

FOREIGN NATIONAL REFEREE RECIPROCITY PROGRAM

Purpose:

To allow foreign National referees who move to the United States the opportunity to receive a **Junior National referee certification** without reducing the number of Regional referee candidates accepted from a Region.

Criteria:

- Reciprocity candidates must have been a National referee in their country for a minimum of 5 years and certification must have been current prior to transferring to the United States.
- Reciprocity candidates must have been a referee in good standing with a USA Volleyball Region for a minimum of 2 seasons.
- Reciprocity candidates must be recommended for the reciprocity program by their Region. Regions may recommend a maximum of 2 candidates per season.

Process:

- Reciprocity candidates will attend a designated RISE event at a National Qualifier (most likely the Sunshine Classic National Qualifier in Orlando).
 - Candidates will receive a minimum of two evaluations as 1st referee and two evaluations as 2nd referee at the RISE event.
- If recommended by the RISE evaluators, reciprocity candidates will be invited to attend the Girls Junior National Championships (GJNC) as a RISE Junior National referee candidate.
 - Candidates will receive a minimum of two evaluations as 1st referee and two evaluations as 2nd referee at the GJNC.
 - If the candidate is successful, he or she will be awarded a Junior National referee certification.

Fees:

- Reciprocity candidates will pay \$150.00 to attend the RISE event at the National Qualifier.
 - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the event, except for the 2nd referee evaluation matches.
- Reciprocity candidates will pay the same fee as a Junior National candidate to attend the GJNC.
 - Candidates will be eligible to work additional matches at the event, if needed, and will be paid for non-evaluation matches.
 - Candidates will not be paid for evaluation matches worked at the event.

Procedure: Any national or international referee from a foreign country must apply to USA Volleyball Officials Development Department officials@usav.org as to which status he/she is requesting.