtaining and retaining officials. Suburban Conference schools pay \$15 per official for best 2 of 3. For best 3 of 5, pay increases to \$20 for 4 sets and \$25 for 5 sets. There continues to be a need for more officials and more training. GKCOA VB needs to move from the present level of 170 officials to 200+ officials.

With this in mind, GKCOA Volleyball will continue with its emphasis on training opportunities, as is evidenced by the greater number of sub-varsity assignments that offer mentoring situations. Scott Englert, Dan Ogle, Mike Moeller, Cheryl Paul, Chris Rebello, and David Thompson spoke to potential officials at Van Horn on 10/26. Other events are in the planning. In addition, the volleyball summer clinic, held in conjunction with the Truman/Chrisman/Ft. Osage summer league featured veteran mentors with each camper. Volleyball leadership stepped up and coordinated one week each and several other officials helped in this training effort. Lindsey Patterson continues to do an excellent job helping newer officials get oriented to the business details (rules and mechanics, Arbiter, MSHSAA, GKCOA, etc.).

The summer clinic will continue to provide multiple opportunities to add to the training provided during seasonal meetings. Volleyball is looking at potential help with uploading

video and having this tracked on Arbiter in making assignments. In addition, while 3682 slots were listed above, with the transition to Mark Bubalo as Assigner for Suburban Conference, requests from other schools and post-season assigning, the total number of GKCOA assigned slots was about 3800. NOTE: Smithville and Grain Valley JV/V were assigned by Suburban Conference this season.

Ken Corum did and does a fantastic job as VP for Volleyball. His teaching and technology skills stepped up our level of training, especially with his emphasis that all officials are mentors and mentees. Cheryl Aston did a great job of coordinating meeting sessions to meet perceived needs for training. Greater commitment from veterans is needed for the facilitation of volleyball meetings and breakout sessions. GKCOA is fortunate to still have Don Sleet (MSHSAA mechanics interpreter) and Dixie Ousley (MSHSAA rules interpreter) as members of GKCOA. Their help during meetings and through in box questions is vital. All meetings moved to William Christian this season.

There were 13 (13) pre-season scrimmages or jamborees with 36 (38) slots for training. Officials not working were encouraged to attend to enhance training.

There is still a great need for more officials, especially as GKCOA anticipates receiving more school schedules. Special needs for officials are acute in the northland (north of Platte City, Kearney, Excelsior Springs), east (east of Blue Springs) and south (south of Grandview/Belton). Former players or other students in area colleges and universities are prime recruits. This will necessitate more mentoring by veteran officials but is necessary for the future good of the sport and officiating in general. Working with Denise Jett from HOA to help cross recruit and train. Still working to pick up the entire middle school league for KC area Christian schools (St. Paul Episcopal—Randy Kurt).

NOTE: There are flyers and business cards for all Board members to distribute to help recruit officials. With the average age of officials growing more beyond the 50 year old mark, such recruitment is vital to every sport, as noted by NASO at all its Summit meetings and in all postings (email, Facebook, etc.).

(From 2017): 12 schools from MEC and KCI Conferences “test drove” Arbiter from GKCOA this season—Bishop LeBlond, St. Joseph Lafayette, Savannah, West Platte, St. Joseph Benton, Lathrop, Plattsburg, Wellington-Napoleon, Spring Garden MS, Robidoux MS, Truman MS, Wellington-Napoleon MS. GKCOA VB anticipates receiving more than non-conference assignments from these schools in the future. Hence, we need more officials from these areas to join MSHSAA.

There were 96 officials listed on the draft list for the 2017 KC Area District Draft. Of these 96, 79 were GKCOA officials--82.3%!

Of these 79 GKCOA officials, 58 were chosen to work Districts in some capacity (73.4%).

Hence, 58 of 96 officials (60.4%) on District draft list were selected from GKCOA. Of the 39 Line Judge slots, 100% were filled by GKCOA officials.

In Class 1, there were 22 slots to fill. 19 of these were GKCOA (86.36%). Remaining 3 were in Mound City.

In Class 2, there were 26 slots to fill. 19 of these were GKCOA (73.1%). Remaining were in Cole Camp and Lafayette County. One was at Barstow. In Class 3, there were 37 slots to fill. 32 of these were GKCOA (86.5%). Remaining were in Clinton, Central, Smithville.

In Class 4, there were 48 slots to fill. 48 of these were GKCOA (100%)!

Of the total of 133 District slots to fill in all 4 Classes, 118 were filled by GKCOA officials (88.7%)!!!

GKCOA Officials in Sectionals: Class 2: Mindy Petty, Nicole MESSICK, Ken Corum. Class 3: Kathie Mahan and Dixie Wescott. Class 4: Brian Verman, Dixie Ousley, Payton White, David Thompson.

GKCOA--VB was well represented at State Tournament in Kansas City by 3 officials: **Don Gard and Mindy Petty as R1/R2 and Nicole Messick as Line Judge. (Don Gard was also selected as Official of the Year by the Greater KC VB Coaches Association.)** This represents 18.75% of officials at state, down from the usual 4. Since the State Tournament is in Cape for 3 more years, it is vital for GKCOA to continue its high standards for such representation. Requests for proposals for the next round of bids for volleyball went out Silverstein Eye Centers Arena did not bid because “hockey is going on”. Hopefully, we can get Mosaic Arena to bid on the next round.

NCAA Final Four Volleyball Championship will be back in Kansas City December of 2017. GKCOA Volleyball will again be asked to help in various capacities. Raffle of premium pair of tickets will provide proceeds for the scholarship fund.

Jarry Thomas Memorial Coach of the Year Award—Lindsey Hood and Dave McClain. (COY Criteria: knows court protocol, focuses on coaching rather than officiating, encourages and gets the most out of the players, sportsmanship.) The Tom Goddard Most Promising Male Official—Victor Everett and The Dianne Schmidt Most Promising Female Official—Mindy Petty. Fourth annual Assigner’s Award (one male and one female) for professionalism, willingness to improve and mentor, and attention to mechanics—Female—Naomi Omenski; Male—Richard Omenski.

(Attendance records for meetings will be provided by the GKCOA Secretary/Treasurer.)

Respectfully submitted,

David Thompson, VB Assignor.