SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 1.1 Authorization

This policy/operating procedure manual is authorized by the Corpus Christi Area Chapter - Texas Association of Sports Officials - Volleyball (the Chapter). It's purpose is to consolidate and organize all guidelines, rules, regulations, policies, operating procedures, governing documents and information necessary for an individual official to perform their duties. This policy manual shall not supersede any bylaws, guidelines, rules, regulations and/or information as set by the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) Handbook. Where such conflicts shall occur, the TASO Handbook shall be deemed the higher authority and shall be enforced, unless TASO has authorized the Chapter to use local policy.

Section 1.2 Name

The organization shall be known as the Corpus Christi Area Chapter - Texas Association of Sports Officials - Volleyball (CCAC-TASO-Volleyball), a non-profit organization hereinafter referred to as the Chapter.

Section 1.3 Purpose

The purpose of the Chapter shall be to provide a group of experienced, active, and capable volleyball officials whose integrity is above reproach. Such a group of officials will foster high standards of ethics, encourage fair play and sportsmanship, and will work to foster close cooperation and better understanding between officials, school administrators, athletic directors, coaches, players, and volleyball fans. The Chapter shall continually recruit an adequate number of outstanding individuals to serve as qualified volleyball officials and to improve volleyball officiating by providing a series of planned preseason clinics, study meetings, and on the court training experiences, where both new and experienced officials can increase their knowledge and skills. The Chapter shall encourage the selection of only TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS members to officiate district varsity games and state playoff games whenever possible.

The Chapter endorses the philosophy that officiating is an important part of an organized athletic program. The Chapter shall promote the local and state volleyball competition by:

1. Advancing the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play through qualified officiating and respect for the authority of officials at all levels of competition.

2. Providing educational programs to advance the skills of officials at all levels of competition.

3. Conducting public information programs that will encourage appreciation for skill and competence of officials.

4. Conducting studies and analysis of rules to identify sources of officiating problems and seek solutions in cooperation with appropriate rule making bodies.

5. Developing and maintaining a membership consisting of experienced and capable officials whose integrity is above reproach and who are actively engaged each year in officiating games.

6. Fostering a high standard of ethics, encouraging fair play and good sporting behavior and promoting closer cooperation and better understanding among officials, athletic representatives, coaches, players and the press.

To this means, the Chapter shall spend time, money and effort on clinics, videos and printed materials designed to increase the rules of knowledge and improve the officiating mechanics and techniques of all officials in the Chapter.

Section 1.4 RULES INTERPRETATION AND TESTS

Individuals, who officiate volleyball athletic contests involving UIL member schools and receive remuneration for their services, must be registered with the Texas Association of Sports Officials and the Volleyball Division of TASO. These individuals are provided publications and communications by the associations, which are pertinent to officiating. These publications and updates lead to a better understanding of the rules and mechanics. It is through knowledge of rules and mechanics that an official may develop skills that will allow them to advance to all levels of competence.

To promote uniformity in officiating and to improve conditions under which athletic contests are conducted, it will be mandatory that each official pass the current year's volleyball rules examination, attend a volleyball rules interpretation meeting, and attend specific local training sessions as required by the local board.

Statewide rules interpretation meetings are conducted at the volleyball state meeting, at the authorized volleyball district clinics, and online. Local meetings are an opportunity to further study rules and their interpretation but are not considered rules interpretation meetings. Discussions at these meetings are based on rules and mechanics publications which are furnished for each official. There is no substitute for rules and mechanics study and knowledge.

Section 1.5 LIABILITY INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that each member carry personal liability insurance. If an accident occurs in a game officiated by a member, it is wise to carry liability insurance in case one is sued. Many times officials are sued even though the accident is not a direct result of their actions. Liability insurance is purchased on behalf of members whose state dues and membership in TASO are current.

Section 1.6 RECORDING INCOME TO THE I.R.S.

Officials should report all income from officiating athletic events. By the same token all valid expenses incurred by officiating should be claimed. Members are highly encouraged to keep good records of all of your officiating income and expenses

Section 1.7 PHYSICAL CONDITIONING AND EXAMINATION

Although physical examination requirements differ between sport divisions, it is to the official's advantage to submit oneself to a thorough physical examination by a competent physician before undertaking any officiating duties. In addition to the exam, it is to the official's advantage to be in peak physical condition. Officiating is difficult and exhausting and requires 100 percent efficiency of the mind and body. Currently, it is not mandatory that volleyball officials take a physical examination to be members of TASO or the Chapter.

Section 1.8 SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Undoubtedly, the only person who can make a good official is that official themself. Officiating schools, clinics, manuals, books, magazines and careful observation of other officials can help, but the official must have a receptive and retentive attitude about the information to which they are exposed to.

The best way to improve is to work as many games as possible. Nothing takes the place of on the job experience. The combination of on-the-job experience and a thorough knowledge of rules and mechanics will make one a better official.

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