

September 27, 2012

**Memorandum:** EPVOA Policy on OCP and UIL Test Scores and Match Assignment Eligibility, Interpretation and Clarification.

To: All Members of El Paso Volleyball Officials Association (EPVOA).

The EPVOA Board of Directors met on Monday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and approved a policy on OCP training, UIL Testing, and subsequent Volleyball officiating eligibility for match assignments based on the results of these tests. Please remember that eligibility for matches is only one of many factors in the assignment decision. Experience at a certain level of play, high-performance at a lower level of play, observations, coaches inputs, feedback to the assignors, etc. all enter into the final match assignments and level of play.

The policy is as follows:

1. **OCP training:** Officials Compliance Program (OCP) is a training and orientation program. It is an annual State of Texas UIL requirement. The completion deadline will be announced by the association at the beginning of the season. Officials will have at least two weeks to complete the program. Failure of an official to provide the EPVOA Secretary with a Certificate of Completion by the announced deadline will result in suspension of all match assignments. No new assignments will be made until the Certificate is submitted. The completion certificate is available at the UIL web site after the on-line training has been completed.
2. **UIL Testing:** This is the two-part, 50 question test, administered on-line, testing your knowledge of the current NFHS Volleyball rules. Eligibility for match assignments and level of play assignments depends on your final test scores. You will normally have approximately three weeks to complete each test.
  - a. **Scenario 1:** Member did not complete either test – For 2012 season only: Member will be assigned Middle School matches only. No post season play. Member status will be In-Good Standing (Probation). Probation carries no other penalties other than a warning. Consider it similar to a yellow card. For 2013 and later: Inactivate member status, no games at any level. Member will be dropped from the roles of the EPVOA. No state dues or local dues / fees will be refunded. The member can start over the next membership year. Cannot perform in an official capacity as an EPVOA representative until reinstated.

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- b. Scenario 2:** Member took at least 1 of the 2 tests, or took both tests. Use the lowest of the two test scores to assign the official to one of three groups. An official who took only one test would use a score of zero for the test not taken.

Officials, who took both tests, select the lowest score. Based on the lower of the two scores you will be assigned to one of the three groups below:

**Group 1:** A score of zero to sixty nine: MS games only, no Post season matches.

**Group 2:** The lowest score is at or above seventy and lower than ninety: MS + 9<sup>th</sup> & Varsity- lines assignments, no post season.

**Group 3:** The lowest score is ninety or above. Eligible for all match assignments, all levels, and all post season play.

Exception Note: As needed by the Varsity assignor (only) and implemented on an as needed basis: - The Varsity assignor can generate a secondary pool of officials whose lowest score is above 80 and whose highest score is = 90 or above. This exception to the normal assignment eligibility rule can be used in weeks of high Group 3 turn-backs or an unusually high requirement for Group 3 officials. Officials selected in this secondary pool will be eligible for all matches, all levels, but only in an R2 capacity.