**RANKINGS FOR VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS**

**Designations and Criteria**

A. Each TASO-Volleyball official will be ranked each year. The rankings to be used for this purpose are: Certified, Registered, Approved, and Auxiliary.

B. Rankings will be determined according to the following criteria: 1. Score on the current TASO/NF rules examination; and 2. Completed years of experience as a high school official to date; and 3. Number of regular season contests (varsity and sub-varsity) worked in the *last varsity* season worked; and  *4.* Attendance at a mandatory TASO-Volleyball Rules Clinic or completion ofan on-line clinic during the *current year.* Additional proficiency units may be earned at the Annual meeting or Rules Clinic for the *current* year; and  *5.* The number of proficiency units earned during the *current* year.  *6.* ***A member’s failure to complete the mandatory exam and attend a mandatory TASO-Volleyball Rules Clinic or completion of an on-line clinic makes him/her ineligible for assignments, including any post- season assignments and is not a member in good standing during the current season.***  *7.* To be eligible for inclusion in the Top Crew list of a TASO-Volleyball chapter, an official must score an 85 or above on the current year’s volleyball exam and meet all criteria of being a member in good standing for the current year. Chapters may require higher scores for inclusion in the Top Crew list.  *8.* Chapter officials found to have included ineligible officials on their Top Crew list, should be subject to an ethics review.  *9.* A member’s failure to meet the mandatory requirements for two consecutive seasons may result in expulsion.  *10.* When an official retires, he/she will retire at the highest classification attained during his/her career.

**Definitions of and Qualifications for:**

1. **Certified**: A Certified official is that individual who has demonstrated consistent superior performance over a sustained period of time. This official is at the top of his/her peer group and has met standards of performance in excess of those required of Approved or Registered. The qualifications for a Certified official are as follows: 1. The official must score an 85 or better on the mandatory TASO/NF rules examination for that year; 2. The official must earn 75 or more proficiency units; 3. The official must attend a mandatory TASO-Volleyball Rules Clinic or must complete an on-line clinic for that year; 3. The official must have a minimum of seven (7) completed years of experience as a high school official, either with TASO-Volleyball or another association which is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations; and 5. The official must have paid state and local dues for the current year.
2. **Approved**: An Approved official is that individual who has demonstrated the competence and gained the experience necessary to officiate at all levels of athletic competition in his/her sport. This official is in the upper middle range of his/her peer group and is distinguished by TASO-Volleyball by means of proficiency units. The qualifications for an Approved official are as follows: 1.The official must score an 80 or better on the mandatory TASO/NF rules examination for that year; 2. The official must earn 50 or more proficiency units; 3. The official must attend a mandatory TASO-Volleyball Rules Clinic or must complete an on-line clinic for that year. 4. The official must have a minimum of two (2) completed years of experience as a high school official, either with TASO-Volleyball or another association which isa member of the National Federation of State High School Associations; and 5. The official must have paid state and local dues for the current year.

**C. Registered:** A Registered official is that individual who, for whatever reason, does not meet the qualifications for a higher division, and all first-year officials. This official may work any level of athletic competition. The qualifications for a Registered official are as follows: 1. The official must score a 70 or better on the mandatory TASO/NF rules examination for that year; 2. The official must have paid required application fee as well as the required state and local dues. 3. The official must attend a mandatory TASO-Volleyball Rules Clinic or must complete an on-line clinic for that year.

 D. **Auxiliary**: An Auxiliary official is that individual who will serve in the position of line judge only. They will not be allowed to work in any other position. The qualifications for Auxiliary official are: 1. The official must have paid the required application fee as well as the required state and local dues. 2. The official must have completed and passed with a score of 70 or better, training specific to lines calling. 3. The official must attend mandatory chapter meetings and trainings as required.

**Proficiency Units:**  Proficiency units are earned by an official based on the following criteria: 1. The Official’s score on the TASO/NF rules examination for the current year. 2. The total of completed years of experience as a high school registered with either the TASO or another state association which is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations. 3. Attendance at a mandatory TASO-Volleyball Rules Clinic or completion of an on-line clinic. 4. Attendance at the Annual Meeting. 5. The number of contests, varsity, sub-varsity and lines, officiated in the last varsity season worked.