

RGV BASKETBALL CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENT—EXAM INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

The Arbiter is the chapter assigning software as decided by the Board for the 2017-18 season. **Veteran officials that were assigned via the Arbiter last season have an account.** I suggest you log into the account to test your password. If you have forgotten the password, use the login prompt, “forgot password?” The password will be sent to the email address listed in your Arbiter account. Please do not create a 2nd account if you fail the login. The 2nd account only creates confusion. Send me an email and I will work with you on resolving the issue: carlcontrata@yahoo.com

NEW members and members that failed to establish an Arbiter account last year MUST use the link <http://rgvbb-tx.arbitersports.com/> to register with the Arbiter. If you do not use this link, you will not be registered with the RGV Chapter. You will not appear on the Arbiter roster. You will not receive game assignments. ALL game assignments will be made thru the Arbiter this season. No account = no assignments. I say because 346 chapter members paid both the state (TASO) and local fee last year. Only 280 successfully registered with The Arbiter. Bottom line: register!

I have attached instructions on what and how to perform various duties in your Arbiter account. Please use it to cover blocking (scratching) dates, scratching teams, miles willing to travel, and more. **These duties are essential and must be performed.** Additional instructions are posted on the chapter website RGVCHAPTER.ORG, left column under “**ARBITER HELP.**” The website contains a wealth of information: please visit.

TASO RULES AND MECHANICS EXAM INSTRUCTIONS

The TASO basketball rules and mechanics exams are NOW available for use. This is great news. Formerly they were made available in mid-October; now you have an extra month to take and pass before the season begins. **TAKE THE EXAMS NOW, DON’T WAIT!!!** Access the exams via your TASO.ORG member’s portal. **ALL officials MUST pass the rules exam with a 70 or better in order to officiate. Varsity officials must score 82 or above on all 3 exams. Playoff officials MUST score 92 or above on all three exams. No games assigned until the exam or exams are passed.**

NOTE: You must have cleared the background check to access the member’s portal. This may take days or even weeks after you have renewed or registered for the 1st time with TASO.

To access the Online Test / Rules Exam go to www.taso.org and select Members Login. Enter your TASO ID number and your password. On your “welcome page” (below the calendar) click the test link for 2017 TASO BASKETBALL RULES AND MECHANICS EXAMS. Each member can take the test no more than 5 times. To review a completed test(s), click the Check Your Results button and you can see each test that you have taken as well as your answers.

You may close the testing window at any time and when you return to the test you will continue the test where you exited the test. There is a SKIP button this season. If you wish to skip a question click the SKIP button. After you have completed question 50, the test will close. You will then click on the “Take Test” button, and the skipped questions will appear in the order they were skipped. **MAKE SURE YOU ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING OR THE EXAM WILL BE VOIDED.**

To check your score, you can also log into the Member's Portal. Click on the "Sports Data" link at the top of the page. The highest score achieved on a test is recorded in your member record. Once you complete the test, the results are immediately available to you. You may review each test you have taken by clicking the Review Test Button in the Member's Portal. Please email any problems or questions to basketball@taso.org.

Have a great season.

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