



USA Volleyball National Referee Candidate Application Information, Instructions, & Checklist 2019-2020 Season

1. All applicants must be in good standing in their respective regions from the time of application through the conclusion of the evaluation process. A current USAV background screen and SafeSport training must be on file in Webpoint at the time of application.
2. Candidates must register in Webpoint for the National Referee Candidate Curriculum and pay the \$200 application fee.
 - a) The application fee will be refunded if the applicant is not accepted as a candidate.
 - b) If accepted as a candidate, National Scorers or National Scorer candidates may request a \$50 refund by contacting Pati Rolf at pati.rolf@usav.org.
3. The official application must be submitted via email. It can be downloaded from the USAV Academy from the National Referee Candidate Instructions course, under Resources.
 - a) The completed application must be submitted with three Recommendation Forms. Paper copies of the application or Recommendation Forms will not be accepted.
 - b) Electronic signatures are accepted.
 - c) When submitting the application use the subject line **National Referee Application - Your Name (e.g., National Referee Application - Moore, Ed)**.
 - d) Email applications to Brian Hemelgarn at hemelgarn@ovr.org and CC your region's commissioner, your region's referee chair, and Pati Rolf at pati.rolf@usav.org.
 - e) Completed applications are due no later than **February 15, 2020, at 11:59 PM Mountain Time**.
 - f) Notification of acceptance will be no later than **March 1, 2020**.
4. Failure to meet any of the above listed deadlines or criteria may result in non-acceptance to the National Referee Candidacy Program 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 for a third consecutive year.**
5. Candidates must demonstrate scoring proficiency using National Scoring procedures during the evaluation process by: 1) completing a scoring proficiency quiz, and 2) serving as the scorer during a match.
6. Applicants who would like to be considered to work the event regardless of whether they are accepted as a candidate must register for the event using the in https://www.volleyballretraining.com/events_officiating_opportunities.php
7. The 2020 Girls 18s JNC will be held in Reno, Nevada, at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. All candidates are required to attend the candidates' meeting on **Thursday, April 30, at 7:00 PM** at the playing venue. You must be available with no schedule conflicts during the three-day evaluation session from **May 1 – May 3**. Candidates may schedule departure any time after 5:00 PM on May 3. NOTE: Candidates will not be paid for evaluation matches but will be paid for any non-evaluation matches during the candidate program.
8. A National Referee Candidate Camp is being held at the Show Me National Qualifier II on **April 3-5, 2020, in Kansas City, MO**. Only accepted National Referee Candidates will be eligible to attend this camp; attendance is not required.
9. Candidates may request event housing, but they will be responsible for paying one-half of the room cost. Alternatively, candidates may choose to secure their own hotel accommodations.
 - a) When you register for the tournament on VRT, you will have the option of requesting event housing.
 - b) If you utilize event housing during your candidacy, you must pay for your hotel room in advance by the deadline established by the USAV Officials Development Department.

National Referee Candidate Curriculum

Applicants for National Referee certification are required to complete the online National Referee Candidate Curriculum by **February 15, 2020, 11:59 PM Mountain Time**, along with all other paperwork associated with candidacy. Failure to complete this curriculum by the deadline will result in non-acceptance as a National Referee candidate this season.

For applicants who have already completed the modules or exams for their National-level certification requirements, it is not necessary to re-take these modules. We will verify your records in the USA Volleyball Academy to confirm completion of all requirements.

Instructions for Completing the National Referee Candidate Curriculum

1. Log onto Webpoint at <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org>.
2. Click on Event Registration to view the drop-down menu.
3. From the drop-down menu, click on USAV Ref/Score clinics.
4. Locate the National Referee Candidate Curriculum and click REGISTER.
5. To access the Academy, log into your Webpoint account and click "Login to USAV Academy."
6. Once in the USA Volleyball Academy, you will see the courses for National Referee Candidates:
 - US20_106q Scoring Basics Non-deciding Set (w/quiz)
 - US20_107q Scoring – Deciding Set (w/quiz)
 - US20_310 The Art of Assessing Sanctions
 - US20_324 Professionalism II
 - US20_804 Form A Scorer Exam
 - US20_308 Second Referee Transition Analysis
 - US20_307 Second Referee Progressions
7. When you have completed the curricula in USAV Academy, that information will be captured in Webpoint.
8. **COMPLETE BY February 15, 2020, 11:59 PM Mountain Time**

All National-level referees must attend the USAV National Referee clinic in person or online. Attendance must be completed by February 15, 2020, to receive credit and be able to officiate any of the USAV National Championships.

To register for a clinic, go to https://volleyballreftraining.com/events_ref_clinics.php, choose the location you would like to attend, and click "Register."

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(s) making the recommendation must be CC'd on the email when the form is submitted.**

Three Recommendation Forms are required with the application. Once three forms have been completed, they must be scanned and emailed to Brian Hemelgarn (hemelgarn@ovr.org) and Pati Rolf (pati.rolf@usav.org) along with the completed Application Data Sheet and Officiating Activities Summary. All application documents must be included in the same email.

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.

Individuals who sign a Recommendation Form for a National Referee Candidate must have observed the applicant as both first and second referee, ideally for a minimum of one set in each position, within the past 15 months (Nov 2018 – Feb 2020). Candidates who were unsuccessful in the past may use the same recommendation form(s) if it falls within that timeframe, but the candidate must obtain permission from the person who signed the recommendation to use the form from a previous evaluation or observation. Those eligible to sign a Recommendation Form will come from the two groups below. At least two of the Recommendation Forms must come from Group I; the third Recommendation Form may come from either Group I or II.

GROUP I (minimum of two Recommendation Forms from this group):

- USAV Officials Advisory Commission member, Indoor Officials group
- USAV National Training/Coaching/Mentoring Team member (during at least one of the past three seasons)
- High Performance Championships head referee or international/national trainer/mentor
- International Referee (not a candidate or retired International)
- USAV National Championship head referee at the US Open, Girls JNC, Boys JNC, or National Qualifier/Boys Bid tournament (one signature per candidate)

GROUP II (maximum of one Recommendation Form from this group):

- NCAA Women's Division I Conference Coordinators or Assignors
- NCVF head referee
- Referee/officials' chair in your Region

****NOTE:** It is required that the applicant's regional referee chair and commissioner sign the Application Data Sheet. If there is difficulty obtaining regional leadership signatures, please contact Brian Hemelgarn (hemelgarn@ovr.org) and Pati Rolf (pati.rolf@usav.org).

National Referee Candidate Checklist

To apply and be considered as a candidate for USAV National Referee certification, an applicant must complete and submit the following no later than **February 15, 2020, 11:59 PM Mountain Time**:

- USAV National Level Referee online exam
- National Referee Clinic
- \$200 application fee (National Scorers or National Scorer candidates may request a \$50 refund if accepted as a candidate by contacting Pati Rolf at pati.rolf@usav.org)
- National Referee Candidate Curriculum in the USAV Academy

The following must be combined and submitted together via email to Brian Hemelgarn (hemelgarn@ovr.org) and Pati Rolf (pati.rolf@usav.org), no later than **February 15, 2020, 11:59 PM Mountain Time**.

- 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, typed (electronic signatures accepted; must CC commissioner and referee chair)
- Completed Officiating Activities Summary, typed

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- Current USAV background screen and SafeSport training must be on file at time of application
- USAV National Official's dues must have been paid no later than **February 15, 2020**
- 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.

If you have any questions, please contact: Brian Hemelgarn (hemelgarn@ovr.org) and Pati Rolf (pati.rolf@usav.org).