

OREGON REFEREE COMMITTEE

Procedure for Electing the Ombudsman

1. In odd-number years, an email will be sent to all registered grades 7's, 6's, and 5's announcing that in January the election of the Ombudsman will take place. Included will be the job description, an explanation of why the position is elected and not appointed, a notice that term is for two years and an invitation to nominate (via email) any registered referee to stand for election as the Ombudsman.
2. Nominations will close 14 days after the announcement email was sent.
3. An email will be sent to all registered grades 7's, 6's, and 5's with a list of the names of the qualified nominees received by the deadline and a ballot attached. Included will be an explanation that ballots must be sent by U.S. mail to the ORC mailing address, a notice of the date by which the ballots must be received to be counted and a description of the voting control and secrecy procedure (the referees' names must be on the envelopes, which will be separated from the ballots prior to opening and counting the ballots).
4. The Coordinator will keep track of the ballots received to assure that only qualified referees vote and each casts only one ballot.
5. Balloting will close 14 days after the ballot email was sent.
6. The SRA and the Coordinator will count all qualified ballots that have been received by the deadline.
7. An email will be sent to ORC Board and team members and all registered grades 7's, 6's, and 5's announcing the winner. The result also will be posted on the ORC website.