

By registering through AES, officials will only be indicating their interest and availability to work the Open Championships. Not all officials will be accepted for tournament assignments, and the selection procedure will not be based on a “first come, first serve” basis. In the past few years, the number of teams attending the tournament has declined. As the numbers decrease, the need for officials also decreases. It is not cost effective for anyone – the events department or the officials – to bring in too many referees and scorekeepers to staff the tournament. As a National Championship event, we are obligated to provide the most experienced officials who are available, and in that endeavor, the following list of priorities will be considered when accepting registrants.

Primary preference will be given to the following:

1. Officials who must attend in order to maintain national certification and who plan on working a minimum of 4 consecutive days.
2. Officials who are dually certified as both a National Referee and National Scorekeeper.
3. Officials’ strength rating
4. New National officials who received their initial rating in 2010
5. Officials who must attend but plan on working only enough matches to maintain their national certification

Other considerations for selection will be:

1. Availability for a minimum of four consecutive days
2. Dedication to National-level tournaments for USA Volleyball

Remember that officials will be accepted in this tournament based upon the needs of the event. Any official who registers for the event, is confirmed to work the event, and then subsequently changes their availability to fewer days of availability risks losing their confirmation to work the event as an official.

Here are the important dates to remember as pertains to the registration of officials for the Open Nationals.

- **March 1, 2011** – registrations close
- **March 10, 2011** – the latest date that all paperwork (contracts, W-9, Officials’ Complimentary Room Program, etc.) will be emailed to an official after review by the USA Volleyball Events Department and Officials’ Sub-Commissions
- **March 10, 2011** – those not selected to work the event will be notified, and their names placed on a waiting list
- **March 20, 2011** - officials must return the paperwork to the Events Department or the official will NOT be confirmed to work this event

After **March 1, 2011**, officials wishing to register for this event must contact [George Egan](#) in the USA Volleyball Events Department for potential consideration and/or placement on a waiting list.