**CORPUS CHRISTI AREA CHAPTER**

**TASO VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION PACKAGE**

**FOR 2025 SEASON**

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Your Mentor – To be assigned, you will be given that information at a later date.

**If you have questions about rules**

Chapter Rule Interpreter – Rene Velazquez

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**For Information on Chapter By-laws and Policies**

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**Websites:**

ccacsportsofficials.com Corpus Christi Area Chapter

taso.org Texas Association of Sports Officials [Parent Organization]

uiltexas.org University Interscholastic League

nfhs.org National Federation of High Schools

**Important Dates to Remember**

April 9th Classroom Training New and Returning

April 10th Classroom Training New and Returning

**Note:** New members must attend 4 hours of classroom training. Each day is two hours long.

**April 16th General Meeting 1**

May 21st – 23rd CCPAL League

May 28th – 30th CCPAL League

June 4th – 6th CCPAL League

June 11th – 13th CCPAL League

June 18th – 20th CCPAL League

June 25th – 27th CCPAL League

**Note:** You will be assigned which CCPAL date you must attend, but you may attend any date on your own for extra practice.

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July 12th State Meeting in Waco

July 14th State Testing Begins

**Note:** You need to make at least a 70 in the open book test, but the Chapter standard is a score of 90. (more below)

July 14th Online Rules Clinic Begins (mandatory)

**July 16th General Meeting 2**

July 23rd Classroom Training

July 24th Classroom Training

July 26th Taft Tournament

July 27th Mentor’s Luncheon (you will meet your Mentor here.)

July 27th Coach’s Social (meet some of the coaches in our area)

July 31st On Court Training New Members

August 1st Last day for testing to get a schedule at beginning of season

August 1st Deadline for Assignment Fees

August 1st No more new members unless they met training requirements

August 8th Scrimmages (no uniform, dress casual, assigned location)

August 9th Scrimmages (no uniform, dress casual, assigned location)

August 11th SEASON STARTS

**August 20th General Meeting 3**

**September 10th General Meeting 4**

**October 8th General Meeting 5**

November 9th End of Year Luncheon and Elections

November 10th Local Applications Due for 2026 Season

**Attendance Requirements**

Members are required to attend 4 of 5 General Meetings (i.e., General Meeting 1, General Meeting 2, see dates above) Failure to attend the minimum meetings, makes you a member not in good standing and in Probationary Status. If the problem is not corrected in the second year, possible non-renewqal for your third season is possible.

We are aware that life emergencies can occur and will be willing to consider changing your status from absent to excused if the reason seems justifiable. (proof may be required).

To be considered reviewing your absence you **MUST** submit in writing the reason for your absence to your Division Representative (Sally Hemphill [coachsal24@yahoo.com](mailto:coachsal24@yahoo.com)) within 24 hours of the missed meeting.

A god official is both punctual and timely in their actions. They hold themselves accountable for any missed deadlines or meetings.

**Getting Ready for the Season**

If you are current with dues, then you can get serious with your equipment. I would start ordering and buying the equipment you need. All these items may be purchased through an **Approved Vendor**. (see list below)

The following items may be purchased at any store that carries that equipment.

Solid black dress slacks – no jeans, wind pants, capris, leather, etc.

Solid black socks – length over the ankle

Solid black athletic shoes – no logos or logo must be solid black

2 black whistles (Fox 40 recommended) with solid black lanyard

Pencil

Flipping coin easily identifiable heads/tails (use a quarter or larger coin)

Watch

Ball air guage

Ball air pump

Net chain

A conservative bag, backpack, pouch to carry your equipment to the match.

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**You may have to get these from a vendor**

Red and Yellow cards

Red flags

Optional – Pink whistle and lanyard (for October)

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**YOU MUST GET THIS ITEM FROM AN AUTHORIZED VENDOR**

Solid white polo shirt with or without pocket with the authorized TASO logo on the right

Optional – Solid gray polo shirt with or without pocket with the authorized TASO logo on the right

**Authorized Vendors**

**A blue text on a black background

AI-generated content may be incorrect. Stripes Plus 1104 Co Rd 377Unit L Van Alstyne, TX**

**stripesplus.com 806-352-1245**

 **OfficialsGear Outlet 13843 HWY 105 W, Suite 320 Conroe, TX**

**officialsgearoutlet.com 432-853-0514**

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AI-generated content may be incorrect. **UmpJunk 5123 N Loop 1604 W Suite 106 San Antonio, TX**

**umpjunksa.com 210-364-1110**

**Areas Served**

Our chapter services a wide area including the city of Corpus Christi, as far northwest as Three Rivers and Tilden, northeast to Rockport, west to San Diego, and southwest to Hebbronville and Falfurrias. TASO uses the metro system of mileage and all mileage is calculated from a center point in Corpus Christi.

We will be preparing you to work all positions on the court – R1 (official on the stand), R2 (floor official), and line judge. Most of your assignments during your initial year will be R1/R2 at the sub-varsity level, and varsity line judge assignments. The R1 is in charge of the court and has the final say on all decisions.

**Match format Varsity:**

Best 3 out of 5 sets. First team with three wins ends match.

First 4 sets are played to 25 – must win by 2 – no cap

Fifth set is played to 15 – must win by 2 – no cap

Tournament matches may be altered to a 2 out of 3 format, pool play and mini games may have a cap.

**Match format Sub-varsity/Middle School:**

Best 2 out of 3 sets

All 3 sets are played to 25 – must win by 2 – no cap

\*\* Sub-varsity match format may be altered by district rule or both coaches agreeing before the match begins.

**Test Scores**

The online state test is an open book test. There is no time limit and can be paused during the test. It must be completed by August 1st to be eligible for a schedule as early as August 11th. Any date later, will delay getting an assignment.

New members need to score at least a 70 to be eligible. But the Chapter requires a score of 90 to be eligible for Varsity matches. New members should take the test until they score a 90 or above.

New members must also take the Line Judge test and make a 90 or above.

**Assignments/Match Night**

Check Arbiter daily for assignments.

Contact co-official several days prior to confirm:

Match time/site

Driving together or separate

Meeting time/site

Shirt color

Arrive courtside dressed in uniform **at least 30 minutes prior to match time.**

Never change clothes in a school parking lot.

Submit completed TASO paysheet.

Submit a W9 if it is your first visit of the season to that school district. Some school districts will have their own paperwork for you to fill out as well. Some schools in our area pay through Arbiter Pay. You will have to set up an account to receive those funds.

Upon arrival check and verify all game equipment (net, padding, ball, etc.) R1 and R2 will work together to do so, but review rule book as to the specific duties of each.

R1 should lead a pre-match conference between officials as to expectations, ground rules, discreet signals to be used, etc. If line judges are non-TASO members set expectations and explain SALT. (serve – antennae – lines – touch)

R1 should meet with the home team coach to verify any of the following:

Warm up protocol

Player introductions

National anthem

Special ceremonies (parent night, etc.)

Meet with visiting coach to inform him/her of any of the above.

R2 should meet with all game workers at the score table and discuss expectations and protocols.

Pre-match conference administered by R1:

Head coaches must participate

Captains (may be different than captains designated on line up sheet)

R2 receives rosters from both coaches

Introductions and ground rules

Verify uniforms and equipment

Ask R2 for any input

Questions

Coin Toss (visiting team calls; winner has choice of serve or receive)

Ask coaches for line judges if applicable.

**\*\*Post match debriefing is required between officiating crew. All must leave the gym together**.

**Match Bag**

**Required Equipment**

a. Rule book

b. Red and yellow cards

c. Line up cards

d. Pen and pencil

e. Watch

f. One black whistle with solid black lanyard; 1 spare whistle

g. Flipping coin (quarter or larger)

h. Ball pump and pressure gage

i. Net chain

j. Flags (if you are short any equipment when you start your first few matches, make sure that your co-official will provide.)

**Match Folder:**

a. Roster of chapter officials with phone numbers

b. School contact list

c. Pay sheets

d. W-9 forms

**Recommended Items:**

a. Blank score sheets, libero tracking sheets, team roster/line up sheets

b. Tissue, Band-aids, aspirin

c. Small towel

d. Snack bars, breath mints

e. If you wear prescription glasses, alcohol wipes

**\*\*You should not have your phone exposed. It should be silent. Do not use your phone as a timing device.**

**ARE YOU READY TO START THE SEASON CHECKLIST**

Place a checkmark on all completed tasks

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| ✓ | **Task** |
|  | Register at taso.org by completing application and paying state dues of $90. (includes clinic fee) |
|  | Complete application for Corpus Christi Area Chapter |
|  | pay $30 local dues |
|  | Pay assigning fee |
|  | Complete 4 hours classroom traing |
|  | Complete 6 hour on court training |
|  | Complete Rules Clinic (attend State, Regional, or take online) |
|  | Complete State Test online and score at least a 70 |
|  | Score at least a 90 or have taken state test 5 times trying |
|  | Score at least a 90 on the Line Judge test |
|  | Purchased a white polo authorized uniform |
|  | Secure all required equipment. Starter packages are available from all vendors |
|  | Sign up for Arbiter and input your credentials |
|  | Submit an appropriate headshot for Arbiter and Webpage |
|  | Attended at least one scrimmage, two preferred. |
|  | Go to the website and enter Member’s Portal @ [ccacsportsofficials.com](http://www.ccacsportsofficials.com) |
|  | Study your Rulebook and Casebook |
|  | Go to website and click on “New Member Packet” on top right corner |
|  | Contact your Mentor on a regular basis |