

## USAV Indoor International and National Officials' Transfer Policy

The policy of the USAV Officials Development Office and the International Officials' Commission, as supported by the USAV Officials Assembly regarding referees from other National Federations asking to be certified as referees in USA Volleyball is as follows:

1. A National Referee from another National Federation moves to the US, leaves his/her prior Federation and joins USA Volleyball:
  - a. The referee's National Referee certification and status will be confirmed by the Director of Officials Development of USA Volleyball.
  - b. The Region in which the referee registers decides if that referee should be certified as a Provisional or a Regional Referee.
  - c. The Region in which the referee registers decides if and when the referee is recommended for Junior National certification by sending him/her to a Junior National Referee rating site for evaluation through the RISE Foreign National Referee Reciprocity Program. The referee must follow all rules regarding Junior National Referee responsibilities.
  - d. There is no priority given to the referee regarding advancement to Junior National consideration by reason of National status in the prior federation.
  
2. An International Referee licensed by FIVB from another National Federation moves to the US, severs ties with his/her prior Federation except for purposes of being recognized as an International Referee representing that Federation and joins USA Volleyball:
  - a. The referee's International Referee certification and status will be confirmed by the Director of Officials Development of USA Volleyball.
  - b. The referee is recommended to the US Open Championships or the Boy's Junior National Championships and is evaluated by FIVB referees from USA Volleyball.
  - c. The evaluators may certify the referee as a USA National Referee or as a USA Junior National Referee, or they may recommend that the referee return to the Region in which he/she is registered to receive a Provisional or Regional certification.
  
3. A Candidate for International Referee or a referee claiming to be an International Referee from another National Federation moves to the US, severs ties with his/her prior Federation and joins USA Volleyball. The referee is unable to confirm certification by FIVB as an International Referee:
  - a. The Region in which the referee registers decides if that referee should be certified as a Provisional or a Regional Referee.
  - b. The Region in which the referee registers decides when the referee is recommended for Junior National certification by sending him/her to a Junior National Referee rating site for evaluation. The referee must follow all rules regarding Junior National Referee candidates.
  - c. The referee should be given priority by the Region to be evaluated as a Junior National Referee.

The policy of the USAV Officials Development Office and the International Officials' Advisory Team, as supported by the USAV Officials Assembly regarding International Referees from other National Federations asking to be recognized as International Referees on the FIVB list for USA Volleyball is as follows:

1. An International Referee from another National Federation who has not been legally naturalized by the US Government shall be encouraged to maintain contact with his/her original Federation in order to maintain International Referee status. He/she may follow the USAV Policy noted above in order to be certified as a National Referee within USA Volleyball. No request will be made to FIVB to transfer referees coming from other Federations.
2. An International Referee from another National Federation who has been legally naturalized by the US Government falls within the provisions of FIVB Event Regulation 40.5.2. However, USA Volleyball shall give no priority to such referee in establishing classification as an FIVB A, B or C referee.
  - a. Any referee established as an International Referee on the list of USA International Referees is subject to all requirements to establish and maintain his/her certification as a USA Volleyball National Referee as per FIVB Event Regulation.

All referees, no matter their status as noted above, must maintain the following: Complete all requirements needed to remain in good standing with the region and USA Volleyball Officials Development.

These requirements include, but are not limited to:

- USAV and region membership fees
- Background Screening
- SafeSport
- National Officials dues
- Learning Modules
- Exams
- Clinics

**Procedure:** Any national or international referee from a foreign country must apply to USA Volleyball Officials Development Department as to which status they requesting.