



# parkview parochial league

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**TO: ALL PARKVIEW VOLLEYBALL REFEREES**

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First of all let me apologize for the length of this letter before you begin reading it, but without requiring you all to attend a meeting which I am sure no one wants, there is just a lot of things that must be said so we are all on the same page. Enclosed or attached you will find a 4-page referee schedule for the entire season. You will also find the 2005 Parkview rules. I created these files in either Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel so if you do not have these programs and the files won't open in your program or the tables don't look right, reply to me via email and I will mail the sheets to you. In fact, email me either way that you got the files and everything looks OK, so I know you got them.

Please review this schedule very carefully for your assignments so you don't miss any, as we will be without a ref at a gym if that happens. Consider this your **CONTRACT for the season**. If you can not honor any of the times you have been assigned, please call or email me right away. On some days I have a few extra refs available, however on most days I do not have any extra refs so I hope everyone can honor the times they have been assigned. If you know of another ref who can fill your spot give me their name and address, however if you don't, it is probably easier for me to fill a vacancy or make a switch rather than for you to start calling people. If you have a last minute emergency and can't reach me, please feel free to get a sub and let me know after the fact what you did so they get paid. I currently pay off of this schedule, but please sign the sheet at the scorer's table showing who won and lost and the final scores for verification. Just so you know, I may not ask back refs who required me to make several changes. We have changed the way we split 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade from Division 1 and 2 to East and West to save on travel. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are split by A and B teams and small school teams. I have included a code on the master schedule. Occasionally I mix 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade matches with 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade matches at the same site. I will pay both refs to do the lower grade matches unless one decides to leave.

We will pay half way through the season and at the end of the season. If you don't think you got paid the proper amount, please call or email me with what you think you should have received. I try to be accurate, but we all make mistakes. The pay will be \$17 per match for 1<sup>st</sup> year or non-certified refs and \$20 per match for WIAA or USA certified refs. I check with the WIAA and USAV for a list of certified refs each year.

I have attached a list of refs and their level of experience so you know who you are refereeing with and who to call if you need a last minute sub. This list will also be available to the Parkview Schools that run tournaments so you may get some calls from them.

If you are unhappy with the amount of time you got, I am sorry. We had 10 less teams this year hence less matches requiring refs. 93 teams as opposed to 103 teams last year. I try to be as fair as I can, utilizing my best refs and my long time loyal refs first and then work my way down. I try to keep you close to home and with your requested partners but can't always do that either. I try to give you at least 4 matches, but this year there were several 3-match slots. I try to give each ref at least one assignment per weekend as opposed to Saturday and Sunday assignments for one ref and none for another. It is a difficult job that I spend many hours on, so keep that in mind if you are not totally satisfied with your assignments.

I am enclosing a list of Parkview rules, which are exceptions to the WIAA rules. If you do not have an attachment of this to your email, please go to the Parkview web site and print them and take them with you to your matches. The web site address is [www.parkviewparochial.org](http://www.parkviewparochial.org) You can also find Tournaments and other valuable information on this web site.

There are a few things I would like to highlight. Teams can play with 4 or 5 players. There is no side out penalty for phantom or missing servers. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> players must be subbed in when they arrive during the next dead ball in either open location per the coaches lineup without penalty or a timeout. One coach can stand at all times but you can revoke this privilege if they abuse it or become an interference. **The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade use a Volley Lite ball and can serve up to the 24 foot line up to 10 feet in from the right sideline or behind the 30 ft. endline. Please read the rule on this carefully. They can serve from the 24 ft. line on their first serve, the 30 ft. line on their second, back to the 24 ft. line on their 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. As long as they meet the serving criteria on any serve it is legal.** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade use a regulation ball and serve from anywhere behind the endline. I do not care if kids do not tuck their shirts in, or chew gum. I do however expect all coaches to hand in a written lineup that STAYS AT THE SCORERS TABLE DURING THE MATCH. I have created an Official **Parkview Line-up Sheet**. I have attached a copy of it with this email for your review. Print it out and take some copies with you just in case some of the coaches don't have it. Coaches are not required to use this form and can use alternate forms if they prefer. **The players must be listed in their starting floor positions.** If the team is serving, their first server is in the #1 position and if they are receiving their first server is in the #2 position. Don't let the coach tell you to back them up one. It is not necessary to circle the first server, but if coaches do it out of habit that is OK too. **Don't REQUIRE IT.** Make sure you go over this with the scorers so that the line-ups are recorded properly in the scorebook. Let's be consistent this year and make sure the coach designates a floor captain with a small "C" next to the number of the captain. I do not care if the down Umpire does not fill out a lineup card if you can keep track of overlaps without them and keep in good contact with the scorers table. **WIAA rules require "Head coaches" to attend the coaches meeting however it is OK allow an assistant coach to attend to save time trying to figure out who the head coach is.** Just make sure a coach and a captain attend. Vertical backboards are a dead ball. Replay it if someone could have played the ball or call it out if not. Play does not go on. Backboards that are pulled up partially towards the ceiling are considered part of the ceiling and if contacted, play goes on. More than 2 people can sub into the same position, and this happens at times with teams with large numbers of kids on them. The refs stand should be opposite the bench for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade and on the side of the bench for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Move it yourself or ask gym management to move it for you. Some gyms switch grades during the day requiring a move of the ref's stand. If the gym is built so that this is not possible, you will just have to deal with it.

We are going with **25 point rally scoring in all 3 games, win by 2 points, NO CAP, no switching of sides at 13 points in game 3.** We are **allowing the let serve**, meaning that if the serve hits the net and goes over, play goes on. We are **not allowing the Libero** this year. **Time outs** - only two 60 second timeouts. The hand signal for beckoning to serve is a sweeping motion of the arm in front of your shoulders and anchoring your right hand to your left shoulder momentarily. This is identical to how we do it in club and college. **Playable area and out of bounds** should be up to all walls, bleachers or benches. A player can play the ball over the bench or bleachers and follow through into them as long as one body part (usually a foot) is in contact with the floor. **Coin toss protocol.** This is not a rule change, however lets all try to be consistent this year. The home team gets to pick their bench prior to the flip or timed warmups so ask the home team or if there is no home team, just pick one and ask them to pick a side as soon as the teams step on the floor to take a bench and warm up. The visiting team gets to call the flip. The winner of the flip gets to choose serve or receive. For the third match, the home team gets to call the flip and the winner of the flip gets to choose serve, receive or side. The loser of the flip gets to choose between the remaining options.

Try to keep on schedule. Start the captains meeting as soon as the prior match ends. Use 3-3-3-1 warm ups or reduce them to 2-2-2-1 if you are falling behind. Get the subs in and out quickly. You can use the gym clock for warm ups and time outs or your own stopwatch if you prefer.

Be patient with the coaches in this league. Most of them are just parent volunteers who don't know all the rules but think they do. Take the time to explain situations or calls to them politely to help educate them. Do not however take any verbal abuse from coaches or fans. Start with a verbal warning, or issue yellow or red cards if appropriate. Report any ejection's of coaches, players or fans to me (Get their names) so the League can take appropriate sanctions by the next weekend.

If you are scheduled with another ref at the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade level and they do not show, do the match yourself as if it were a 5<sup>th</sup> grade match. You will not be paid anymore, but the match will go on. If a coach refuses to play with

1 ref, tell them they will forfeit the match if they refuse to play. Report any forfeits to me for any reason via phone or email immediately. Be lenient on matching shorts as some schools do not provide them and let the kids play. Report any illegal uniforms to me and we will contact the school and try to get them corrected.

Do not be lenient on jewelry or TAPED EARINGS. Even if they just got their ears pierced they will not close up in an hour. If they think so, they just can not play. Sorry. **Jewelry is not allowed during warm ups either however there is no penalty for this.** If in doubt about any rule or situation, take a ref's time out, review the rulebook with the coach prior to moving on. Protests should be done in writing on the spot and signed by the coach and official and forwarded to me by the coach for review. Do everything in your power to avoid protests, even call me on my cell phone if in doubt at **262-894-0093** as rescheduling matches is a nightmare.

As I said in my previous letter to you, along with the increase in pay I am expecting you to dress appropriately this year. White 3 button polo shirt, black pants or shorts, black shoes and black socks or white shoes and white socks, white pullover sweater if it is cold. You should also have a set of yellow and red cards, a net height chain, a copy of the parkview rules and a current WIAA rule book. Take a copy of the referee list and assignments so you can call your partner if they do not show on time. Oftentimes I make changes to referee assignments and do not republish them so do not be surprised if another ref shows up who is not assigned for that slot. I also mentioned trying to do more training this year. I have selected Eileen Alt, Myself, Mark Tomczyk and Dan Tomczyk the task of training and evaluating this season. Eileen is a USA National Referee and Mark Dan and myself are USA Regional referees. We have all reffed Grade school, High School, College and Adult matches and have all played at the "A" level. I was just re-evaluated for my regional rating this summer at the USA regional championships by an International referee and I was a little nervous about meeting his standards, however when it was all over I passed my evaluation and got some very good pointers and feedback. Typically people do not like to get evaluated and no one likes the evaluators. Please don't look at it this way. Eileen, Mark and Dan are good friends of mine and I don't want us viewed as the enemy. Look at it as an opportunity to learn from some of the best. I would also suggest that every match can be a training experience. Review each match with your partner after the match and see what they have to say. We can all teach one another. I get complaints every year about refs, but it seems like every year I get less of them which I attribute to training and weeding out people who can not conform or learn. I think we have a great group of referees this season, in fact probably the best group ever. We lost some refs from last year and picked up a few new ones so if you see some new names on the roster please welcome them.

For those of you who don't know, I also coach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls A team at St. Luke, so I look forward to seeing you in the gyms either as a coach or a ref this season. Good Luck and thanks for your help.

Sincerely,  
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