

Hey Folks,

Just a couple notes to help you maneuver through our tournament listing when you're looking for places to work. Lots of referees are requesting assignments for tournaments that have either hired enough referees already, or the tournament hasn't filled so they aren't hiring anyone else (yet).

#1 - Sign into your OVR account, which will open your My Account page.

#2 - Click on the link called, "Tournaments needing officials". There are nearly 325 tournaments still in need of referees! Click on the "details" link in the far-right column, which will take you to that tournament page.

#3 - As you scroll to the bottom of that tournament's web page, notice how many teams have entered. Are pools filled (4 teams each)? How many courts does the tournament have (4 teams/court)? If the tournament isn't filling, and the tournament date is just a couple weeks away, it's unlikely you'll be assigned. Look for a different tournament on that date. If there are teams entered but the courts haven't filled, the tournament director may/may not need more referees.

#4 - Scroll to the bottom of the tournament page where referee names are listed. If you want to work, AND there appear to be enough teams/courts, click the check box to request the assignment.

#5 - If you want to email the tournament staff to request the assignment, at the bottom of the page directly above the list of hired referees is the name of either the "OA" (Officials' Assignor) or the tournament director. Email THAT person to request the assignment. Some referees are emailing the tournament director instead of the assignor; you may not get a response (unfortunately) from the TD, so always contact an OA first, if one is listed.

If you contact an assignor or a tournament director and don't get a response within a few days, first try re-sending your email. Give them another day or so. If you don't hear anything, drop me and note and I'll follow up for you.

Happy whistling!

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