



Midwest Regional Umpire Training Course

COURSE DATE: Friday, May 25th **TIME:** 6:30 - 10 pm

ON COURT TRAINING AND EVALUATION: Saturday, May 26–Monday, May 28th
during the 2018 SPBA Midwest Open Regional (*time slots listed on application form*)

INSTRUCTOR: Jim Greenlees

LOCATION: Shannon Pohl Badminton Academy at Adversity Volleyball Center
710 Corporate Woods Pkwy, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Why become an umpire?

1. You get the best seat in the house for the best badminton matches!
2. You love this sport and you really want to help make more good badminton happen in your area.
3. Improve your own game:
 - a. You will really learn all the rules in detail and understand why, for example, your 'perfect' winning serve gets faulted when there's an umpire on court!
 - b. You will learn what umpires can and cannot do; when and how to ask for an umpire if you have a problem on the court; what to do if you disagree with an umpire's ruling; etc.
4. *You are a parent and your child needs you to travel for tournaments and then you are stuck in a gym and you are driving each other crazy!*
5. Umpires are *totally* cool (well, we like to think so).
6. There are definitely other reasons as well, but these are excellent ones to start. By the way, you likely will never learn the others until you become one ☺

This course is being held prior to the 2018 SPBA Midwest Open Regional (May 26-28), which will serve as an excellent opportunity for trainees to have full on-court training. It is an excellent opportunity to develop technical official skills while helping an important event run smoothly and to work with a corps of experienced court officials. **This is the biggest and highest level junior badminton event in Illinois and it will draw a large crowd, last year it had over 350 participants.** It should be a very exciting event with top Junior National players flying in. We will likely be using 14 courts, depending on the number of entries. This will require a tremendous amount of coordination and help from regional umpires. We are asking for your help umpiring or scorekeeping at the event after the clinic. For those feeling sufficiently prepared, evaluations can be conducted as a part of this event and the written exam can be administered so that by the end of tournament weekend, you could become a fully accredited Regional Umpire.

While junior parents and coaches are strongly encouraged to participate in this training, we are looking for others from the broader badminton community to participate as well –there will be many local opportunities to gain more experience in other junior and adult events in Illinois as well as in other parts of the Midwest Region.

Course Instructor will be National Umpire and Referee, Jim Greenlees. Course fee \$25 covers course information packet, printed rules, tournament t-shirt, and 'tools of the trade' (official warning cards), payable to Shannon Pohl Badminton Academy by May 16th. Please bring a stopwatch with you to the Training Course and to the SPBA Midwest Super Regional (May 26-28).



REGIONAL UMPIRE TRAINING - OVERVIEW

Purpose: Impart the necessary information about laws of badminton, role of umpires and other technical officials, required tools, use of scoresheet and training on proper language and other aspects of court management to those who wish to become certified USAB Regional Umpires.

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge about badminton, especially court layout, basic equipment and how the game is played and scored both in singles and doubles. Upon registering for a clinic, individuals will be expected to read (prior to the clinic) the Laws of Badminton as published by the Badminton World Federation (download-able from their website www.bwfbadminton.org under 'Organization' tab, click on 'Laws of Badminton')

Program: The clinic's four parts (below) may be conducted all in one session or in separate sessions. Anyone is eligible for the clinic but full certification is only available to current members of USA Badminton age 18 years or older.

- Classroom Instruction & Discussion – This portion of the clinic is typically done first and may take from 1 to 3 hours, depending on the experience / preparation of the attendees.
- Written Test – One-hour test testing knowledge of basic laws, proper language, understanding of game situations, sequence of actions and use of scoresheet. Trainees arrange with instructor to take this when s/he feels prepared for it; this may be done either before or after On Court Practical Training but should be prior to On Court Evaluation. Test must be passed with a minimum score of 80%.
- Practical (On Court) Training – This generally involves demonstration, shadowing, support, observation and feedback as the instructor conducts training during actual matches covering language, calls, scoresheet markings, sequence of actions, use of stopwatch and skills needed for proper and effective observation of players and match situations. Initial matches may be recreational club play but training will proceed to actual tournament matches at the 2018 SPBA Midwest Open Regional May 26-28th
- On Court Evaluation – This takes place at the 2018 SPBA Midwest Open Regional May 26-28th with observation conducted by either course instructor or a Tournament Referee as trainee umpires during multiple singles and doubles matches.

Upon completion of all segments of the program and documentation of current USAB membership, the instructor shall notify the Technical Officials Committee and recommend certification. Upon certification, a new umpire's USAB membership card will be updated to reflect this. USAB Umpire shirts may be available for purchase.

Fees: \$25 per person, as set by Technical Officials Committee. Fee covers the cost of a printed rules, course materials, umpire shirt, standard umpire gear (red / yellow cards) and court and Instructor's fee. Please bring stopwatch with you to the course if you have one.

Pay online at: <http://www.shannonpohl.com/usa-badminton-umpire-clinic/>



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Please email this form to badminton@shannonpohl.com and send payment by May 14th.

Name _____ Tshirt Size (Adult Unisex S, M, L, XL, or XXL): _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ USAB # _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Badminton Club _____ Occupation _____

Badminton Background _____

Previous Badminton Technical Official Experience (eg scorekeeper, line judge) _____

Previous Sport Official Experience (sports other than badminton) _____

Reasons for wanting to be an umpire _____

Days and times available to Umpire at Open Regionals:

Please check the times you will be available to do your on court practice and evaluation:

We understand that a three day commitment is a lot to ask, so we are looking to have two shifts each day. This means you could work the early shift one day and the late another day. Of course if you want to be available for the entire tournament, one day, two days, or three days you can!

There will be a hospitality room for all umpires with snacks, coffee, lunch, etc. each day.

The proposed times for the tournament and shifts are noted below. Many of you are parents and we know you want to watch your children's matches - we will accommodate this. You also know how critical it is to have the matches umpired and how important it is to making this event a success.

Last year we set the bar high with a very successful SPBA Midwest Super Regionals, and we will give a lot of effort again to create this a top event!

Thank you in advance for your participation and help.

Name: _____

Saturday, May 26th - play begins at 9am and runs through to 9pm

Umpire Briefing - 8am

- Early Shift: 8:00 am - 3 pm (7 hours)
- Late Shift: 2 pm - 9 pm (7 hours)

Sunday, May 27th 9 am - play begins at 9am and runs through to 9pm

Umpire Briefing 8am

- Early Shift: 8:00 am - 3 pm (7 hours)
- Late Shift: 2 pm - 9 pm (7 hours)

Monday, May 28th play begins at 8.30 and runs through to 4pm

Umpire Briefing 8am

- Early Shift: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm (5 hours)
- Late Shift: 12:00-4:00 p.m. (4 hours)

For instructor's use only:

CLINIC: ___/___/___ ON-COURT EVALUATION: ___/___/___ WRITTEN TEST: ___/___/___ ___%