

NHVOA Assignor's Report Business Meeting 2011

I regret that I will be unable to attend today's Business Meeting because it falls on the same day as the finals of the Nor'Easter Softball Classic.

The 2010-2011 school year marked the first time that boys' volleyball moved to the spring. This meant fewer matches were being played in the fall. A few schools did add girls' volleyball, which helped increase the number of girls' matches from the year before.

Beyond NHIAA volleyball matches, the NHVOA provides officials for a number of small Christian based schools, colleges, and prep schools. Officials who work matches at prep schools and colleges need to know NCAA rule sets for volleyball and should not accept a match at these levels and they are not familiar with those rules prior to officiating the match.

Assignments

One of the most difficult responsibilities as assignor is working for three different groups: The NHIAA Volleyball Committee, the individual schools/athletic directors, and the NHVOA officials group. The first two groups want to see the best officials working their matches while members of the officials groups want to be assigned as many matches as possible. The number of assignments an official receives is based on a number of factors: geographic location, rating, and availability.

Conflicts of Interest

One area of concern that has the potential for issues is when an official works a varsity/JV match at a school/district where they work, or are friends/related to coaches and players on a particular team. It is extremely important that you block those schools from your schedule. This is a major conflict of interest that both the NHIAA and NASO discourage. This is an ethical issue that every official needs to be concerned with. Please let me know if you think you have been assigned to a match that has a potential conflict. I will move you to another site on that particular date.

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This fall I will be teaching from 7:30-1:05. If you have an emergency and need to reach me, the best avenue is my cell number 603-455-3149. You can call and leave a message, or better still, text me if you have an issue. I have my phone close to my side during the volleyball season and will check it between classes.

Please email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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