

2016 Volleyball End of Season Report November 3, 2016

Total Games—1688 (1607 in 2015)

Total Slots—3576 (3343 in 2015)

Varsity Level Games—437/Tournaments 15 (397/24 in 2015)

Varsity Level Slots—925/115, up from 800/135 in 2015

Sub-varsity level games—1595 (including tournaments, up from 1210)

Sub-varsity slots—3209, up from 2543 in 2014 Members—183

Members receiving at least one assignment—175 (170 in 2015) (Officials not receiving: Englert—board; Felder and J. Thomas—death; R. Fisher, D Hart, S. Sell, J Wilson—job conflict; Winkler--health) Also note deaths since Christmas of Bill Boyce and Charlie Oakley. Charlie had several assignments.

Declines—996 (Up from 715 in 2015 and 517 in 2014!) This includes auto declines which showed that 289 of these occurred before the season began and 34 happened during the season. Hence, there is a great need for officials to improve communication during the summer months. It may help to have a longer acceptance window during the summer.

Following stats show 2015 data in parentheses:

8A Games—249 (264); Slots 479 (499) 8B Games—219 (208); Slots 436 (412) 8A Tournament games—14 (11); Slots—59 (52) 8B Tournament games—6; Slots--30 9A Games—317 (294); Slots—626 (584)

9B Games—108 (94); Slots—216 (188) 9A Tournament games—9 (9); Slots—46 (47) 9B Tournament games—1 (1); Slots—6 (6) All Non-tournament games—1595 (1495); Slots—3209 (2943) All Tournament games—59 (60); Slots—319 (320) JV Games—235 (210); Slots—467 (404) JV Tournament games—13 (9); Slots—59 (54) Varsity Non-tournament games—437 (397); Slots—925 (800) Varsity Tournament games—15 (24); Slots—115 (135) Line judge matches 192 (175); 109 (93) different officials.

This season saw 24 schools, beyond the 23 from 2015, requesting MSHSAA/GKCOA certified officials as line judges for varsity contests. 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. One school for which GKCOA does not assign paid \$80 each for 2 certified officials to line judge a 9/JV/V set of matches. The need for increased pay for line judges is crucial to obtaining and retaining officials. There continues to be a need for more officials and more training. GKCOA VB needs to move from the present level of 183 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/St. Osage summer league featured veteran mentors with each camper. Volleyball leadership stepped up and coordinated one week each and several other officials helped in this training effort.

Lindsey Patterson helped 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. Volleyball is looking at potential help with uploading video and having this tracked on Arbiter in making assignments. In addition, while 3576 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 3750. 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 did a great job of coordinating meeting sessions 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. There were 13 (14) pre-season scrimmages or jamborees with 38 (44) 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. 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. 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 VB anticipates receiving schedules from schools in the KCI and MEC conferences. In addition, officials already working for these schools have been notified that they will need to join GKCOA in order to be considered for assignments. These officials have been notified that each will need to recruit another official at minimum. 59 of 175 volleyball officials, or 33.7% (34.3% in 2014) participated by draft in some manner (R1/R2/Line Judge) during post-season district play. There is a greater need for officials to register for post season. Of the 104 (80 in 2015) officials registered for the Region 1 District Draft, 83 (67 in 2015), or 79.8%, were GKCOA Officials. 59 of these 83, or 71.08% (68.7% in 2015) were drafted. An additional 8 GKCOA officials were selected as line judges outside the draft list. 59 of the 104 eligible officials chosen were GKCOA officials, or 56.7% (57.5% in 2015). Of the 16 sites drafting for Region 1, excluding Rock Port, GKCOA was represented by at least one GKCOA official (100%). All Class 4 District officials were from GKCOA. In Class 3 Districts, 95% (38 of 40 assignments) were GKCOA officials.

GKCOA Officials in Sectionals: Class 1: Alan Hainkel. Class 2: Mindy Petty. Class 3: Brian Verman, Cathy Klassen, Dixie Wescott. Class 4: Ken Corum, Dixie Ousley, Lisa Baney, David Thompson. GKCOA--VB was well represented at State Tournament in Kansas City by 2 officials: David Tyner and Lisa Baney. This represents 12.5% of officials at state, down from the usual 3-4. Since the State Tournament is in Cape for 4 more years, it is vital for GKCOA to continue its high standards for such representation. NCAA Final Four Volleyball Championship will be back in Kansas City in late 2017. GKCOA Volleyball will again be asked to help in various capacities.

Jarry Thomas Memorial Co-Coaches of the Year Award—Mike Espinosa (Winnetonka) and George Creason (Pleasant Hill). The Tom Goddard Most Promising Male Official—Langston Parker II. The Dianne Schmidt Most Promising Female Official—Cheryl Barnett-Linhardt. Third annual Assigner's Award (one male and one female) for professionalism, willingness to improve and mentor, and attention to mechanics--Female--Camille Kimbrough; Male--James Dean.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thompson, VB Assignor.