

By-Laws of the Green Country Volleyball Officials Association (GCVOA)

Article I

Name

This organization shall be known as Green Country Volleyball Officials Association (GCVOA), an Oklahoma non-profit organization.

Article II

Purpose

- A. To provide opportunities for entrusted persons to qualify/certify as National Federation Volleyball Officials.
- B. To provide members with current rules interpretations and instructions in the techniques and mechanics of officiating in order to advance the skills of Volleyball Officials for all levels of competition.
- C. To develop and maintain a membership consisting of experienced and capable Volleyball Officials whose integrity is above reproach and who are actively engaged each year in officiating.
- D. To advance the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play through qualified officiating in volleyball and respect for the authority of Volleyball Officials at all levels of competition.
- E. To foster a high standard of ethics, to encourage fair play, sportsmanship, a closer cooperation and a better understanding among Officials, Athletic Representatives, Coaches, Players, Athletic Directors, and the Press.
- F. To cooperate with and work in association with the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) by recognizing their Constitution, by-laws, rules, regulations, and recommendations.

Article III

Geographical District

This Association is organized to service Secondary Schools competition as authorized and requested throughout the State of Oklahoma and border schools of adjacent states.

Article IV

Members

A. Membership Classification:

1. **ACTIVE:** Active Members shall be qualified OSSAA Volleyball Officials, who have complied with all membership requirements of the GCVOA, who are in good standing as defined in Article IV B of these By-Laws, and who presently officiate volleyball competition assigned by the GCVOA.

2. INACTIVE: Inactive Members are active members for the preceding year but have elected not to accept assignment during the current membership year. Inactive Members shall be relieved of meeting and clinic requirements. GCVOA dues are still required to be paid by September 1st. In order to be eligible for inactive status, the Member must inform the Secretary and /or the Scheduler in writing, no later than June 30th for the current membership year.

3. AFFILIATE: Affiliate Members are those persons or business entities who are not Active or Inactive Members, but who have special interest in the purpose of the GCVOA.

B. Requirements of Membership:

1. Good Standing:

a. An Active Member that has fulfilled all requirements of OSSAA, has paid their GCVOA dues, has attended the required meetings, and has met the ratings requirements.

b. An Inactive Member is exempt from all of the above with the exception of GCVOA dues.

C. Resignation: Members may resign at anytime in writing filed with the Secretary. Any previously unpaid dues and/or fines will still be owed to GCVOA. It should be sent as soon as possible.

D. Reinstatements: Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Executive Committee may, by affirmative vote of a majority, reinstate such Former Member to membership, upon such terms as the Executive Committee may deem appropriate. All outstanding fees and fines must be paid before reinstatement.

E. Discipline/Dismissal: Each member shall adhere to the GCVOA Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in dismissal. The Disciplinary Committee will receive and review all complaints concerning a member and make its recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then make the final decision in the matter.

Article V

Membership (Officials) Classification

A. Each Member of the Association shall be rated to determine membership officiating classification.

1. The membership shall be classified as Levels A, B, C, D, and E.

2. The Executive Committee shall determine an approved minimum qualifications and ratings procedure.

3. The Board of Directors shall have full authority to change any Member's classification when, in its opinion, it shall be in the best interest of the association.

4. Referees certified through USA Volleyball Association (USAV) and American Board of Officials (ABO) shall automatically meet the minimum qualifications for the following classifications:

a. Level A - National ABO certification, National and Junior National USAV certification

b. Level B - State ABO certification, Regional USAV certification

c. Level C - Local ABO certification

d. Level D - Provisional USAV certification

B. Inactive Members shall retain their most recently achieved classification for a period of one year after their return to active status.

Article VI

Membership Meetings

A. The Annual General Membership Meeting: The Annual General Membership Meeting shall be held by March 15th at a time designated by the Executive Committee. The primary purpose of this meeting shall be for the election of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors, as constituted by these By-Laws. Such other business may be transacted as authorized by the Executive Committee.

B. Business Meeting: The Executive Committee is empowered to call such business meetings as necessary to meet the purposes of the Association.

C. Officiating Clinics:

1. There shall be a minimum of one annual clinic for all Active Members.

2. For New Members there will be an additional rules clinic in which the National Federation test will be discussed.

D. Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called at any time for any purpose or purposes by the Executive Committee or upon the written request of a majority of Active Members. At any special meeting, no business shall be transacted except that which was specified.

E. Meeting Notification: Written notification of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall state the time, date, place, and purpose, and be mailed to each Board Member no less than 30 days prior to such meeting.

F. Voting: The presence of majority of the Board of Directors at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

G. Business meeting and Clinic Requirements:

1. The Board of Directors shall hold at least two (2) business meetings.

2. All Active Members shall be required to attend an officiating clinic pertaining to their official's classification.

3. Receive and/or give rating at the scheduled GCVOA sanctioned match or rating session.

Article VII

Board of Directors

A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee (three Members) and two At-Large Members in good standing.

B. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the GCVOA and shall be responsible for fulfilling the purposes of the GCVOA and administering the operation to this Association.

Participation in the Board of Directors meetings shall be limited to Board Members unless an invitation to participate is extended to a non-board Member.

C. The Board of Directors shall have the power to recommend BY-LAWS changes and present these to the membership for vote. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to rule on situations not covered in the BY-LAWS.

D. Duties of the Board of Directors:

1. The Board of Directors shall conduct and oversee the business, the training, and the financial matters of the Association.

2. The Board of Directors shall enforce the BY-LAWS.

3. The Board of Directors shall perform other duties necessary to ensure the accomplishment of the objectives and purposes and the continued success and betterment of the Association.

E. Board of Directors Term:

1. Each Member of the Board of Directors shall serve a two-year term of service. As an exception to this, for the 2011 elections (only), the three Members with the greatest number of votes shall serve a two-year term, and the remaining two Members will serve a one-year term.

2. If a vacancy occurs among the Board of Directors for any reason, the Board of Directors shall fill the position for the unexpired term.

F. Dismissal of a Board Member: Any Officer or Member of the Board of Directors may be removed for an adequate reason by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Any Officer or Board Member proposed for removal is to be given advanced notice including the reason for the proposed removal, opportunity to contest the proposed removal in writing or in person before the Board of Directors, and final written notice of the Board's decision.

Article VIII

Officers and Executive Committee

A. Elected Officers: The elected officers of this association shall be President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall hold office for a term of two years with no limit to the number of terms. The election of Officers will take place every two years after the election of the new Members of the Board of Directors that is conducted at the General Membership Meeting. A quorum of Board Members must be present and will elect the Officers of the Association (Executive Committee). If for any reason a vacancy occurs among the Officers, the Board of Directors will fill the position for the remainder of the unexpired term.

B. Duties of Officers:

1. The President shall (a) call, prepare the agenda for, and preside over, all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors; (b) communicate, cooperate, and negotiate with the National Federation Oklahoma Volleyball Coaches Association, OSSAA, and others for the benefit of volleyball, the GCVOA, and its members; and (d) receive, investigate, and report on criticisms and complaints from Coaches on officiating and Officials on Coaches/Schools.

2. The Secretary shall (a) substitute in the absence of the President; (b) keep and report the minutes of all GCVOA and Board of Directors meetings; (c) receive, maintain and update a current and complete personnel record of all GCVOA Members; (d) assist the President in communicating with members, coaches, or other groups as mentioned above; and (e) prepare and maintain attendance records for all clinics and meetings and provide this information upon request.

3. The Treasurer shall (a) receive, record, and deposit into the GCVOA bank account all dues and fees belonging to the Association; (b) record payment of expenses authorized by the President; (c) disburse Association funds by means of checks, which require the signature of the Treasurer, and (d) submit to the Board of Directors and Membership annually a financial statement of income, expenditures and account balance.

C. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All decisions of the Executive Committee are subject to the review and action of the Board of Directors.