



How to Become A Beach Volleyball Official (2020)

Welcome to Beach Officiating!

We're delighted that you're interested in becoming a beach volleyball referee! Here at USAV Beach Volleyball, we train, evaluate and certify officials for all types of outdoor volleyball, including doubles, triples, fours and sixes, played on grass, sand or snow surfaces. We support junior, collegiate and professional play.

It's important to note that we are beach *officials*, not just beach *referees*. To certify for beach officiating, you will train in all of the officiating roles, including lines-judge and scorer, as well as first and second referee!

How do you get started?

- If you haven't already done so, please get onto our national USAV Beach-Volley Officiating Mailing List by sending us a quick email indicating your interest, to beachofficials@usav.org
- To begin your registration process, please complete the Application Form found at [VRT](#). Once we've helped you find the training event that's right for you, register for your camp or clinic through our online registration and payment portal, at [Webpoint](#)
- USAV Beach Officiating TRAINING CAMPS are hosted around the country each summer. CAMPS, which provide both LOCAL and ZONAL level training and certification, offer you the best opportunity for a multi-day, immersive learning experience. See our annual training schedule, [here](#)
- Get off to a great start by making use of our online tools at [VolleyballRefTraining.com](#). Look for the "Gold Medal" icon representing Beach in each drag-down menu item to find Training Materials, Rules & Interpretations, PowerPoint presentations, Rules comparisons, Scoring instruction, and other resource documents, all online for your at-home convenience!
- Your first on-sand opportunities begin with your home [Region](#). Contact your beach official's chair to enroll in LOCAL beach referee certification, where you will probably work with Juniors events on the sand. If your region doesn't yet offer beach referee training, feel free to contact the national office at beachofficials@usav.org
- Zonal certification is the second level of beach certification. If you already have some experience in Beach, or are already a national referee indoors, you may be eligible to move directly to one of our ZONAL certification CAMPS or CLINICS. Look for announcements posted each spring at [VRT](#) or at [USA Volleyball](#). *Zonal beach referees are eligible to work professionally at Collegiate events.*
- For news about our CAMP or CLINIC opportunities, see our articles at [VRT](#) or write to us directly at beachofficials@usav.org. Note that more specific information (all the fine print) regarding earning and maintaining each level of certification appears online at [VolleyballRefTraining.com/certifications](#).

In Review: Use each of these tools in the order that best suits you:

- Mailing List
- Online Study
- General Application then Event-Specific registration online
- Regional or National Beach Officiating CAMP or CLINIC

And finally, please feel free to send us any questions that you may have, to: beachofficials@usav.org

See you on the sand!