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I. Introduction

This manual provides information for USA Volleyball referees in the Ohio Valley Region (“OVR”) regarding OVR policies, procedures, and requirements. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Obtaining a certification
- Maintaining certification
- Upgrading a certification
- “Good Standing” policy
- Member sanctions
- Tournament procedures
- Various other functions and activities related to officiating in the OVR

The common components for each referee certification are:

- Timely membership renewal/registration
- Clinic attendance
- Completion of rules and scorekeeping exams
- Demonstration of scorekeeping proficiency
- Practical, on-court evaluations
- Officiating a minimum of two OVR-sanctioned tournaments each season

II. Obtaining a USA Volleyball Referee Certification in the Ohio Valley Region

2.01 Independent Contractor Status

Referees who are certified by the Ohio Valley Region/USA Volleyball are not employees of the Ohio Valley Region or USA Volleyball. All referees serve as independent contractors when officiating at OVR-USAV sanctioned events. The term as an independent contractor lasts for one membership season (November 1 to October 31 each year) and must be annually renewed by registering as an OVR-USAV member. (*See also Section III - Maintaining a Certification in the Ohio Valley Region.*) The term includes all officiating activities, including but not limited to, officiating, serving as a clinician, participating with referee ratings/training/certifications, tournament staff positions, and travel to/from OVR-sanctioned events.

As independent contractors, referees are responsible for maintaining appropriate financial records for tax-filing purposes. In the event that a referee makes more than \$600 from the OVR or other regional hiring entity (i.e., a tournament host or organized volleyball club), a 1099 IRS form may be issued to the referee by the OVR or hiring entity.

In addition, referees/independent contractors are not entitled to benefits, including workers' compensation. Referees should obtain their own medical and disability insurance for officiating-related work. However, as OVR-USAV members, all referees are covered by USA Volleyball's liability and secondary health insurances during sanctioned events.

The Ohio Valley Region is not obligated to guarantee a minimum number of officiating-related assignments; however, referees must meet minimum requirements each season to maintain "good standing" in the Ohio Valley Region as an official. (*See also Section III - Maintaining a Certification in the Ohio Valley Region and Section 7.05 - "Good Standing" Policy for Officials.*)

2.02 Minimum Age Requirements

While USA Volleyball has not outlined minimum age requirements to become certified as a professional referee, in the Ohio Valley Region, we have established that prospective referees must have attained the age of 17 years by January 1st of the season in which the referee becomes certified.

2.03 Online Pre-Registration

Prospective referees express their interest in obtaining a USAV referee certification by pre-registering online at the OVR website (www.ovr.org) for one of the OVR New Officials' Clinics. The specific sites and times for these clinics are posted on the OVR website by mid-October each year. The pre-registration page can be found at the following link:

http://www.ovr.org/officiating/new_official_signup.php



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2.04 OVR Theoretical Officiating Clinics

Attendance at a designated pre-season OVR New Officials' Clinic is mandatory for all prospective referees. Attendance at any other clinics will not fulfill this requirement. Clinic pre-registration must be completed online at the OVR website prior to attendance. There is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee for the clinic. Checks are payable to the Ohio Valley Region and may be paid upon arrival at the clinic or mailed to:

Brian Hemelgarn
OVR Referees' Chair
2715 W. Stein Road
La Salle, MI 48145

A wealth of information is presented at these clinics. Topics include the examination and evaluation processes; officiating philosophies; scorekeeping; OVR policies and procedures; FIVB rules and USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations ("DCR"); and rule comparisons with the high school and collegiate rules sets. The USAV DCR as presented by USA Volleyball will be distributed at the clinic along with other materials.

2.05 Becoming a Referee Candidate

In addition to pre-registering online for a clinic, prospective officials must download the Prospective Official's Data Sheet, print it and fill it out completely. The data sheet must be mailed with the clinic registration fee to the OVR Referees' Chair at the address above, or may be submitted upon arrival at the clinic.

At the conclusion of each clinic, prospective referees who wish to continue with the certification process must confirm their application and submit the \$75 application/training/evaluation fee. In addition, prospective referees will indicate their preference for attendance at one of the designated training/evaluation tournaments.

Only candidates, who have attended one of the new officials' clinics, completed the Prospective Official's Data Sheet and submitted the \$75 application fee, will be accepted. The \$75 application/training/evaluation fee will be returned to any applicant not accepted into the training/evaluation program for any reason, but will not be refunded to an accepted candidate who does not subsequently attend his/her assigned training/evaluation site; see also Section 2.06 below. (Note: The \$25 clinic fee is non-refundable.) Specific questions about the clinics, rules examinations or training/evaluation tournaments can be directed to the OVR Referees' Chair or the OVR New Officials' Coordinator.

2.06 Rules Examination

Prospective referees must take the USA Volleyball **Form C** online rules examination prior to attendance at the training/evaluation tournament. Exam instructions, including passwords, will be distributed at the clinic and will also be available on the OVR website. The test may be taken with rulebook assistance at a time convenient for each person, either before or after attending a clinic; however, the exam and the answer corrections with rule references must be completed prior to attendance at the training/evaluation tournament. A score of 70%, open-book, must be attained on the Form C exam. *Lower scores will be considered; however, the exam score may be a determining factor if space for candidate referees is limited.*

2.07 Practical Evaluation

Prior to the end of the clinic, each prospective referee will indicate his/her preference for attendance at a practical, on-court training/evaluation tournament. Once accepted as a candidate referee, candidates will be notified of their assigned training/evaluation tournament via email at the earliest possible date prior to tournament.

Every effort will be made to accommodate each candidate's first site preference; however, some may be assigned to their second or third choice since openings are limited at each site.

After being notified of the tournament to which they have been assigned, refunds will not be granted to candidates who do not subsequently attend their training/evaluation tournament assignment, i.e. a "no-call/no-show". Candidates, who



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immediately decline their training/evaluation assignment after being notified of the assignment, will be refunded the \$75 fee, and another candidate will be offered that opening.

Candidate referees will receive training matches in each position (first and second referee, scorekeeper, assistant scorekeeper and line judge). Candidates will then be evaluated on three additional matches (R1, R2 and SK) to determine their competency to receive a USAV Junior or Provisional referee rating. Candidates must successfully pass the first referee, second referee and scorekeeping phases to obtain a USAV-OVR referee rating.

Although evaluations are pass/fail, the OVR Training/Rating Team strives to provide hands-on learning and training, as we want each candidate adequately prepared to begin the season. It is imperative that candidates study any and all available materials prior to attendance. Although we offer training, this process is not intended as a full course for teaching the art of officiating. Our goal is to determine whether prospective referees have basic officiating skills to competently facilitate and administer USAV matches and tournaments in the Ohio Valley Region.

Upon successful completion of the practical evaluation, a Junior or Provisional referee rating will be awarded to the candidate.

2.08 Membership, Background Screening and OVR-USAV Registration

Once a candidate has attended a clinic, attained the appropriate score on the Form C rules exam and successfully completed the training/evaluation process, the individual must register as an OVR-USAV member (\$50) and submit to the USAV background screening process (\$20). These fees must be paid at the conclusion of the training/evaluation tournament. For more information, see the [Background Screening Overview](#) on the OVR website.

Upon successful completion of background screening, candidates will become a fully certified USAV referee in the OVR, and only at that time will they be permitted to accept USAV tournament officiating assignments in the OVR. Candidates who do not satisfy the background screening process may be refunded only the \$50 USAV-OVR registration fee unless they wish to remain a USA Volleyball member. The \$25 clinic fee, \$75 training/evaluation fee and \$20 background screening fee are not refundable.

2.09 Probationary Status for New Officials

During the first season for all new officials, their status will be considered "probationary" to allow the OVR staff and Regional Training Team to gain more complete knowledge of a new referee's capabilities. The OVR reserves the right to reduce (Provisional to Junior referee) or rescind (loss of certification) a rating for a new official who ultimately performs below minimum standards as defined in Section IV below, or who exhibits unprofessional behavior or ethics.

In addition, Junior referees may not officiate USA Volleyball events outside of the Ohio Valley Region or non-OVR USAV events within the Ohio Valley Region. Provisional referees with less than two full seasons of experience must contact the OVR Referees' Chair prior to accepting any assignment outside of the Ohio Valley Region, or prior to accepting any non-OVR USAV assignment within the Ohio Valley Region.

First year referees, who do not officiate the minimum number of tournaments required (*See Section 7.05A - "Good Standing" Policy for Officials*), must submit to re-evaluation/re-certification at a tournament designated by the OVR Referees' Chair at the beginning of the subsequent season. This must be completed prior to the official accepting any officiating assignments at a sanctioned tournament. Failure to do so will result in the official's certification being revoked.

III. Maintaining a Certification in the Ohio Valley Region

To maintain a USA Volleyball referee certification in the Ohio Valley Region, the following requirements must be fulfilled annually:

3.01 Online Registration

By September 1 each year, the online registration system will be available on the OVR website. All referees must complete the online registration process no later than November 30, and the related fees and paperwork must also be postmarked by November 30.

3.02 Membership Renewal Dues, Waiver/Release, Background Screen and Code of Ethics

After registering online, the [OVR Waiver and Release](#) must be signed and returned with a check or money order for \$50, payable to the Ohio Valley Region, within ten days. If a background screen is required, an additional \$20 must be included. (A "clear" background screen is valid for two seasons.) For referees who are affiliated with a junior club, the [Junior Coaches' Code of Ethics](#) must be included when submitting this paperwork. All registration procedures must be completed by the November 30 deadline.

3.03 Clinic Attendance

Attendance at an OVR Officials' Clinic is required annually. A registration fee of \$10 will be charged to each attendee to cover the cost of materials and hand-outs. Clinics are held at various locations around the region from November through January. Failure to attend a clinic will result in a sanction being imposed upon the referee. (See the Member Sanctions Section for additional information.) NOTE: Attendance at a USAV clinic presented by another USAV region, or a USAV National Clinic, may fulfill this requirement with advanced notice and prior approval from the OVR Referees' Chair.

3.04 Rules and Scorekeeping Exam Instructions

Each season, all returning referees, regardless of rating, are required to take the Form A USA Volleyball rules exam and the designated USAV Scorekeeping exam. Through the PAVO/USAV testing agreement, the USAV online exam is accessible beginning on October 15 of each year. The exams are no longer distributed or administered jointly.

The Ohio Valley Region utilizes the online testing website to administer all examinations. The link to the testing website and the regional passwords are distributed in each registration confirmation email, and the links are also available on the [OVR website](#). Hard (paper) copies of the exams will not be available unless there is an extenuating circumstance, in which case, the official must contact the OVR Referee and Scorekeepers' Chairs to request such material.

When an official has correctly entered "Ohio Valley" as the region and correctly entered the designated regional password, the official, the OVR Referees' Chair and/or the OVR Scorekeepers' Chair will receive copies of those respective exam results via email.

All exams must be completed by February 15 each season. Failure to complete the exam by this deadline will result in a sanction being imposed upon the referee as described in Section IX - Member Sanctions.

The following instructions will assist officials with the test-taking process:

1. Any incorrectly answered questions must be corrected, including the appropriate rule reference from the USAV Domestic Competition Regulations, the USAV Refereeing Guidelines or the USAV Casebook. Instructions for submitting exam corrections are included with the emailed exam results.
2. National and Junior National referees must take the exam closed book with a 60-minute time limit and attain a score of 90%. National and Junior National referees who do not attain that score must take Form B, closed book and within 60 minutes, and attain a score of at least 90%. The Chair of USAV National



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Indoor Referee Sub-Commission (Kathy Ferraraccio, 66A Congamond Rd., Southwick, MA 01077) must receive a copy of the exam results and signed cover page by February 15 each year. NOTE: When taking the Form A exam online, the results will automatically be emailed to Kathy Ferraraccio.

3. For all returning OVR Junior and Provisional referees, the required minimum scores on the USAV Form A rules exam for referees is 70% (corrected to 100%). For OVR Regional referees, the required minimum score is 80% (corrected to 100%). Failure to achieve the minimum score will require the referee to take the Form B USAV rules exam, which is available from the regional Referees' Chair.
4. All prospective officials must complete and correct the USAV Form C online rules exam prior to attending their assigned training/evaluation tournament.
5. The USAV Form B exam is designated for USA National or Junior National referees who do not attain the required score of 90% on the Form A exam, or for sub-national referees who do not attain the required score with respect to their rating (See 3.04 #3 above).

IV. USA Volleyball Certifications & Minimum Standards in the Ohio Valley Region

The minimum standards¹ for each certification level, as well as the levels of play² that each certification level is entitled to officiate, are indicated below. NOTE¹: More detailed descriptions for each standard are available on the OVR website. NOTE²: For girls' junior competition, "R" denotes Regional team designations, "A" denotes American team designations and "N" denotes National team designations.

4.01 Junior Referee

A Junior referee rating is the basic entry-level USA Volleyball certification for referees. This rating is awarded to a person who has met the following minimum standards as established by the OVR Regional Rating/Training Team:

- Whistle timing and quality
- Use of proper signals
- Understanding of ball handling as it relates to various playing techniques and player/team contacts
- Exhibits a basic understanding of volleyball playing rules
- Shows competency as a first referee and demonstrates reasonable match control for 14 & Under competition
- Teamwork concepts: Ability to work with officiating crew
- Demonstrates basic understanding of USAV scorekeeping and score sheet
- Professional approach: Positive demeanor; attitude; shows adaptability and desire to learn

Junior referees exhibit basic officiating skills but need additional experience before progressing to the Provisional referee certification level.

Upon obtaining a Junior referee certification, the referee is authorized to accept assignments to officiate the following levels of play at OVR-sanctioned events:

- Girls' or Boys' 10s, 12s, and Girls' 13s and 14-R/A junior volleyball tournaments in the Ohio Valley Region

NOTE: Junior referees are not certified to officiate outside the Ohio Valley Region or at non-OVR USAV events within the Ohio Valley Region.

4.02 Provisional

A Provisional referee rating is an entry-level USA Volleyball certification for referees. This rating is awarded to a person who has met the minimum standards for Junior referees as noted in 4.01 above, as well as the following:

- Proper professional demeanor and skill as a first referee
- Second referee: Exhibits basic understanding of responsibilities and performs common duties efficiently
- Expanded rules knowledge including back row player identification
- Fully understands and applies individual sanctions; shows basic understanding of delay sanctions
- Aware of basic alignment and overlap issues
- Demonstrates reasonable match control for 16-, 17- and 18- American or Regional competition
- Proficient with scorekeeping and Libero tracking systems

Upon obtaining a Provisional referee certification, the referee is authorized to accept assignments to officiate the following levels of play at OVR-sanctioned events:

- Girls' 10s, 12s, any 13s level, any 14s level, any 15s level, 16-A/R, 17-A/R, and 18-A/R
- Boys' 10s, 12s, 14s, and 16s
- Men's/Women's B, BB and Women's A



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NOTE: Provisional referees with less than two full seasons of experience must contact the OVR Referees' Chair prior to accepting any assignment outside of the Ohio Valley Region, or prior to accepting any non-OVR USAV assignment within the Ohio Valley Region.

4.03 Regional

A Regional referee rating is the highest level USA Volleyball certification the Ohio Valley Region can award to a referee. This rating is awarded to a person who has held a Provisional certification for at least one season, preferably two, and who has met the minimum standards for Junior and Provisional referees as noted in 4.01 and 4.02 respectively, as well as the following:

- Attention to professional detail: demeanor, attitude, appearance, teamwork, time management
- Exhibits competence, confidence and match control as a first referee
- Properly focused as second referee, demonstrating competent skill in primary areas of R2 responsibility
- Recognizes advanced alignment and overlap issues
- Exhibits "partnership" with first referee; offers appropriate discreet help including back row
- Willing to serve as role model and mentor for lesser experienced referees
- Aptitude to deal with difficult match situations
- Quick to resolve scorekeeping issues

Upon obtaining a Regional referee certification, the referee is authorized to accept assignments to officiate the following levels of play at OVR-sanctioned events:

- Any level of competition within the Ohio Valley Region
- Also authorized to officiate sanctioned, local competitions within any other USA Volleyball region with approval of respective referee chairs; eligible for select USA Volleyball national events with notification of and recommendation from the OVR Referees' Chair

4.04 Junior National

A Junior National referee rating is awarded by the USA Volleyball National Rating Team at the USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships or other designated national rating site.

A Junior National referee is authorized to accept assignment to officiate the following levels of play:

- All sanctioned competitions within any USA Volleyball region
- The USA Volleyball Girls' or Boys' Junior National Championships

4.05 National

A National referee rating is awarded by the USA Volleyball National Rating Team at the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships or other designated national rating site.

A National referee is authorized to accept assignment to officiate the following levels of play:

- All sanctioned competitions within any USA Volleyball region
- The U.S. Open Championships and the USA Volleyball Girls' or Boys' Junior National Championships

4.06 Retired Referees

National and Jr. National referees in good standing, who have held their certification for five and six years, respectively, may apply to the Chair - USAV National Indoor Referee Sub-Commission for voluntary retired status by February 15 of each season. To retain certification, a National or Jr. National referee (retired) must register annually with USA Volleyball



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and the appropriate RVA and remain in good standing with his/her RVA. Remaining in good standing within the RVA includes satisfying all requirements for re-certification as a Regional referee.

A USA National or Jr. National referee (retired) is authorized to wear the appropriate patch while officiating at USA Volleyball-sanctioned events. A retired referee may apply for re-certification.

A Regional referee, who has held that certification for at least three years, may request retired status from the OVR Referees' Chair. To retain retired status, a Regional referee must meet the following annual requirements: register with the OVR-USAV and complete the Form C online rules exam. The Regional referee (retired) will be listed in the OVR officials' database; however, he/she is not eligible to officiate OVR-sanctioned USAV events.

Provisional and Junior referees are not eligible for retired status.

4.07 Referees Returning After Extended Absence

To regain a Regional certification, the referee must meet all requirements for the certification (membership renewal, background screening, clinic attendance and examinations) plus successfully complete a re-certification evaluation at a designated event. These requirements must be met prior to accepting officiating assignments for that season. At the conclusion of the re-evaluation/re-certification process, if the Regional referee (retired) does not meet minimum Regional referee standards, a rating of Provisional or Junior referee may be awarded.

A Provisional or Junior referee certification may be regained after a one-year absence from USAV officiating by completing a re-certification evaluation as required by the OVR Referees' Chair. The re-certification evaluation must be completed prior to participating in any other officiating assignments.

If a Provisional or Junior referee does not renew that certification for a second consecutive season, he/she will be required to complete the New Officials' Certification Program during the season in which he/she returns.

4.08 Scorekeeper Certifications and Upgrades

USA Volleyball offers Provisional, Regional, National, International Qualified, and International Certified scorekeeper certifications. All USAV certified referees in the Ohio Valley Region obtain a Provisional scorekeeper rating when they complete the initial certification process. To upgrade from Provisional to Regional scorekeeper, the scorekeeper candidate must submit to evaluation at a tournament as designated by the OVR Scorekeepers' Chair.

To upgrade from Regional to National scorekeeper, the scorekeeper candidate must contact the OVR Scorekeepers' Chair by February 15 of the current year. NOTE: National and Junior National referee candidates must have at least a Regional scorekeeper rating and must demonstrate scorekeeping proficiency as part of the national rating process.

V. Certification Upgrade Procedures

The initial certification process for new officials has been detailed in Section II: "Becoming a Certified USAV Official in the Ohio Valley Region" above. The following information details the certification process for upgrading a referee's rating. In addition, a candidate for any of these ratings must also fulfill OVR "good standing" requirements for membership registration, clinic attendance, rules examinations and regional officiating activities.

The OVR Training and Rating Teams consist of USA Junior National, National and International referees, some of whom serve on the USAV National Training and/or Rating Teams, and whose experience and knowledge will prove invaluable to officials throughout the OVR.

NOTE: During a rating session for upgrading a certification, referees are not paid for the matches in which they are evaluated. They will be paid the established rate for any non-rating matches.

5.01 Junior to Provisional Referee Upgrade

A Junior referee may request to upgrade to a Provisional rating by declaring his/her intention to the regional Referees' Chair on or before the date of his/her attendance at an OVR Officials' Clinic for that season, or as requested by the regional Referees' Chair. The evaluation will include:

- attendance at a designated OVR Rating Tournament or other suitable event as determined by the OVR Referees' Chair

- at least one formal evaluation as first referee and second referee by a member of the OVR Regional Rating Team, with emphasis on the first referee evaluation

- a scorekeeping review during a match

The OVR Provisional Referee Rating Sheet will be used during this process. The rating sheet is available for download on the OVR website and should be reviewed by the candidate prior to attending the rating session.

5.02 Provisional to Regional Referee Upgrade

A Provisional referee may request to upgrade to a Regional rating by declaring his/her intention to the regional Referees' Chair on or before the date of his/her attendance at an OVR Officials' Clinic for that season, or as requested by the regional Referees' Chair. A referee may apply for this rating in the first year subsequent to receiving the Provisional rating with approval of the regional Referees' Chair. The evaluation will include:

- OPTIONAL: attendance at a designated OVR Training Tournament or other suitable event as determined by the OVR Referees' Chair, provided such an event is available. A training tournament includes training and feedback to prepare the Regional referee candidate for an upcoming rating session;

- REQUIRED: attendance at the OVR Girls' Regional Championships or other designated event as determined by the OVR Referees' Chair, which will include at least one formal rating as first and second referee, as well as a scorekeeping review match; the first and second referee ratings are pass/fail.

The OVR Regional Referee Rating Sheet will be used during this process. The rating sheet is available for download on the OVR website and should be reviewed by the candidate prior to attending the rating session.

5.03 Regional to Junior National Referee Candidate

A Regional referee may request to become a candidate for Junior National referee by declaring his/her intention to the regional Referees' Chair on or before the date of his/her attendance at an OVR Officials' Clinic for that season, or as requested by the regional Referees' Chair. A referee may apply for this rating in the first year subsequent to receiving a



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Regional referee rating. Factors used to determine viable OVR Junior National referee candidates include but aren't limited to: professionalism, OVR good standing, exam results and participation in OVR-sponsored events.

The following procedure will be used to prepare and evaluate OVR Junior National referee candidate(s):

OPTIONAL: attendance at a designated OVR Training Tournament or other suitable event as determined by the OVR Referees' Chair provided such an event is available. A training tournament includes training and feedback to prepare the referee for an upcoming formal evaluation;

REQUIRED: attendance at the OVR Boys' Regional Championship or other designated event as determined by the OVR Referees' Chair, which will include at least one formal rating as first and second referees, as well as a scorekeeping review match.

Some areas of emphasis for Jr. National candidates:

<u>First Referee</u>	<u>Second Referee</u>
Professionalism	Dealing with coaches/players
Mechanics and protocols	Alignments
Dealing with coaches/players	Transition
Ball handling	Court/bench awareness
Back row issues	Mechanics and rules knowledge
Rules knowledge	Scorekeeping knowledge
Unusual circumstances	Assistance to first referee
Presence/Demeanor/Professionalism	Presence/Demeanor/Professionalism

After all prospective Junior National candidates have received training and feedback at a training tournament, they will be formally evaluated at the OVR Boys' Regional Championship or other designated event to determine their competency and potential for success as a Junior National referee candidate. After review of all prospective candidates, the OVR Referees' Chair will determine which prospective candidates will be submitted to USA Volleyball as Junior National referee candidates representing the OVR. These candidates must be ranked (1, 2, 3, etc.) with the strongest candidate ranked "1" in case all OVR candidates are not accepted due to limited openings at the USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships.

The USA Volleyball rating sheets will be utilized during this process. Copies are available from the regional Referees' Chair.

The OVR Junior National referee candidate(s) must receive signed approval from the regional Referees' Chair and regional Commissioner. The application, signature page and application fee must be submitted by the candidate to USA Volleyball National Director for Junior National & National Referee Certification and Evaluation by April 1 each season.



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5.04 Junior National Referee to National Referee Candidate

A Junior National referee may request to become a candidate for National referee by declaring his/her intention to the regional Referees' Chair on or before the date of his/her attendance at an OVR Officials' Clinic for that season, or as requested by the regional Referees' Chair. A referee may apply for this rating in the first year subsequent to receiving the Junior National referee rating. Factors used to determine viable OVR Junior National referee candidates include but aren't limited to: professionalism, OVR good standing, exam results and participation in OVR-sponsored events, particularly men's/boys' competitions.

The following procedure will be used to prepare and evaluate OVR National referee candidate(s):

OPTIONAL: attendance at a designated OVR Training Tournament or other suitable event as determined by the OVR Referees' Chair provided such an event is available. A training tournament includes training and feedback to prepare the referee for an upcoming formal evaluation;

REQUIRED: attendance at the OVR Boys' Regional Championship or other designated event as determined by the OVR Referees' Chair, which will include at least one formal rating as first and second referees, as well as a scorekeeping review match.

Some areas of heightened emphasis for National candidates:

<u>First Referee</u>	<u>Second Referee</u>
Professionalism	Professionalism
Dealing with coaches/players	Dealing with coaches/players
Ball handling	Transition
Rules knowledge/Common Sense	Alignments and player positioning
Unusual circumstances	Mechanics/rules knowledge/common sense
Presence	Scorekeeping knowledge

After all prospective National candidates have received training and feedback at a training tournament, they will be formally evaluated at the OVR Boys' Regional Championship or other designated event to determine their competency and potential for success as a National referee candidate. After review of all prospective candidates, the OVR Referees' Chair will determine which prospective candidates will be submitted to USA Volleyball as National referee candidates representing the OVR. These candidates must be ranked (1, 2, 3, etc.) with the strongest candidate ranked "1" in case all OVR candidates are not accepted due to limited openings at the national Boys' Junior Volleyball Championship.

The USA Volleyball rating sheets will be utilized during this process. Copies are available from the OVR Referees' Chair.

The OVR National referee candidate(s) must receive signed approval from the regional Referees' Chair and regional Commissioner. The application, signature page and application fee must be submitted by the candidate to USA Volleyball National Director for National & Junior National Referee Certification and Evaluation by April 1 each season. **NOTE:** National referee candidates must have at least a Regional scorekeeper rating.

5.05 National Referee to USA International Referee Candidate

Referees who have interest in becoming USA International referee candidates should contact the OVR Referees' Chair.

VI. Officiating in the Ohio Valley Region and Outside the Region

6.01 Referee Uniform Requirements

The standard USA Volleyball official's uniform is required at all OVR-sanctioned events. It consists of:

Dark navy blue slacks (no jeans, faded cotton pants, etc.)

Navy blue or black belt (if slacks have belt loops)

Certified Volleyball Official shirt (short or long-sleeved); the Certified Volleyball Official's sweater or vest (the sweatshirt is not intended for wear while officiating); the appropriate USAV referee patch must be worn on the upper right chest area (except on sweaters or vests); the Junior referee pin must be worn on the right collar of the Certified Volleyball Official shirt

Solid white shoes (no colored logos) and socks

OPTIONAL: Certified Volleyball Official jacket or sweatshirt (only to be worn courtside)

No other apparel items or jackets may be worn, including but not limited to "fanny" packs, cell phones and pagers.

6.02 Officiating Equipment

At a minimum, all officials should carry the following equipment items:

Whistle with lanyard; preferably the whistle will be black or white and the lanyard will match

Yellow and Red cards

Timing device or watch with second hand

Flipping coin

USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (rulebook)

Net measuring chain or device

Ball pressure gauge and hand pump

OPTIONAL: Extra pens or pencils

NOTE: Earplugs are permitted provided they allow the official to properly communicate with participants and officials.

6.03 Local Tournament Assignments

Referees are responsible for obtaining their own local assignments. This can be done by contacting the tournament director or assignor (if one is listed) for the event that the referee would like to officiate.

In addition, tournament directors and assignors often send "mass emails" via the OVR officials' database to solicit referees for their events. Early response to these emails may often result in being assigned to the event. However, tournament directors and assignors may hire the referee(s) of their choice, and referees may be chosen at the discretion of the tournament director or assignor. NOTE: Referees may not serve as the tournament director or other tournament staff at an event in which he/she is also assigned as a referee. A referee who violates this policy is subject to sanction, including post-tournaemtn.

Referees who have not registered for the current season may not accept assignments, tentatively or otherwise, until the registration process has been fully completed. It is the responsibility of each referee to only accept tournament assignments at the level appropriate for his/her certification. In some instances, it may be necessary for the referee and/or



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tournament director to request approval from the OVR Referees' Chair for lesser rated referees to work levels beyond their designated certification level. In such cases, prior approval is required.

A referee who accepts assignments without being duly registered, or a referee who accept assignments beyond his/her certification level without prior approval, may be removed from the assignment as determined by the OVR Referees' Chair.

6.04 Regional Tournament Assignments

Officials for all OVR regional events are assigned by the OVR Referees' Chair or designated OVR staff person. Referees with at least a Regional rating are given preference. These events include, among others: all OVR Regional Championships, the Bid National Qualifier, and OVR Power Tournaments and Challenges. Referees who officiate these events must be in good standing and must have completed all requirements for maintaining their certification for that season.

6.05 Failure to Fulfill Assignments

The Ohio Valley Region utilizes a written contract for OVR-run assignments, as well as local tournament assignments. Referees must exhibit integrity and commitment when accepting an assignment. The OVR is not a party to contracts issued by local tournament hosts.

Circumstances (illness, family emergency, etc.) may arise in which a referee must cancel an assignment. In such cases, the referee must notify the tournament director or assignor at the earliest possible date so that an appropriate replacement can be found. In some cases, the referee may need to assist in finding a replacement, and that replacement is subject to the approval of the tournament director or assignor.

Referees who exhibit a pattern of canceling assignments or who perform below reasonable officiating standards may be subject to sanction, up to and including suspension.

6.06 Officiating Non-Sanctioned Tournaments

When a referee accepts a tournament assignment at an event that is not sanctioned by the OVR or other USAV entity, the referee assumes liability and other insurance responsibilities. If a participant, spectator, an official or other person in attendance is injured or has an accident, the tournament host and/or facility manager assumes responsibility for insurance coverage, and referees assume the same responsibility. The OVR is not involved with any non-sanctioned events. Participants, including referees, must use their own insurance coverage.

6.07 Working outside the Ohio Valley Region

There are often opportunities for USAV referees to officiate outside of the Ohio Valley Region.

As a courtesy, referees with a rating lower than Junior National who have officiated at least two full seasons with a Provisional rating and who wish to work USAV events outside the Ohio Valley Region, should contact the OVR Referees' Chair and the referee chair or head referee of the host region prior to accepting the assignment. Provisional referees with less than two full seasons of USAV experience must contact the OVR Referees' Chair prior to accepting the assignment. Junior referees may not officiate outside of the Ohio Valley Region.

6.08 Officiating Activities Logbook

Each referee should keep a yearly log of officiating activities, including but not limited to USAV and collegiate assignments. The log should include date, site, teams (if appropriate) or level of competition (ie., NCAA Division III or Girls' 17s, etc.), number of matches worked (if appropriate for USAV tournaments), and assigned position (R1, R2, SK). A sample officiating log is available for download (Excel file) from the [OVR website](#).



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VII. OVR Policies and Procedures

7.01 Ohio Valley Region Background Screening Policy

The OVR Background Screening Policy is covered in detail on the OVR website:
http://www.ovr.org/register/background_screening.php

7.02 Junior Tournament Procedures

OVR Junior Tournament Procedures are available online at the OVR website:
http://www.ovr.org/juniors/tournament_packet/index.php

It is recommended that referees carry a copy of this document with them for each assignment.

7.03 Adult Tournament Procedures

OVR Adult Tournament Procedures are available online at the OVR website:
http://www.ovr.org/adults/tournament_packet/index.php

It is recommended that referees carry a copy of this document with them for each assignment.

7.04 Officials' Tournament Procedures

Officials should contact the tournament director via email at least five days in advance of the assignment to confirm any final details. They should contact the co-officials assigned to the tournament to confirm their travel plans, arrival times and to share cell phone numbers in case of emergency.

Officials must be present in uniform no less than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time for the tournament; 45 minutes is preferred.

The OVR requires that tournament directors hire 1.5 officials per court, rounding up to the next highest number. For example, one court - two officials; two courts - three officials; three courts - four (or five) officials; four courts - six officials; five courts - eight officials; six courts - nine officials.

The standard officiating rotation is "work two, off one" except for the first round of play. As the first match on each court ends, one of the "off" officials will replace a co-official and then work two matches on that court. Examples below: 3 officials on 2 courts, 6 pool play matches and 3 bracket-play matches, AND 5 officials on 3 courts, including the "extra" match:

OFFICIALS		Court 1	Court 2
A	1	A	B
B	2	C	B
C	3	C	A
	4	B	A
	5	B	C
	6	A	C
	7	A	B
	8	C	B
	9	C	A

OFFICIALS		Court 1	Court 2	Court 3
A	1	A	B	C
B	2	A	D	E
C	3	B	D	E
D	4	B	C	A
E	5	E	C	A
	6	E	B	D
	7	C	A	D
	8	C	E	B
	9	D	A / E	B
	10	C / D		

7.05 "Good Standing" Policy for Officials

"Good standing" in the OVR is the phrase used to describe officials who have met all requirements, actively participated in events, and shown dedication to their profession.

A. Junior and Provisional Referees

- 1) Register online, pay OVR-USAV dues and submit associated paperwork by November 30 of each year;
- 2) Attend a pre-season OVR officiating clinic;
- 3) Attain a minimum score of 70% on the Form A USAV rules exam and complete the designated USAV scorekeeping exam by February 15, and correct both to 100%;
- 4) Officiate at least two regular-season, OVR-sanctioned tournaments annually;
- 5) Uphold the highest standards of professionalism!

B. Regional Referees

- 1) Register online, pay OVR-USAV dues and submit associated paperwork by November 30 of each year;
- 2) Attend a pre-season OVR officiating clinic;
- 3) Attain a minimum score of 80% on the Form A USAV rules exam and complete the designated USAV scorekeeping exam by February 15, and correct both to 100%;
- 4) Officiate at least two regular-season, OVR-sanctioned tournaments annually;
- 5) Be active at OVR regional events (Boys', Girls' or Adult Championships; Bid Tournaments; Challenge Tournaments; and others as declared by the OVR Referees' Chair);
- 6) Attend one of these events during two years of every four-year period since receiving this rating;
- 7) Uphold the highest standards of professionalism!

C. Junior National and National Referees

- 1) Register online, pay OVR-USAV dues and submit associated paperwork by November 30 of each year;
- 2) Attend a pre-season OVR officiating clinic;
- 3) Attain a minimum score of 90% on the Form A or B USAV rules exam and complete the designated USAV scorekeeping exam by February 15, and correct both to 100%;
- 4) Officiate at least two regular-season, OVR-sanctioned tournaments annually;
- 5) Be active at OVR regional events (Boys', Girls' or Adult Championships; Bid Tournaments; Challenge Tournaments; and others as declared by the OVR Referees' Chair);
- 6) Attend one of these events during two years of every three-year period since receiving this rating;
- 7) Be available to serve as a clinician at an OVR officiating clinic or be willing to serve with the OVR Rating or Training Team if requested;
- 8) Uphold the highest standards of professionalism!

Remember, there are also requirements set forth by USA Volleyball's Indoor Officials' Commission to maintain good standing with the national organization. Junior National and National referees' good standing status is reported annually to the Chair - USAV National Indoor Referee Sub-Commission.

VIII. Professional Standards and Officiating Ethics

1. These items are in addition to the USAV and OVR Codes of Conduct and Ethics.
2. **Conflict of Interest.** When a referee has direct (as a coach, club director, etc.) or indirect (as a parent, chaperone, etc.) affiliation with a particular club or team, the referee may not officiate matches involving that club or team. In the case of direct affiliation, the referee should not officiate tournaments run by the affiliated club.
3. **OVR Tournament Policies & Procedures.** Referees must never knowingly accept assignments for sanctioned tournaments or events that are in violation of OVR policies, i.e., tournaments that deliberately hire fewer than the required number of referees.
4. **OVR Officials' Handbook Policies.** Referees must abide by officiating policies and procedures as outlined in this document, the OVR Officials' Handbook.
5. **Uniform Requirements.** The standard USAV uniform and certification patch must be worn at all USAV sanctioned events in the Ohio Valley Region. This uniform includes navy blue slacks (no jeans or faded cotton pants), a white Certified Volleyball Official shirt (short or long-sleeved) or other approved tops, solid white shoes (no colored logos) and socks, and a black or navy blue belt if slacks provide belt loops.
6. **Conduct.** Referees must never have inappropriate contact with junior players. This includes physical contact at events, and personal contact outside the tournament environment. Further, referees must refrain from engaging spectators, especially while officiating, and must also maintain a professional, courteous demeanor with coaches.
7. **Public Comments.** Referees must refrain from making derogatory comments about fellow officials, particularly while in the public eye.
8. **Fulfillment of Assignments.** Referees must fulfill all assignments as agreed upon between the referee and a tournament director or assignor. This includes verbal agreements and written contracts. In the case of emergency, the referee must provide the tournament director or assignor with reasonable notice so that a replacement can be secured. A referee who exhibits a pattern of not fulfilling assignments may be subject to sanction.

Also, as noted in the OVR Junior Tournament Procedures, failure by a tournament director or assignor to notify a referee(s) of any cancellation of an assignment may require the tournament director to pay the referee a minimum of one match fee (\$27.50) or more, as determined by the regional Commissioner. This fee covers "time and travel" expenses when the referee's services are not needed but the referee has arrived at the tournament to fulfill an officiating obligation.

Violation of any of the above items may result in sanction (probation, suspension or loss of rating; see Member Sanctions, Section IX below) as deemed appropriate by the Referees' Chair and Commissioner. OVR members are entitled to [Due Process](#) as provided in the OVR By-laws (<http://www.ovr.org/executive/bylaws.pdf>).

IX. Member Sanctions

Late Membership Registration

The USA Volleyball season runs from November 1 to October 31. NOTE: The USAV season will change to September 1 to August 31 beginning with the 2010-11 season. Each year, all USAV members in the Ohio Valley Region must renew their membership. For officials, the annual renewal fee is currently \$50. These dues must be paid no later than November 30th of each year. After November 30th, late registrations will not be accepted, and referees who have not paid the registration fee will lose their current rating and will be removed from the list of professional referees.

NOTE: If extenuating circumstances occur, and with prior notification of the Referees' Chair, OVR Registrar and/or OVR Commissioner, a referee who cannot meet the November 30 deadline may request other registration and/or payment arrangements. Until a registration has been completed, the referee will not be included on the list of professional referees and may not officiate any USAV-sanctioned events in the OVR or any other USAV region.

Probation

Probationary status results in the referee being ineligible to officiate in any OVR events including but not limited to: Power Challenges/Tournaments, any Regional Championship and Bid Qualifiers. Probation will last for the remainder of the current season. "Good standing" can be regained as indicated in Section 7.05 above.

Failure to renew USAV-OVR membership online by November 30, regardless of reason, will result in probation during the current season.

Failure to complete the Form A or designated rules exam, or the current USAV scorekeeping exam (online or otherwise) by February 15 will result in the referee being placed on probation for the remainder of the season. If the rules and/or scorekeeping exam is not completed by February 15, the referee must submit a \$50 fee and attend a pass/fail re-evaluation session at a tournament as designated by the Referees' Chair. The rules exam must be completed prior to the re-evaluation, and the referee may not officiate at a USAV-sanctioned event in the OVR or other USAV region until successful completion of the examination process.

Failure to attend an OVR pre-season officiating clinic will result in the referee being placed on probation for the remainder of the current season.

Loss of Rating

A referee's rating may be rescinded or reduced (Regional to Provisional, Provisional to Junior) for the following reasons, including but not limited to: failing to attain the required minimum score on the Form A rules exam during two consecutive seasons; failing to register by the November 30 deadline; failing to uphold any item in the Professional Standards and Officiating Ethics (as noted above in Section VIII); failing to officiate at the minimum standards for that certification level; failing to maintain "good standing" within the OVR during two consecutive seasons.

A Junior, Provisional or Regional referee who fails to attend an OVR pre-season officiating clinic for two consecutive seasons will lose his/her referee and scorekeeper ratings and will be removed from the list of OVR Certified Officials. To regain certification, the referee must go through the new officials' training/evaluation program; evaluations will be pass/fail.

Suspension

Violation of any of the OVR or USAV Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, or OVR Professional Standards and Officiating Ethics, may result in suspension by the OVR Commissioner at the request of the OVR Referees' Chair. The duration of the suspension is determined by the OVR Commissioner. Upon completion of the suspension, the referee must submit to re-evaluation, pass/fail, to regain certification as a USAV referee. OVR members are entitled to [Due Process](#) as provided in the OVR By-Laws.

NOTE: Any sanctions imposed upon Junior National or National referees must be reported to the Chair - USAV Indoor National Referee Sub-Commission, along with the good standing status for each Junior National or National referee.

X. Miscellaneous OVR Officiating Information

10.01 Mentoring

All officials, particularly those with a Regional rating or above, are encouraged to mentor a new/newer official to offer guidance, critique, feedback and instruction. Experienced officials can help ensure the success of an up-and-coming official by providing valuable insight and direction.

10.02 Serving as a Head Referee at a Local Tournament

A head referee will be designated for each tournament (or each site in the case of multiple venues for a single event). Generally, the referee with the highest certification level assumes this role. If all referees have the same certification level, the most experienced referee should fulfill this responsibility. The tournament director may designate a head referee, or the referees may select a head referee from the crew of referees assigned to the tournament. (NOTE: As of the August 2009 Board meeting, the OVR Board of Directors require that tournament directors compensate a head referee at the rate of \$5 per court, up to a maximum of \$15.)

Duties and responsibilities:

- Arrive approximately 45 minutes before the scheduled start time to meet with the tournament director to determine playing formats and ground rules
- Attend the pre-tournament coaches' meeting (if any) to answer questions about the facility ground rules or USAV Domestic Competition Regulations
- Confirm playing ground rules with all co-officials for each court to ensure the consistent application of the ground rules by the crew of referees
- Assist co-officials with court assignments and the referee rotation scheme, and help to ensure that referees are working match levels appropriate for their certification
- If appropriate, designate officials for any play-off matches and the bracket play
- Serve as the chair of the protest committee and select its members (see 10.03 below)
- Remain present at the tournament until the final match has concluded (NOTE: It is highly recommended that at least two referees remain present at the tournament until the conclusion of the final match. They should depart the playing venue together.)
- Serve as a liaison between the tournament and the Referee Chair in the event that any concerns arise related to the playing facilities, officiating performances or conduct of participants or spectators
- Recommended to carry a copy of the Junior/Adult Tournament Procedures
- Recommended to carry copies of a deciding/non-deciding score sheet, line-up sheet/roster, Libero tracking sheet, Incident Report and Injury/Property Damage Report; all forms can be found on the [OVR website](http://www.ovr.org)

10.03 Handling Protests

Should a protest occur during a local OVR-sanctioned tournament, the following procedure should be applied:

- Only valid protests based upon USAV 5.1.2.1 of the USAV Domestic Competition Regulations will be accepted.
- The first referee must stop the match and go to the scorer's table to consult the USAV Domestic Competition Regulations rulebook. If it is determined that the referee's decision was in error, the correct ruling will be implemented. In some cases, this may result in a replay.



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- If the protest cannot be resolved by consulting the DCR, the head referee for the tournament should be consulted, and the tournament protest committee convened. (The committee should be established prior to the start of competition.)
- If the protest still cannot be resolved by the protest committee, the head referee and/or responsible referee should contact the OVR Referees' Chair: 419-410-2291.
- If the OVR Referees' Chair cannot be reached, and the protest cannot be resolved, the match shall resume from the point of protest with the first referee's original decision. At the conclusion of the match, copies of all match score sheets, line-up sheets (including rosters), and Libero tracking sheet must be submitted to the OVR Referees' Chair along with a detailed description of the protest. The complete name of the team, protesting captain and/or coach must be included along with the name of the opposing coach/team.
- The associated referees and coaches will be notified of the outcome. If the protesting team subsequently wins the set in which the protest was lodged, the protest will be considered null and void. If the protesting team subsequently loses the set in which the protest was lodged but wins the match, the protest will be considered null and void. In any case, a replay of the protested set will not take place after the conclusion of the tournament. The OVR Junior Program Director will make any determinations with regard to match or tournament results and the related seeding points.
- A protest committee, at minimum, should include: 1) the head referee, 2) the tournament director, 3) and a designated referee or coach not involved in the match.

10.04 Collegiate Officiating

USA Volleyball and the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials ([PAVO](#)) have a close relationship with numerous similarities in rules, refereeing techniques and interpretations. While there are many consistencies, there are also many differences. The written test is a joint effort between the two organizations. In addition, there are reciprocal agreements in place to allow referees from one organization to obtain a rating in the other, both at the regional and national levels. These agreements are available on the USAV website.

In the Ohio Valley Region, many USAV referees receive opportunities as line judges, scorekeepers and referees during the women's fall collegiate season and the men's winter/spring collegiate season. Referees seeking opportunities to officiate women's collegiate matches are highly encouraged to attend a PAVO Officials' Training Program (OTP) clinic, held in July and August, prior to the start of the collegiate season. It is also recommended that officials who work women's collegiate volleyball join a [local PAVO Board](#). Referees may contact the OVR Referees' Chair for more information.

Local PAVO Boards in the Ohio Valley Region:

Metro Pittsburgh Board of Certified Officials:	Joe Salak, Jr.	(330) 339-1602
Wooster-Ashland Board of Officials	Dora Killen	(440) 288-8097
Southwestern Ohio Board of Officials	Emi Vishoot	(937) 236-1554
West Penn-Ohio Board	Chuck Fleet	(724) 347-0324
West Virginia Board of Officials	Bill Kissell	(412) 276-2991

10.05 OVR Contacts

Referees' Chair - [Brian Hemelgarn](#)

Director of Technology and Communications - [Nick Nystrom](#)

Scorekeepers' Chair - [Terry Miller](#)

Juniors' Tournament Director - [Tom Kohl](#)

Junior Officials' Development Director - [Gary Hesse](#)

Adults' Tournament Director - [Michelle Fox](#)

OVR CEO/Executive Director - [Ron Wyzynski](#)

Verifications Officer - [Stephen J. Donahue](#)

OVR Commissioner/President - [Bob Price](#)