

# UPDATE!

SIVOA members: Hope all of you are staying safe during this unusual time. As most of you already know, the fall high school volleyball season has been postponed. It is now scheduled to begin on Feb. 15, 2021 and extend until May 1. The boys high school season will extend from May 3 to June 26, 2021. Of course, this modified schedule is dependent on the reduction in the COVID-19 virus cases statewide.

Due to this change in scheduling, the SIVOA clinic scheduled for Aug. 16th at Red Bud is postponed. It has been tentatively rescheduled for Jan. 17, 2021. There is no need to put our officials and any athletes and coaches who might help out, in harm's way. Also, moving the clinic closer to the start of the season will help refresh our skills. By then we all will need a refresher course. Please put the Jan. 17th clinic date on your calendar. Depending on the virus situation, pre-registration may still be a requirement. Those of you who are already registered will NOT need to pre-register again. If those of you who are pre-registered cannot make the Jan clinic, please let me know. Also, SIVOA membership dues deadline has been extended to Dec. 31, 2020.

I have received information from the IHSA concerning deadlines for the Part 1 test, rules video, and promotion. Here is the info:

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The Annual Rules Video and Part 1 Exam will open on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 and remain open until Tuesday, March 16, 2021. We have extended the timeframe with the change of the season.

If you are applying for promotion: (we also have a new link to a checklist for you to see what you have completed and what is left to complete)

- You can apply now. Simply click the blue link in your sport in the Officials Center that says "apply for promotion".
- You can also seek recommendations from Certified officials, head coaches, and ADs/principals. They enter recommendations through the Officials Center or Schools Center.
- You can choose to take the promotion exam either the week of 9/8/20-9/15/20 or 3/9/21-3/16/21. You can only take the exam ONCE this school year.

These adjustments are for Football, Volleyball and Soccer officials ONLY and ONLY for this year.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. If I don't know the answer, I will find out. The IHSA will continue to update information, and I will keep all of you updated as that info is sent out.

Enjoy your fall. I know that many of you have not had a fall free of officiating in quite some time. Stay safe.  
Barb Maue