

Referees -

As I have mentioned back in the fall, we are hosting USAV Referee Clinics on Saturday, January 28, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in conjunction with our Girls' Winter Fest tournament. There will be two clinic presentations, each taking about 90 minutes. As a USAV National Clinician, I can tell you that both clinics this year are VERY good! They contain LOTS of video clips, which are great for learning. If you've attend a USAV clinic in the past, you will find these to be quite different. And if you've only ever attended an OVR clinic, this will be a different experience for you.

The two clinics are:

1) The Advancement Clinic, which is intended for referees who aspire to the next certification level, whether that is Regional, Junior National or National. This clinic runs from 8pm - 9:45pm, Jan 28. National-level referees should consider attending this clinic as well.

2) The USAV National Clinic, which is required for all national-level referees, but is beneficial for any certification level. This clinic runs from 6pm - 7:45pm, Jan 28.

In order to attend - and I encourage any/all of you to consider it! - you MUST register online at the VRT website. Here are the registration instructions:

1 - Go to [www.VolleyballRefereeTraining.com](http://www.VolleyballRefereeTraining.com), and then select the EVENTS tab in the menu at the top of the page.

2 - Click on National and Advancement Referee Clinics.

3 - Scroll down the page, and in the right-side column, click on Register Or Update Registration As Guest With No USAV Code. (If you are a national-level referee, you will need to select the other registration option since you DO have a code.)

4 - Follow the prompts and fill out the required information on the subsequent screens. If you are a Junior Regional referee, please select PROVISIONAL as your referee rating. You will select the SECOND clinic listing for Ohio (Jan 28). The other one was held in December at the PAVO National Convention.

5 - At the end of the process, you will need to pay the \$25 clinic fee (if you are not a national-level official).

6 - Register NO LATER than Tuesday, Jan. 24. Online registrations close on Jan. 25th, so make sure you get it done before that.

The money is worth the education, so if you are interested in a great learning opportunity, please consider attending.

NOTE: Traditionally, I try to assign referees to our Winter Fest tournament so that they can work the event and then attend the clinic in the evening. Unfortunately, I do not have any openings at the Winter Fest this year, so I am unable to assign any additional referees at this time.

If you have questions about the Advancement Clinic or the National Clinic, please drop me a note. It's good stuff. Be there if you can!

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