

## 2018 Volleyball End of Season Report

November 5, 2018

Total Games—1819 (1740 in 2017)

Total Slots—3903 (3682 in 2017)

Varsity Level Games—426/Tournaments 20 (421/27 in 2017)

Varsity Level Slots—878/147, compared to 867/161 in 2017 (includes Line Judges)

Sub-varsity level games—1363 (including tournaments, up from 1292 in 2017)

Sub-varsity slots—2863, up from 2654 in 2017

NOTE: 4 slots went unassigned—no officials—but these were varsity only line judge slots that we indicated to Blue Springs or Blue Springs South we could not fill.

Members—179 (Up from 170 in 2017.)

Members receiving at least one assignment—169 (161 in 2017) (Officials not receiving: Englert—board; Chuck Annis, Cheryl Barnett-Linhardt, Maria Jonas, Dixie Ousley—health; Leo Blountt—late start/not certified in 17/18; Cherish Byers—no disclaimer for MSHSAA and no return contact; Gregg Nace—job/college schedule; Erica Shackelford—job hours; Randy Winkler—health/not registered with MSHSAA.

Declines—976 (up from 935 in 2017!) 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.

Following stats show 201 data in parentheses:

8A Games—254 (268); Slots 496 (510)

8B Games—223 (219); Slots 433 (437)

8C Games—54 (55); Slots 108 (110)

8A Tournament games—18 (13); Slots—80 (50)

8B Tournament games—10 (11); Slots—48 (52)

9A Games—341 (329); Slots—679 (658)

9B Games—79 (68); Slots—158 (136)

9A Tournament games—12 (10); Slots—65 (50)

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

All Non-tournament games—1250 (1615); Slots—2521 (3223)

All Tournament games—83 (85); Slots—441 (401)

JV Games—297 (251); Slots—606 (505)

JV Tournament games—14 (17); Slots—77 (68)

Varsity Non-tournament games—426 (421); Slots—878 (867)

Varsity Tournament games—22 (30); Slots—147 (161)

Line judge matches 158 (186); 102 (107) different officials. NOTE: GKCOA only assigned Line Judge only slots for Blue Springs and Blue Springs South. The rest were linked with a lower level assignment. This was due to GKCOA's informing Suburban Conference that because of lower pay and lower numbers of officials GKCOA could not assign Line Judge only slots. Suburban Conference is looking to raise Line Judge pay for 2019-2020.

This season saw 27 schools, increase from 24 from 2017, requesting MSHSAA/GKCOA certified officials as line judges for varsity contests. We anticipate more schools requesting Line Judges. This is 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. 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. In addition, the volleyball summer clinic, held in conjunction with the Truman/Chrisman/Ft. Osage/Grain Valley summer league featured veteran mentors with each camper. We also had training opportunities in summer league play at Lee's Summit North and Belton. 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. In addition, while 3903 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 4000. 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 and Don Gard did a great job of coordinating meeting sessions for newer officials 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 Lee's Summit or Winnetonka this season.

There were 17 (13) pre-season scrimmages or jamborees with 41 (36) 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. **As an Association, we need to set specific goals for the number of officials per sport we need to recruit.** 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.).

[GKCOA was in discussion with David Elms of KCI Conference about having GKCOA assign all matches for the Conference with a discount if GKCOA assigns the entire conference. GKCOA also gave a proviso that all present KCI Conference officials would need to join GKCOA in order for there to be enough officials to cover assignments.](#)

There were 89 officials listed on the draft list for the 2018 KC Area District Draft. Of these 89, 75 were GKCOA officials—84.3%! (82.3% in 2017)

Of these 75 GKCOA officials, 53 were chosen to work Districts in some capacity—70.7% (73.4% in 2017), with an additional 7 officials from off the draft list chosen to Line Judge because of proximity to District sites.

Hence, 53 of 89 officials—59.5%— (60.4%in 2017) on District draft list were selected from GKCOA. Of the 46 Line Judge slots, 100% were filled by GKCOA officials. In addition, one District site had no one attend the draft. MSHSAA contacted GKCOA and asked that we assign this District. All 12 officials were GKCOA officials.

In Class 1, there were 28 slots to fill. 19 of these were GKCOA (67.85%). 6 slots were at Tarkio and not considered close for any GKCOA officials in the draft.

In Class 2, there were 30 slots to fill. 25 of these were GKCOA (83.3%).

In Class 3 there were 40 slots to fill. 40 of these were GKCOA (100%).

In Class 4, there were 44 slots to fill. 43 of these were GKCOA (97.73%)!

Of the total of 134 District slots to fill (not including Tarkio—distance) in all 4 Classes, 123 were filled by GKCOA officials (91.8%)!!!

GKCOA Officials in Sectionals: Class 1: Lisa Baney and Brian Verman. Class 2: Nicole Messick and Jim Cox. Class 3: Dixie Wescott, L. D. Winslow, and David Thompson. Class 4: Ken Corum, Don Gard, Denise Jett, Denny Jackson.

GKCOA--VB was well represented at State Tournament in Kansas City by 4 officials: **Nicole Messick and Dixie Wescott as R1/R2, and Trent Bryant and Jim Cox as Line Judges.** This represents 25% of officials at state. Since the State Tournament is in Cape for 2 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 HyVee Arena to bid on the next round. Initial contact already made with HyVee Arena.

**Jarry Thomas Memorial Coach of the Year Award—Katie Dowden. (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—Tom Hughes and The Dianne Schmidt Most Promising Female Official—Nikki Burkey. Fifth annual Assigner’s Award (one male and one female) for professionalism, willingness to improve and mentor, and attention to mechanics—Female—Rita McNally; Male—Rodney Fritz.**

**NOTE: Please do not reveal any of these names. We will present the awards at a later date.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Thompson, VB Assignor.