



**OHIO VALLEY REGION**

*Advancing volleyball in Ohio, western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia*

# **Junior Official's Certification Program**

**2019-2020**

**USA Volleyball Season**



# OUR GOAL



The OVR has a history of well-trained junior work teams. Your cooperation in our Junior Officials Program will help us ensure that we are providing the best support officials for each match.

As we say, “All teams want good work crews, so be sure your team is providing the same quality officiating that you expect when you’re playing.”



# JUNIOR WORK TEAMS



The “third team” on the court – a junior work team – consists of the following:

- A second referee (“R2”)
- Two line judges
- A scorer
- An assistant scorer/Libero tracker
- A scoreboard operator/”flipper”
- A coach (or rostered adult)



# JUNIOR WORK TEAM EQUIPMENT



- Second referee
  - Bring your OWN whistle! (NO hand-held electronic whistles)
  - A timing device (wristwatch or stopwatch) is recommended
- Line judges
  - Line judge flags are provided by the tournament host or referees
- Scorer & assistant scorer/Libero tracker
  - Scoring materials, including scoresheets, pens/pencils, line-up sheets, are provided by the tournament host



# JUNIOR WORK TEAMS



During all OVR-sanctioned tournaments, a “work team” is assigned to each match to fulfill the duties of second referee, line judges, and scoring crew. Junior players fill these “work team” roles and must be properly trained and certified.

The OVR Junior Official Certification Program provides training, instructions, and certification procedures to assist in this endeavor.



# CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



The OVR certifies qualified junior players as scorers and/or second referees. There is no certification for line judges or Libero trackers (assistant scorers), but players filling these roles must be properly trained.

By **April 1** of each season, all OVR teams must have at least one trained and certified junior scorer and junior second referee. (see *page 15*)



# CERTIFICATION PROCESS



To become certified as a junior scorer or second referee, there are two steps:

## STEP 1

- Complete the designated USAV online training courses (*see page 11*)

**OR**

- Attend an in-person clinic presented by a professional OVR-USAV certified referee (*see page 12*)



# CERTIFICATION PROCESS



## STEP 2

After completing the online courses or attending an in-person clinic, the player must:

- Be evaluated on-court during a scrimmage, Friendship Tournament, or regular-season tournament by a certified OVR-USAV referee who has at least a Provisional rating.
- A minimum of two evaluations must be completed. Each evaluation must be at least one full set, preferably a full match.



# EVALUATION FORMS



The OVR has developed evaluation forms for junior officials. The forms can be found on the OVR website at:

[https://www.ovr.org/forms/Junior\\_Scorer\\_and\\_R2\\_Rating\\_Forms.pdf](https://www.ovr.org/forms/Junior_Scorer_and_R2_Rating_Forms.pdf)

Evaluations should take place during pool play. After the form is completed and the referee has discussed relevant items with the junior official, the form is given to the junior official.



# CERTIFICATION CARD



Upon successfully completing two evaluations as either second referee or scorer, whichever certification the player is seeking, an OVR certification card will be presented to the player. The certification is good for two seasons.

	<b>Junior Official</b> Ohio Valley Region
This is to certify that	
_____ has been approved as a Junior Official in the Ohio Valley Region of USA Volleyball and is qualified to officiate in the following capacity (ies) in all volleyball matches within the jurisdiction of this organization.	
Scorer	Second Referee
_____	_____
Certifying Referee's Signature	Certifying Referee's Signature
Expires: 8/31/	Expires: 8/31/



# ONLINE TRAINING



The OVR relies on each club and team to encourage their players to study USAV's online training materials for junior official certifications. Instructions for accessing the online training materials is available on the OVR website:

[https://www.ovr.org/docs/OVR\\_Jr\\_Officials\\_Online\\_Course\\_Instructions.pdf](https://www.ovr.org/docs/OVR_Jr_Officials_Online_Course_Instructions.pdf)



# IN-PERSON CLINICS



Instead of, or in conjunction with, the online training materials, clubs or teams and their coaches may also request an in-person clinic, presented by an OVR referee. These clinics cover scoring procedures and working as a second referee. To arrange an in-person clinic, contact OVR Referees' Chair, Brian Hemelgarn at:

[Hemelgarn@ovr.org](mailto:Hemelgarn@ovr.org)



# ON-COURT TRAINING



Clubs/teams also have the option of utilizing pre-season on-court training in conjunction with an in-person clinic to certify junior scorers and second referees. An intra- or inter-club scrimmage or a pre-season Friendship Tournament can be used for this purpose.

Contact OVR Referees' Chair, Brian Hemelgarn at [Hemelgarn@ovr.org](mailto:Hemelgarn@ovr.org)



# CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES



- It is each club director's responsibility to ensure all coaches and players are aware of the Junior Official Certification Program and the associated requirements for online training or in-person clinics, and on-court evaluations.
- It is highly recommended that ALL players on a team be trained as line judges and Libero trackers.



# TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES



- Each team should have at least two trained/certified second referees and two trained/certified scorers.
- When a team does not have a certified second referee (or scorer) by **April 1**, a coach from that team will fulfill this duty.
- **When a team has neither a certified second referee nor a certified scorer, a coach must fulfill the scorer duties; a junior player will be the second referee.**
- The work team may have food/drink but items must **NOT** be on the scoretable. Drinks must be capped.



# WORK TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES



- Whenever possible, the junior second referee and scorer(s) must report to the first referee in time to attend the pre-match coin toss. At a minimum, they must report by the time the **servicing** team begins its timed warm-ups.
  - If more than one player will keep score during a match, ALL scorers must report to the first referee at the same time. It is preferred that ONE player serve as the scorer for the match.
- The Libero tracker, line judges and scoreboard operator/“flipper” must report to the first referee no later than the time the **receiving** team begins its timed warm-ups.
  - If multiple players will work as Libero tracker and/or line judges during a match, ALL players must report to the first referee at the same time.



# LATE/INCOMPLETE WORK TEAM



- A work team that is incomplete or that fails to report to the first referee in a timely manner prior to the start of the match, may be assessed a penalty of up to **4 points**. The penalty points will be awarded to their opponent in the first set of their next match.
- If a late work team does not have additional matches to be played that day, a \$50 fine shall be imposed by the OVR Commissioner.
- ***Why a penalty or fine?!*** Because a late work team delays the start of the match, which lengthens the tournament day.
- **NOTE:** A team that fails to report for an officiating assignment is subject to a \$100 fine and is placed on suspension until the fine is paid.



# WORK TEAM COACH RESPONSIBILITIES



A work team coach (or rostered adult) must:

- Be at/near the score table for the duration of the match and must arrive by the end of warm-ups.
- Be familiar with USAV scoring procedures.
- NOT use electronic devices. (*see pg 19*)
- Work as second referee or scorer if the team doesn't have a certified junior player for either of these positions after April 1.



# ELECTRONIC DEVICES



- Work teams are NOT permitted to use any electronic devices while officiating a match. This includes, but is not limited to: cell phones, iPads, iPods, music players, etc. (Exceptions are made for required medical devices.) A watch for timing warm-ups or time-outs is permitted/encouraged.
- Referees are instructed to issue ONE verbal warning PER DAY to a work team that violates this OVR rule. A subsequent violation will result in a 10-point penalty, assessed in the first set of the work team's next playing match.



# COMPETENCY



Teams or clubs that exhibit a pattern of failing to fulfill work team duties with a reasonable level of competency will be required to host an in-person clinic to provide additional training for the team(s). The clinic will be at the team's/club's expense.

We do not expect work teams to perform at a “professional” level, but they must have working knowledge of: scoring procedures, primary second referee responsibilities, and basic line judge duties, respectively.



# RESPECT!



Spectators/parents (and playing teams) must recognize that our work teams are comprised of 10- to 18-year-old KIDS. They are not professional officials. As such, the OVR expects our work teams to be treated with respect, regardless of ability. Failure by any spectator, parent or playing team to act accordingly may result reprimand, expulsion from the facility, or sanction against the team or club by the OVR Commissioner. (see pages 22-23) Work teams are instructed to report inappropriate comments from teams or spectators to the first referee.



# USA VOLLEYBALL

## SPECTATOR/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Page 15, 2019-2021 USA Volleyball Indoor Rules Book

1. **I WILL NOT harass or intimidate the officials, including line judges and scorers.**
2. I WILL NOT participate in any game or game-like activities unless I have a current membership with USA Volleyball.
3. I WILL NOT bring and/or carry any firearms at any USA Volleyball event.
4. I WILL NOT bring, purchase, or consume alcohol at any Youth/Junior volleyball event.



# OHIO VALLEY REGION SPECTATOR/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

In addition to the USA Volleyball Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct, the Ohio Valley Region has a “zero tolerance” policy when it comes to spectator conduct at local and Regional events. By entering a facility to attend an OVR-USAV sanctioned event, all spectators agree to abide by OVR and USAV Codes of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in removal from the facility. A pattern of unsporting conduct by a spectator(s) may result in a sanction be assessed to the team/club by the OVR Commissioner.



# RESOURCES



- A PDF version of the USAV Rules book is available online at:  
[https://volleyballreftraining.com/rules\\_interpretations\\_indoor.php](https://volleyballreftraining.com/rules_interpretations_indoor.php)
- Additional materials are available on USAV's Volleyball Referee Training (VRT) website:  
<https://volleyballreftraining.com/>

***Have a GREAT SEASON!***