

USA VOLLEYBALL INDOOR JUNIOR NATIONAL REFEREE

I. Certification and Application Requirements

- A. File the official application for the current season. Instructions for completing the application are available at:
http://www.volleyballreftraining.net/resources_applications.php.
- B. Obtain all approvals as noted in the instructions and submit application fee as noted.
- C. The deadline for submitting an application is April 1. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by May 1.
- D. Demonstrate proficiency as a scorer by successfully completing the written scorer examination and scoring clinic (the specific clinic and exam is spelled out in the application instructions) found in USAV Academy. As part of the evaluation process, each candidate will be required to keep score and to take and pass a scorer's practical exam at the certification event.
- E. Complete the online USAV National-level rules examination.
- F. Complete the online tournament procedures for the event before arrival.
- G. Attend the designated USA Volleyball event and successfully complete all requirements at that tournament. The event requirements include (but are not limited to):
 1. Attendance at all mandatory pre-tournament and Candidates' Meetings.
 2. Availability to referee at the event until the completion of the rating session.
 3. Successful completion of the evaluation session(s).
 4. Forfeiture of all match fees to the Indoor Officials' Commission of USA Volleyball for matches officiated during the rating session. Candidates might retain fees earned from matches refereed after the completion of the rating session if the candidate is contracted with the events department in advance.

Upon successful completion of these requirements, the candidate will receive a USA Volleyball Junior National referee certification and patch.

By agreement of the PAVO and the USAV Indoor Official's Commission, Referees, a certified PAVO National referee may be certified as a USAV Indoor Junior National referee without meeting certification requirements noted above. The individual must be in good standing in his/her region and must be recommended by the PAVO. A request must be sent to the Associate Chair,

National Indoor Officials Commission, Referees. Upon acceptance by the Associate Chair, the referee must attend that year's Junior National rating tournament, and will be reviewed on a minimum of two matches to ascertain the individuals' strength rating as a referee. The referee must also complete all annual requirements for that season, with deadlines being given based on the date of acceptance.

II. Responsibilities and entitlements

- A. After certification by the National Commission for Evaluation and Certification, a USA Volleyball Junior National referee will be entitled to wear the official USA Volleyball Junior National referee patch while officiating at USA Volleyball-sanctioned events.
- B. A USA Volleyball Junior National referee is authorized to officiate all USA Volleyball-sanctioned competition within any of the USA Volleyball regions, including Qualifier and Bid competition, and is qualified to officiate at the USA Junior National Championships and the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships.
- C. Certification as a USA Volleyball Junior National referee is valid for a period of four (4) years. To maintain certification, the referee must complete the following.
 1. Annual requirements.
 - a. Register as a member of a USA Volleyball region and remain an active referee with his/her RVA.
 - b. Have a current background screening on file with USA Volleyball
 - c. Remit annual dues and national-level clinic fee as levied by the Indoor Officials Commission of USA Volleyball by November 1.
 - d. Complete the USA Volleyball national-level pre-season curriculum by 11:59 pm on January 4.
 - e. Complete the online national-level USA Volleyball rules exam.
 - i. Must be taken online and closed book
 - ii. Must be completed within 90 minutes
 - iii. Must be completed by 11:59 pm on March 1
 - iv. Must achieve a score of 90%
 - f. Complete the USA Volleyball scorer exam A
 - g. Complete the USA Volleyball National Referee clinic by 11:59 pm March 1
 2. Attendance requirements for the first two certification terms – must be one full day commitment as a referee at any of the required events.
 - a. Serve as a referee at one of the USA Junior National Championships or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships in at least two different years during each of the first two certification terms.
 - b. Serve as a referee at one of the USA Junior National Championships or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships, a USA Volleyball Qualifier or Bid Tournament, the Starlings

- Tournament, or the NCVF Club Championships, during one of the remaining two years of each of the first two certification terms.
- c. Junior National referees will be accepted to referee at the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships only if an insufficient number of National referees have registered by the deadline. This has no bearing on acceptance as a scorer only.
 - d. Submit to re-evaluation by the National Commission for Evaluation and Certification at any time while officiating at a USAV sanctioned event.
 - e. May be absent from all national-level competition one year out of each of the first two certification terms.
3. Attendance requirements for subsequent terms after the first two certification terms.
 - a. Same attendance requirements as in section 2 above, but if serving as a referee at a championship listed in section 2.a and a tournament listed in section 2.b in the same year, can be absent from national-level competition for two separate years in that certification term.
- D. A USAV Junior National referee encountering unusual difficulty in meeting the attendance requirements may request, in a letter or email, a one-year extension of certification. The request must be submitted to the Associate Chair, Indoor National Officials Commission, Referees.
1. Referees who are granted an extension must continue to complete all annual requirements.
- E. A USAV Junior National referee with a minimum of two (2) certification terms as a Junior National Referee who allows that certification to expire, has two options for recertification:
1. If the referee wishes to re-certify within the three years immediately following expiration of the rating, the referee must:
 - a. Submit an application and a summary of volleyball activities for the previous three (3) years.
 - b. Affirm membership within the respective USA Volleyball region during the period since expiration.
 - c. Send the application and summary to the Director for National Referee Evaluation and Certification, who may authorize the candidate to attend a USAV Girls' Junior National Championship for re-evaluation. The recertification candidate must pay the candidate fee, and follow the procedures as noted in Section I.G above.
 2. If the referee wishes to re-certify after the three-year period following expiration of the Junior National Referee certification, the referee must apply through his/her region as noted in Section I above.
 - a. Applications for new Junior National referees will be given priority over applications submitted under the provisions for expired certifications.

III. Repercussions for not fulfilling requirements

A. National Officials Commission Dues

1. A USA Volleyball Junior National referee who does not submit his/her dues by the deadline will be assessed a late fee of 100%.
 2. If the dues and the late fee are not received by the subsequent deadline, the Junior National Referee certification will be rescinded.
- B. National-level Pre-Season Curriculum
1. If the referee fails to complete the national-level pre-season curriculum by January 4, attendance at any national level tournament in that season will not count towards attendance requirements. The referee will also not be accepted to referee at any of the JNC tournaments or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships that season.
 2. If the referee fails to complete the national-level pre-season curriculum by May 31, his/her Junior National referee certification will be rescinded.
- C. National-level rules exam
1. A USA Volleyball Junior National referee who completes the National-level rules exam after the deadline will not be confirmed to work as a referee for one of the USA Junior National Championships or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships during that season unless one of the JNC tournaments is in need of referees, even if the referee must attend to maintain certification.
 2. If the referee attends a certifying tournament in the year the National-level rules exam is completed after the deadline, he/she will not receive credit for attendance in that season.
 3. If the National-level rules exam is not completed by May 31 of that season, the referee will lose his/her USAV Junior National referee certification.
 4. If the referee fails to achieve the minimum score of 90% on the National-level rules exam, but completes the exam by the testing deadline, he/she will be placed on a one year probation.
 - a. During the probationary year, the referee may not referee the 16 through 18 Open level at any JNC, nor the PVL and Open Divisions at the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships and will not be assigned to any Finals match.
 - b. If the referee does not achieve the minimum score on the National-level rules exam for a second consecutive year, his/her Junior National referee certification will be rescinded.
- D. National-level Referee Clinic
1. If the referee fails to complete the national referee clinic by March 1, attendance at any national level tournament in that season will not count towards attendance requirements. The referee will also not be accepted to referee at the JNC tournaments or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships that season.
 2. If the referee fails to complete the national referee clinic by May 31, his/her Junior National referee certification will be rescinded.

- E. If the referee fails to complete the requirements in A, B, C, or D for a second year in a row by the initial deadline; his/her Junior National referee certification will be rescinded.
 - 1. Officials Commission Dues – November 1
 - 2. National-level pre-season curriculum – January 4
 - 3. National-level rules exam – March 1
 - 4. National Referee clinic – March 1
- F. USAV Membership
 - 1. If the referee does not become a member of USAV by March 1, the Junior National certification will be rescinded
- G. Attendance requirements
 - 1. A USA Volleyball Junior National referee who does not attend the required tournaments during any certification period, and does not ask for the one-year extension of certification, will be placed on a one-year probation period.
 - a. In the year following probation, if the referee does not attend a required tournament, the USA Volleyball Junior National certification will be rescinded.
 - b. In the year following probation, if the referee attends a required tournament, a one-year certification extension will be granted. If the referee attends a required tournament in the second year following the probation, a new four (4) year certification period is awarded.
- G. Re-evaluation
 - 1. A USAV Junior National referee will be formally evaluated as both a first and second referee at least ONCE in each certification term.
 - a. Evaluations may occur as often as every two years.
 - i. Evaluations will not occur in consecutive years if passing scores are achieved.
 - b. Consecutive evaluations will not be done by the same evaluator.
 - c. The evaluator will conduct a formal debriefing as soon as possible depending on the availability of the referee and evaluator.
 - 2. Passing scores of 88 must be achieved as first and second referee.
 - 3. If a passing score is not achieved on the first evaluation as first or second referee, the referee will receive another evaluation in the position(s) where previously unsuccessful.
 - a. The second evaluation may occur at the same event or at the next event attended by the referee where the rating team is active.
 - 4. If a passing score is not achieved on the second evaluation,
 - a. The referee will have the opportunity to attend the USAV Junior National referee certification process the following season.
 - i. No application fee or regional signatures are required if attending the following season.
 - ii. Will not be accepted to referee at any USAV National Championship until the referee has successfully completed the Junior National referee certification process.

- iii. If the referee does not successfully complete the certification process the following season:
 - A. Junior National referee certification will only be maintained by following the full Junior National referee candidate application and evaluation process, including fee and region signatures; or
 - B. The referee can opt to continue officiating as a Regional referee at the region's discretion.
- b. If the referee has a minimum of two (2) terms as a USAV Junior National referee and is otherwise in good standing, he or she will have the option to retire.