

OVR referee cadre -

We certified 70 new referees during our training/certification tournaments this month, and I'd like to take a quick moment to welcome them to our officiating family! We now have 520 certified referees - the most we've ever had in the OVR, and arguably the largest officiating cadre in USAV's 40 regions.

Many of you will have an opportunity to work with them and mentor them this season. Share your experiences and knowledge, and help them get started on the right foot in their first season.

As always, thank you for your professionalism, commitment and dedication. And a special "thank you" to all of our trainers who spent many hours during the last three weekends helping our new referees get started on their USAV officiating journey.

Looking forward to a great season!

Brian Hemelgarn
OVR Referees' Chair