

Austin Chapter Volleyball (ACV) Newsletter August 2021

Next ACV Chapter Meeting on Wednesday, September 8

The next chapter meeting will be held via WebEx on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. To access the meeting, go to austinvolleyballofficials.com and access the WEBEX tab at the top. Scroll to the 09/08/21 date to access the link. Please contact your At-Large Rep if you need assistance with the log-in details.

Assigning Fees Due

Please note that the due date for the first round of assigning fees is September 5. All members will be notified via email upon generation of invoices. Payments are due to Janiece Nelson. Payments may be made via check, credit card (\$2 handling fee), Venmo or Arbiter Pay. If using Arbiter Pay, contact Janiece for directions. Please reference the 2021 Match Assigning Fees Schedule on the ACV website for other important information and future due dates.

Message from Assigning Secretary

- Email is Janiece's preferred method of communication. If there is an issue on the match day, then please text or call. However, even those situations should be followed up with an email.
If you are going to be late to a match, then notify your co-official and Janiece. Please double-check the match site before leaving for the match. It is possible that the site may change at the last minute. Click on the site name within Arbiter, found under the heading "SITE", to check for directions/address. All officials are strongly encouraged to have communication with Janiece prior to declining a match. Per ACV Policy, "members will be assessed a \$5 fee per declined match beginning with the second and any subsequent unaccepted/declined matches."

Communication

Please take time to communicate with your co-official the prior week before the assigned match. It does not matter who reaches out first, be it the R1 or R2. Confirm the date and location, especially your estimated arrival time. Please take time to respond to emails/texts from your co-official promptly.

Middle School Matches

Please remember to have patience as middle school matches kick off in the coming days. As you may recall, some schools did not even have volleyball teams last season so those 8th grade teams may be just as lost as the 7th grade teams. Please be a mentor to the newer officials in our chapter. Just put on a smile and have fun!

TASO Email about COVID

On August 11, TASO sent out an email stating that there are no COVID considerations in place. However, there is one exception. If both teams agree not to switch sides and benches between sets, then that is allowed. Please be sure to ask during the pre-match conference. Lack of agreement means that the teams will have to switch sides.

Please take time to read the TASO and ACV emails in the event we receive more updates as the season continues. Pertinent information is also posted on Arbiter's Main page. As per the TASO email, our goal is to facilitate the match and allow the teams to play. Be flexible and don't hesitate to reach out to the ACV Trainer, ALRs, the training team, mentors, and board members if you have any questions or need clarification.

Opportunity to Observe A Great Volleyball Match

Rouse High School will host a major exhibition volleyball match on Wednesday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. Mater Dei High School of Santa Ana, California will play against Flower Mound High School. Mater Dei was ranked in the top 10 in the nation in 2017, 2018, and 2019. They did not play in 2020 due to COVID. Flower Mound was a 6A semi-finalist in 2020 and the State 6A champion in 2018. If you are free on Wednesday night, this will be a great volleyball match to attend.

2021 Elections

Elections will be held in November for the following board positions:

- President (currently held by Kevin Carlyle)
- Treasurer (currently held by Bonnie Caddell)
- ALR #1 (currently held by Rhiannon Stracener)
- ALR #3 (currently held by Chez Slayton)

In addition, Kevin appointed two officials to fill in for vacant positions until an election can be held. So, these two positions will also be up for election in November:

- Vice-President (formerly held by Christle Miersma and now by appointment Roni Downey)
- Recording Secretary (by appointment Charice Hankins)

If you have an interest in being on the ACV board and have questions about responsibilities, please contact any board member. Nominations will be accepted beginning with the meeting on September 8.

-As a reminder, officials interested in the position of District Director 13 must declare their candidacy in writing to the TASO office between August 1 and October 1. Email is permissible.

Have a great season!