



ACV Newsletter - August 2020



Retirement Announcement

Announcing the retirement of Debbie Anika. Debbie has served with TASO and ACV for 42 years as a top level official. She has mentored many of us and has always been a favorite partner for all who officiate with her. She also officiated collegiately at the highest levels of Division I, II & III and even officiated internationally for 2 years. She also officiated for USAV as a national level referee. She is a highly respected official by coaches and is a "welcome face when you see her walk in and you know she will be officiating your match." Here's what other's had to say about Debbie:

"Debbie Anika has been a volleyball referee for a long time. She got her USAV Junior National Referee rating in 1996, and she has officiated at many national qualifiers and championships. She retired her USAV Junior National Referee certification in 2015, but

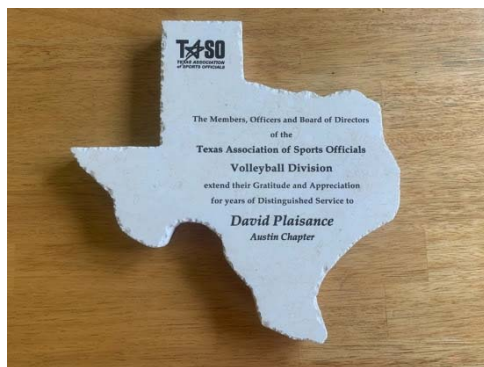
continues to officiate, rate and mentor newer referees through today. She also received her PAVO National Referee certification and officiated in many levels of NCAA volleyball, including the NAIA National Championships in 2012. Debbie has the personality and communication skills that make her recognizable as a high-level volleyball referee, and I have always been proud to know her" - Dr. Thomas Hoy, USAV-Lonestar Region Referee Chair

"I have been fortunate enough to have been mentored by Debbie as I have officiated with her in both NFHS and USAV and have learned so much from her. She was the first who taught me how to score and even how to blow my whistle properly when I was brand new. I will miss traveling with her on long drives to tournaments. She's one in a million, and I'm proud to call her not just my mentor, but also my friend" – Christle Miersma, ACV VP-Trainer.

"I have known Debbie since 1987. Virgie Mallett, the assigner at that time, recommended her to assist with officials for the Hutto Summer Volleyball league. She took care of scheduling all the officials and worked many matches for the league, starting in Hutto's unairconditioned gyms at the old High School where temps reached well over a 100 degrees on many afternoons. She would give her boys 25 cents a match to sit behind the ref stand and not cause any interruptions. I watched them grow up in those facilities and eat many meals in those Hutto concession stands. She continued to work the Hutto Summer League until it disbanded in 2012 where it had grown to playing on 12 courts a night- thankfully all air conditioned.

As a coach I always requested her for our playoff matches, and even though I can't remember any particular ones we won when she reffed, I always knew they would be called fairly and consistently. I also admired her jolly conversations when she came to our matches and will miss now working alongside her since I have now gone to the "dark side". I am sure Debbie has forgotten more volleyball than many of us will ever know. She will be missed by many officials and coaches but I for one am glad she will get to spend more time with her grandchildren and wish her all the best". Janiece Nelson-ACV Assigning Secretary, Former Girls Athletic Director and Head Volleyball Coach, Hutto High School.

We will all miss seeing her around and her wealth of knowledge and experience that she so freely shares with us. Please join us in thanking Debbie for her more than 4 decades of service to this sport we all love.



Congratulations!!!

Our own David Plaisance has received the TASO Distinguished Service Award. As we celebrate his 20th year, David is recognized for his many contributions to TASO, ACV and the sport of volleyball. David served as ACV Trainer for 7 years and also served on the ACV Board as Vice President and Recording Secretary and as our TASO District Director for 4 years.

He was selected for the UIL State Championship Finals 3 years in a row. He is also a PAVO referee and a USAV National Referee.

"I have known David a long time as both a friend and an official. David used the Hutto Summer League for numerous years as a training ground for new officials. He trained a vast majority by himself with only the use of a single court. He organized them into R1, R2, Lines, and scorekeeping and would rotate them when needed. He was always professional and listened to both parents and coaches when they had a concern about the new officials, he was determined they would make the right call. I also get a kick out of David's dry sense of humor, sarcasm and his ability to laugh at himself when needed. I guess because I can relate?! I enjoyed watching him grow as an official and got to see his daughters grow up playing in our leagues. This award could not have gone to a more deserving individual. I am glad he is on my team!" Janiece Nelson - ACV Assigning Secretary

We are very proud of David and thank him for his service excellence. Congratulations David!!!

Scrimmages

Scrimmages are being added for the 5A/6A and will need volunteers. Returning members, please self-assign if you are available. New officials will be assigned if availability allows.



Other On-Court Opportunities for Returning Members

For any returning officials wanting to get a little practice in, using an electronic whistle, a local USAV Club, Fury Volleyball, has offered to allow some of our referees to attend their scrimmages at Round Rock Sports Center on Wednesdays 6 PM - 7:30 PM beginning on Aug. 12th. You would be required to wear masks and use an electronic whistle. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please reach out to Janiece for further details.

Assigner Reminders

It is imperative that Arbiter availability be kept up to date, including Saturdays, as we have more Saturday matches.

give you the most notice possible. If you are not wanting matches, mark yourself unavailable.

Click to update Arbiter



WEBEX TRAINING SESSIONS

As you know, due to the season start changes announced by UIL and TAPPS, we've had to reschedule our Webex Trainings. If you are an under 4 year official, you are requested to attend these last few Webex training sessions. These are **mandatory** for **all** 1st year officials.

- Wed 8/12 R1 Signals, Mechanics & Responsibilities
- Wed 8/19 R2 Signals, Mechanics & Responsibilities
- Wed 8/26 Line-up Card Training (Mandatory for 1st year members)

Back by popular demand, we have added an additional Game Film Analysis Webex training for all who would like to join us.

- Wed 9/2 Game Film Analysis

The September meeting was also rescheduled and will occur on:

- Wed 9/9 General Meeting

You can find all the Webex Training dates and links on the [Webex Page](#) as well as the ACV Calendar. Keeping in mind that things are subject to change. For up to the minute updates you can simply [subscribe](#) to the ACV Google Calendar.

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What's the Call

What action should be taken?

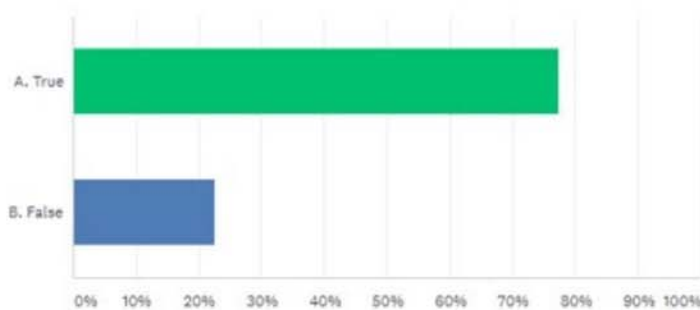
- A. The R1 should issue a yellow card
- B. The R2 should request a yellow card
- C. Nothing should be done.
- D. Either A or B is acceptable

[Click to answer](#)

July What's the Call survey results.

Generally when the ball is clearly played on the second contact as opposed to just bouncing, it is called two hits even if the first contact is the first ball over the net. However, the R1 did not call this as 2 hits.

That was 2 Hits!



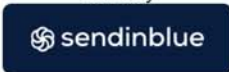
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ A. True	77.42%
▼ B. False	22.58%

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