

# PNWTOA NEWS

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association  
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO KRISTEN SIEBECKER FOR RECEIVING THE 2017 JACK STAHR AWARD



Kristen receiving her award on September 4, 2017 at the U.S. OPEN

- This award is presented annually to an umpire, age 21 or over, who in one of his or her first three years at the US Open, is recognized for hard work, professionalism, technical ability and cooperative attitude. It recognizes his/her outstanding work primarily as a line umpire.

*“It was quite an honor and I just got really lucky. We do not do this for the recognition but because we love the sport”-Kristen Siebecker*

Kristen started officiating in 2011 while living in New York. Her first assignment at the U.S. Open was in 2015. Soon afterwards Kristen and her husband moved to Portland and found a home close to relatives in the popular John’s Landing neighborhood. Kristen’s choice to move to Oregon also corresponded with her

other profession as a sommelier! A date to celebrate with Kristen will be coming soon. The location will be in Portland.

- It's time to select your nominees for the Perry Hines Official of the Year Award and the Mike Robb Rookie of the Year Award. Board member Barb Silvey will be the Chairperson this year for organizing this year's awards. She will be contacting you for your nominations and then sending out the ballots for you vote. Winners will receive plaques and be an honored guest at a luncheon.
- The TOA board is asking Oregon TOA officials who are interested in the assigning position for Oregon to reply by Oct. 1, 2017. Holly Weyhrauch temporarily resumed this position for the summer. She has done a great job and would like to continue. It is essential though that the BoD solicit the membership for this position. If you are interested please contact the TOA Board of Directors at pnwtennisofficials@gmail.com by Oct. 1, 2017.
- The Learning Courses have arrived!

The education requirements for all USTA Certified Officials who are seeking recertification for 2018 have been approved by the Officials Committee. There is an increased emphasis on education and ALL USTA Certified Officials (except Provisionals) are now required to complete both the Roving 1 course and the new Roving 2 course plus any new education course specifically offered for the officiating discipline. Further details are listed below.

The Chair Umpire Level 1, Line Umpire Level 1, Roving Umpire Level 2 and Referee Level 2 courses are now available on the USTA Officiating Online Learning Center ([click here](#)). All Officials seeking re-certification for 2018 must complete all the required courses (see the chart below) by Friday, November 1, 2017.

The education requirements to obtain a 2018 Certification are as follows:

Discipline	Certification	Required Courses
Roving Umpire	Sectional Umpire	Roving 1*, Roving 2
	USTA Roving	Roving 1*, Roving 2, Referee 1*, & Referee 2
Chair Umpire	Sectional, USTA, National, or Professional	Roving 1*, Roving 2, & Chair Umpire 1
Referee	Sectional, USTA, National, or Professional	Roving 1*, Roving 2, Referee 1*, & Referee 2
Line Umpire	USTA, National, or Professional	Roving 1, Roving 2, & Line Umpire 1

\*this course is a prerequisite

\*\*\*If you haven't started or even if you have, the on-line courses consider making it a group endeavor! PNWTOA would like to try to set up a couple of dates/location for officials to meet and go through the training modules

together. Siamak has offered to send out some dates/locations in Portland. If anyone else would like to organize a date/location send out an email or let the TOA board know and we'll get the word out for you.

The Recertification process for 2018 will most likely start right after the Nov. 1 deadline to complete the on-line courses. Please be prepared by updating your work records. You can go to our website and click on the link 'Certification Regulations' to review the work requirements for certifications. Also have your 2017 Vision Forms completed and submitted to: [officiating@usta.com](mailto:officiating@usta.com).

- Dates for USTA Training clinics are still in the progress of being arranged. Our apologies for the delay. Our hope is to organize the Chair clinic in Portland and the Roving clinic in Seattle.
- TOA BoD monthly meeting minutes are now being published on our website in addition to the Newsletters. Website: [Pnwtennisofficials.com](http://Pnwtennisofficials.com)

There are many new links on our website that have been added for your convince under the 'CERTIFICATION' tab.

- [USTA/ITA Uniforms \(websites to order\)](#)
- [2017 Vision Form](#)
- [Certification Regulations](#)
- [On-Line Learning Center](#)
- [Scenarios and Interpretations](#)
- [Techniques and Procedures](#)
- [Background Screening/Safe Play certification](#)
- [2017 FAC](#)

Thanks Everyone,

Denise Alexander, President  
PNWTOA