



USA Volleyball National Referee Candidate Application Information, Instructions & Checklist 2015-16 Season

1. All applicants must be in good standing within their respective regions and the USAV Indoor Officials Commission from the time of application through the conclusion of the rating process. A current USAV background screen must be on file in Webpoint at the time of application. All maintenance requirements must be completed on time.
2. Candidates must register in Webpoint for the 2015-16 National Referee Candidate Application Materials and pay the \$150 registration fee.
 - a) Current National Scorers may request a refund of \$50 by contacting Kathy Ferraraccio via email at kathy@ferraraccio.com
 - a. Please use the subject line: Candidate Refund – Your Name. IE, Candidate Refund – Moore, Ed
 - b. Refund will be processed within two business days of the request to the same credit card used to register.
 - b) The registration fee will be refunded if the applicant is not accepted as a candidate.
 - c) Notification of acceptance will be May 1, 2016
3. The application must be submitted via email. It can be downloaded from the USAV Academy from the course 2015-16 National Referee Candidate Application Materials under Course Materials.
 - a) Paper copies will not be accepted
 - b) Electronic signatures are accepted
 - c) When emailing application cc the commissioner and referee chair
 - d) Applications are due April 1, 2016 at 11:59 pm Mountain time
 - e) When submitting the application use the subject line National Referee Application - Your Name IE. National Referee Application - Moore, Ed
 - f) Email applications to Michelle Prater at praterm11@gmail.com
4. Failure to meet any of the above listed deadlines or criteria will result in non-acceptance as a National referee candidate this season. **Also, applicants who have been accepted during the two previous seasons, but were unsuccessful in attaining this certification, are not eligible to apply in a third consecutive year.**
5. USA Boys' Junior National Championships, the NCVF College Sports Club Championships or other high level boys' or men's volleyball officiating experiences within the last year are given primary consideration; however, other high level competition is also considered. A waiver of the requirement can occur if the candidate demonstrates a prior record of officiating high level boys' or men's volleyball.
6. Candidates must demonstrate scoring proficiency during the rating process by: 1) completing a scoring proficiency quiz, 2) serving as the scorer during a match, or 3) both.
7. All applicants must register to officiate as a referee for the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships on VolleyballRefTraining.com at <http://www.volleyballreftraining.net/events.php>. Registrations will open very soon and must be completed by the Event deadline.
8. The 2016 Boys' JNC will be held in Dallas, TX, at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center from June 29-July 6. All candidates are required to attend the candidates' meeting on **Tuesday, June 28, at 7pm** at the playing venue. You must be available with no schedule conflicts during the three-day rating session from **June 29-July 1, 2016**. Candidates may schedule departure any time after 7 pm on July 1, or you may stay to officiate after the rating session has ended. NOTE: You will not be paid for any matches officiated during the rating session, but you will be paid for all other match assignments before or after the rating session.
9. If you are part of the OCRP and fail to pay for your hotel room during your candidacy by November 15th, will result in the loss of ORCP in the future, NO EXCEPTIONS.

National Referee Candidate Curriculum

Applicants for the National Referee certification are required to complete the National Referee Candidate Curriculum. This must be completed by the application deadline, **April 1, 2016**, along with all other paperwork associated with candidacy. Failure to complete this curriculum by the deadline will also result in non-acceptance of the applicant as a National Referee candidate this season.

For applicants who have already taken the modules or exams for their national level certification requirements, it is not necessary to re-take these modules, as long as it was taken on VolleyballRefTraining.com for credit. We are able to access your records on USA Volleyball Academy and know when you completed all requirements.

In addition, candidates must demonstrate scoring proficiency during the rating process by: 1) completing a scoring proficiency quiz, and 2) serving as the scorer during a match at the tournament.

Instructions for Completing the National Referee Candidate Curriculum

1. Log onto Webpoint; <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org>
2. Click on Event Registration; this will bring a drop down box
3. From the drop down box click on USAV Ref/Score clinics
4. Locate the National Referee Candidate Curriculum and click REGISTER
5. To access the Academy, log onto Webpoint and click, Go to USAV Academy. You will be logged into the Academy.

Tips for taking courses/exams

- Make sure your flash player is up to date and running.
- Make sure pop-ups are not blocked on your computer.

When having issues with a course/quiz/exam

- Clear your browser history and restart your computer before resuming your exam/course.
- Attempt to access the material via a different browser.
- Attempt to access the course material via another computer.

6. Once in the USA Volleyball Academy, view curricula you have registered for and take exams and modules. The courses for National Referee Candidates are:
 - US619 Scoring Basics Deciding Set
 - US243 Art of Assessing Sanctions
 - US259 Professionalism II
 - US809 Form A Scorer Exam
 - US237 Second Referee Transition & Positioning
7. When you have completed curricula in USAV Academy, that information will be captured in Webpoint
8. **Complete by April 1, 2016**

This season, all National-level referees must attend the USAV National Referee clinic in-person or online. The clinic must also be attended by March 1, 2016 to receive credit and be able to attend any of the national championships at the end of the season. To register for a clinic, go to http://www.volleyballreftraining.net/events_national_referee_clinics.php, find the clinic in the drop down list you wish to attend, and then use your USAV code to register for that clinic by entering your USAV code and clicking submit. You will then fill in the clinic you selected from the drop down list, and make sure all other information is correct. You will receive a confirmation email for your registration shortly thereafter.

Completing the Recommendation Form

The USAV National Referee Candidate Recommendation Form is a form-fill document. Please type all requested data, and select the appropriate check box(es). After the preliminary data is entered in the document, print it, and request the person making the recommendation to sign it. Ensure the contact information for the person signing the recommendation is also typed. Electronic signatures will be accepted, but the person making the recommendation must be cc on the email.

Three Recommendation Forms are required with the application. Once three forms have been completed, they must be scanned and emailed to Michelle Prater, Director – USAV National and Junior National Referee Evaluations & Certifications: praterm11@gmail.com, along with the completed Application Data Sheet and Officiating Activities Summary.

Submitting the Recommendation Forms with the Application Data Sheet and Officiating Activities Summary (see Application Instructions document) does not guarantee acceptance as a USAV National Referee candidate. A maximum of 30 candidates will be accepted into the rating process at the 2016 GJNC in Dallas, TX. Only the most qualified candidates will be accepted. If 30 or more applications are received by the Director – USAV National and Junior National Referee Evaluations & Certifications, this may still result in fewer than 30 candidates being accepted into the rating process.

Individuals who sign a Recommendation Form for a National Referee Candidate must have observed the applicant as both first and second referee for an entire match within the past 18 months. Those eligible to sign a Recommendation Form will come from the following groups:

- a) USAV National Indoor Officials Commission member, referees
- b) USAV National Rating Team member (during at least one of the past three seasons)
- c) USAV National Training Team member (during at least one of the past three seasons)
- d) USAV National Championship head referee (US Open, Girls' JNC, Boys' JNC or Qualifier/Boys Bid)
- e) High Performance Championships head referee or international/national trainer
- f) International Referee (Not a candidate/retired)
- g) NCAA/DI Conference Coordinators or Assignors (one signature per candidate)
- h) NCVF head referees (limited to one signature)
- i) Regional referee/officials chair (limited to one signature per region)

****NOTE:** It is required that the applicant's regional referee chair and commissioner sign the Application Data Sheet. If for some reason the Region Leadership refuses to sign, please contact me directly.

National Referee Candidate Checklist

To apply and be considered as a candidate for USAV National referee certification, an applicant must complete/submit the following:

- USAV National Level Referee exam completed online, attaining a minimum score of 90%; no later than **March 1, 2016**
- National Referee Clinic completed by **March 1, 2016**
- \$150 application fee (National Scorer must request the \$50 refund)
- Complete National Referee Candidate Curriculum on USAV Academy by **April 1, 2016**

The following must be submitted AT THE SAME TIME via email to Michelle Prater (praterm11@gmail.com), no later than **April 1, 2016, 11:59 MT**.

- Three (3) Recommendation Forms signed by three different individuals from the groups designated on the form (See Recommendation Form Instructions document). NOTE: Your regional commissioner's or referee chair's signature on the data sheet does NOT constitute one of the three separate recommendations.
- Completed Application Data Sheet, type-written (electronic signatures accepted, must cc Commissioners and Referee Chair)
- Completed Officiating Activities Summary, type-written

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- Current USAV background screen must be on file at time of application
- USAV National Official's dues must have been paid by December 1, 2015
- VRT event registration for the BJNC by the deadline set by the event
- An applicant who has been accepted during the two previous seasons, but was unsuccessful in attaining this certification, is not eligible to apply in a third consecutive year.
- Must complete all Maintenance requirements by the due date.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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