

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

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- The latest news from USTA/Officials is the Roving and Referee training modules will be out in June. Chair and Line training modules will come out in January 2017.
- The TOA Service Proposal with the USTA for sectional league events is almost complete. The TOA is hoping to be able to assign for these events this summer and avoid the USTA having to send out RFP's as in the past. This seasons schedule will consist of 7 tournaments. 2) Spokane, Portland, Seattle, Salem, Sunriver and 1) Jr. Event in Yakima. All but the Jr. event in Yakima will only be hiring one Referee. There will be a need for a Referee and officials in Yakima. I will update the membership when this proposal is completed.
- Membership is almost at 100%! Thank you to all that have sent in their dues in the past 2 months. Most of our membership is centered in Oregon and Washington. The TOA wants to recognize USTA officials in Alaska also. With the new webinars available for certification and training we hope that encourages more interest in that area. I am planning a new segment in our newsletter to highlight officials throughout our section and I want to start with a few from Alaska in the next newsletter.
- One of the duties of the TOA is to stay current with awards that are available to our officials in our section. This past March, Bette Rankin from Poulsbo WA was nominated for the Nicholas Powell National Award for excellence of officiating at the local level. Bette was one of the top 4 finalists and was awarded the Sectional Award. In the near future we will be setting up a committee to nominate officials for two awards for our section: Official of the Year and Rookie of the Year.
- Grace Abrales from Northern WA. is our new Shadow and New Hire Coordinator. Her contact info is:

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Please contact Gracie when directing anyone who is interested in officiating and also for setting up shadowing/training assignments.

- In the TOA's quest to help new officials with training and those who feel they could use more training, the TOA will be organizing on court Roving clinics this summer after the USTA Roving module comes out. This training will be held during an event in Seattle, Spokane, Portland and Alaska. We feel that in addition to the one-on-one training we are familiar with, it would be beneficial to train larger groups for longer periods of time on court. We will let you know dates and locations later this spring.
- The new Portland assignor Keli Smithers has reported many successes and good communications with the area clubs and TD's. She is currently working with the OSAA and Referee Steve Halberg assigning for the highly attended High School State tournaments. The 6A-5A divisions will have Boys and Girls 5A at PTC and Boys and Girls 6A at THRP. With Chaired Finals for both divisions at THRP on Saturday. The 4A-1A will be played in Corvallis this year with Bill Haskin as Referee. Keli has reported that she has been pleased with the response she got from the area officials. She is working very hard to get assignments out in a timely matter so officials are aware of when and where they are assigned. She is learning many ways to help this process move more quickly, and will be implementing a cutoff date for future solicits. This process will benefit all officials who want to work and TD's who are using her services.
- A Grievance committee has been established of (3) TOA board members.

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This committee will be available for clarification and responses to complaints from our section. If you have a complaint or are a recipient of a complaint please forward it in an email to any of the committee members for a response.

- News from ITA-

-All ITA officials will need to be USTA members and in our section PNWTOA members.

-All work records for ITA matches this season need to be recorded on ZebraWeb Secretary AND Nucula. For those of us who have minimal chair

opportunities in the PNW, our ITA chair assignments go towards our USTA chair certification.

➤ A reminder from the PNWTOA board for the upcoming summer events:

We are hired to be Professional and Ethical. Our presence on the court is to assist. Be aware of what is happening around you and how you are being viewed.

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YAY! DAVIS CUP - JULY 15-17-Portland - SEE YOU THERE!