



USA Volleyball National Referee Candidate Application Information, Instructions, & Checklist 2021-2022 Season

1. You must be in good standing in your region from the time of application through the conclusion of the National Referee Candidate Program. A current USAV background screen and SafeSport training must be on file at the time of application.
2. You must register in SportsEngine for the National Referee Candidate Program and pay the \$200 application fee by **March 16, 2022, at 11:59 PM Pacific Time.**
 - a) The application fee will be refunded if the applicant is not accepted as a candidate.
 - b) If accepted as a candidate, National Scorers or National Scorer candidates may request a \$50 refund by contacting Pati Rolf at pati.rolf@usav.org.
3. The official application must be submitted via email. It can be downloaded from the USAV Academy from the National Referee Candidate Instructions course, under Resources/Applications for Prospective Officials/National Referee Applications. [Click to access](#) National Referee Applications.
 - a) The completed application must be submitted with three Recommendation Forms. Paper copies of the application or Recommendation Forms will not be accepted.
 - b) Please include a brief letter - "Why I want to be a National Referee" - with your application.
 - c) Electronic signatures are accepted.
 - d) When submitting the application use the subject line **National Referee Application - Your Name (e.g., National Referee Application - Moore, Patricia)**.
 - e) Email applications to Brian Hemelgarn at hemelgarn@ovr.org and CC your region's commissioner, your region's referee chair, and Pati Rolf at pati.rolf@usav.org.
 - f) Completed applications are due no later than **March 16, 2022, at 11:59 PM Pacific Time.**
 - g) Notification of acceptance will be no later than **March 23, 2022.**
4. Failure to meet any of the above listed deadlines or criteria may result in non-acceptance to the National Referee Candidacy Program this season.
5. You must demonstrate scoring proficiency using National Scoring procedures during the evaluation process by: 1) completing a scoring proficiency quiz, and 2) serving as the scorer during a match.
6. If you would like to be considered to work the event regardless of whether you are accepted as a candidate, please register for the event in AES.
7. The 2022 Girls 18s JNC will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, at the Phoenix Convention Center. All candidates are required to attend the candidates' meeting on **Thursday, April 21, at 8:00 PM** at the playing venue. You must be available with no schedule conflicts during the three-day evaluation session from **April 22-24**. Candidates may schedule departure from the convention center any time after 5:00 PM on April 24. NOTE: Candidates will not be paid for evaluation matches but will be paid for any non-evaluation matches during the candidate program.
8. You may request event housing, but you will be responsible for paying one-half of the room cost. Alternatively, candidates may choose to secure their own hotel accommodations.
 - a) When you register for the tournament, you will have the option to request event housing.
 - b) If you utilize event housing during your candidacy, you must pay for your hotel room **in advance** by the deadline established by the USAV Officials Development Department.

National Referee Candidate Curriculum

You as a Candidate for National Referee certification are required to complete the online National Referee Candidate Course by **April 6, 11:59 PM Pacific Time**, along with all other paperwork associated with candidacy. Failure to complete this course by the deadline will result in non-acceptance as a Junior National Referee candidate this season.

If you have already completed the modules or exams for your Junior National-level certification requirements your records will be verified in the USA Volleyball Academy to confirm completion. You must also attend live or watch the recorded version of the first USAV National Referee virtual clinic. This must be completed by **April 6, 11:59 PM Pacific Time** to receive credit. All other USAV National Referee clinics must be completed by **April 18, 11:59 PM Pacific Time**.

Instructions for Completing the National Referee Candidate Course

1. Log into the USAV Academy from your SportsEngine account.
 - a. Please contact Matt Podschweit (matt.podschweit@usav.org) if you have any questions.
2. Once in the USA Volleyball Academy, you will see the National Referee Candidate Course. This will contain all the modules and exams listed here:
 - 106q_Scoring Basics Non-deciding Set (w/quiz)
 - 107q_Scoring – Deciding Set (w/quiz)
 - 307_Second Referee Progressions
 - 308_Second Referee Transition Analysis
 - 310_The Art of Assessing Sanctions
 - 324_Professionalism II
 - 804_National Scorer Exam
3. **All National Referee Candidate modules must be completed no later than April 6, 2022, 11:59 PM Pacific Time.**

Completing the Recommendation Form

The USAV National Referee Candidate Recommendation Form is a form-fill document. Please type all requested data and select the appropriate check box(es). After the preliminary data is entered in the document, print it, and request the person making the recommendation to sign it. Ensure the contact information for the person signing the recommendation is also typed. **Electronic signatures will be accepted, but the person(s) making the recommendation must be cc'd on the email when the form is submitted.**

Three Recommendation Forms are required with the application. Once three forms have been completed, they must be scanned and emailed to Brian Hemelgarn (hemelgarn@ovr.org) and Pati Rolf (pati.rolf@usav.org) along with the completed Application Data Sheet and Officiating Activities Summary. All application documents must be included in the same email.

Submitting the Recommendation Forms with the Application Data Sheet and Officiating Activities Summary (see Application Instructions document) does not guarantee acceptance as a USAV National Referee candidate. A maximum of 30 candidates will be accepted.

Individuals who sign a Recommendation Form for a National Referee Candidate must have observed the applicant as both first and second referee, ideally for a minimum of one set in each position, within the past 19 months (September 2020 – March 2022). Those eligible to sign a Recommendation Form will come from the two groups below. At least two of the Recommendation Forms must come from Group I; the third Recommendation Form may come from either Group I or II.

GROUP I (minimum of two Recommendation Forms from this group):

- USAV Officials Advisory Commission member, Indoor Officials group
- USAV National Training/Coaching/Mentoring Team member (during at least one of the past three seasons)
- High Performance Championships/USA All-Star Championship head referee or international/national trainer/mentor
- International Referee (not a candidate or retired International)
- USAV National Championship head referee at the US Open, Girls JNC, Boys JNC, or National Qualifier/Boys Bid tournament (one signature per candidate)

GROUP II (maximum of one Recommendation Form from this group):

- NCAA Women's Division I Conference Coordinators or Assignors
- NCVF head referee

NOTE: It is required that the applicant's regional referee chair and commissioner sign the Application Data Sheet. If there is difficulty obtaining regional leadership signatures, please contact Brian Hemelgarn (hemelgarn@ovr.org) and Pati Rolf (pati.rolf@usav.org).

National Referee Candidate Checklist

To apply and be considered as a candidate for USAV National Referee certification, an applicant must complete and submit the following no later than **March 16, 2022, 11:59 PM Pacific Time**:

- USAV National Level Referee online exam
- National Referee Virtual Clinics
- \$200 application fee (National Scorers or National Scorer candidates may request a \$50 refund if accepted as a candidate by contacting Pati Rolf at pati.rolf@usav.org)
- National Referee Candidate Curriculum in the USAV Academy

The following must be combined and submitted together via email to Brian Hemelgarn (hemelgarn@ovr.org) and Pati Rolf (pati.rolf@usav.org), no later than **March 16, 2022, 11:59 PM Pacific Time**

- "Why I want to be a National Referee" Letter
- Three (3) Recommendation Forms signed by three different individuals from the groups designated on the form (see Recommendation Form Instructions document). NOTE: Your regional commissioner's or referee chair's signature on the data sheet does NOT constitute one of the three separate recommendations.
- Completed Application Data Sheet, typed (electronic signatures accepted; **must CC commissioner and referee chair**)
- Completed Officiating Activities Summary, typed

In addition, the following requirements must be met:

- Current USAV background screen and SafeSport training must be on file at time of application
- USAV National Official's dues must have been paid no later than **March 16, 2022**

If you have any questions, please contact: Brian Hemelgarn (hemelgarn@ovr.org) and Pati Rolf (pati.rolf@usav.org).