

## **Level 1 Indoor Referee Local Clinic Reformat 2021**

### **Introduction**

In order to ensure we are training prospective Level 1 referees in a way that meets everyone needs, **we are pleased to announce the launch of the Level 1 Online Theory component.**

### **What is the Level 1 Online Theory?**

The Level 1 Online Theory program is a self-guided learning tool that takes the prospective Level 1 official through the Level 1 theory material. This removes the need for the full day, in-class session that has normally taken place as part of the certification clinic.

The Level 1 Online Theory program allows for a more interactive and engaging platform for candidates. The program includes visuals that correlate to the course material, helping candidates make connections between the rules of the game and in-game applications.

### **Cost of the Level 1 Clinic**

Online Theory Portion - \$20 + HST

In-Person Theory Portion - \$35 + HST

After the clinic, successful candidates will also need to register for an annual membership with the OVA in order to be assigned for and to work OVA events. The membership cost for the Level 1 Referee for the 2020-2021 season is \$119.14

### **New Level 1 Clinic Format**

The new Level 1 clinic will be divided into four segments:

1. Online Theory (4 hours) -> self-guided, online tool
2. Exam (1.5 hours) -> online tool
3. In-Person Theory (4 hours) -> to include on court application and orientation
4. In-Person Practical (8 hours) -> includes actual refereeing
5. Post-Clinic

### **Online Theory (4 hours)**

The Online Theory program is available on the OVA website and registration is done via MRS. Once candidates register and pay \$20 (plus HST), they will receive a private link for them to complete the e-module at their own pace. Candidates will have continued access to the e-modules so that the material can be reviewed before attending in the in-person portion.

Completion of the e-module is mandatory before attending an in-person theory portion of the clinic.

The online version of the rulebook will be sent to the candidates to help them complete the e-module.

**Exam**

Once a candidate registers for the in-person theory clinic, they will be given access to write the exam using a secure exam generation software. The OVA will email a private link to the exam to candidates one week before the start date of the in-person clinic and will indicate the deadline for candidates to complete the exam.

A score of 80% or higher is required to pass the exam.

**In-Person Theory (4 hours)**

Candidates will be required to attend a 4-hour In-Person Theory portion after completing the e-module and exam. Candidates will receive a hardcopy of the rulebook during this session.

During the In-Person Theory, the clinician will review the exam and will focus on any questions that a number of candidates answered incorrectly.

**In-Person Practical (8 hours)**

Candidates will referee at a tournament to be evaluated for the Level 1 certification. At minimum, candidates should be evaluated working as R1 and as a linejudge. If time allows, referees should also be given the opportunity to work as a scorer or R2.

If the candidates are successful, they are awarded their referee badge and are given a set of sanction cards.

**Post-Clinic**

The OVA staff will send a welcome email to all successful candidates regarding refereeing in the OVA. The email will include:

- a post-clinic survey to gather clinic feedback
- how to purchase a Volleyball Canada uniform
- how to use Arbiter and how to get assigned
- introduction to OVA referee development opportunities such as the OVA Rules R and the Referee Engagement Centre
- information regarding referee pay and pay periods
- the screening policy and how to obtain police checks
- the OVA Referee Handbook

The OVA staff will also follow up with candidates that were unsuccessful to provide them opportunities for next steps. Please note that for unsuccessful candidates, clinic registration fees will not be refunded.