Dear National and Junior National Referees and National Scorers,

As we enter this time of Thanksgiving, we want you to know how much we appreciate all your hard work and dedication to clubs, coaches, and teams. We are thinking of you, and we wish you health and wellness through the holiday—without you we could not make these amazing events happen.

In keeping with Thanksgiving and our appreciation for all that you do, USA Volleyball is excited to announce our 2023 enhancements to our USA Volleyball owned events. NEW THIS YEAR – \$500 bonus for officials that work at a minimum of three USA Volleyball owned events, one event must be either GJNC 11-13s, GJNC 14-17s, or BJNC.

2023 Enhancements:

Match Pay: \$40 National/JN; \$36 Regional; \$34 Provisional

Parking: Provided/reimbursed up to \$20 per day. This would cover overnight parking at one

location only (hotel or convention center).

Food: Snacks/water Food Voucher: \$20/day

VIK: You will receive a jacket and one additional surprise item per event

Housing: Double occupancy housing

Bonus: \$500 bonus for officials that work at a minimum of three USA Volleyball owned

events, one event must be either GJNC 11-13s, GJNC 14-17s, or BJNC

REGISTRATION FOR ALL NATIONAL EVENTS IS OPEN NOW IN AES – WE NEED YOU – Your participation is critical to the success of these events. **NEW THIS YEAR!** National referees will be immediately accepted for all events except the Open National Championships. Acceptances for the Open National Championships will be February 1. Junior National referees will be immediately accepted for all Qualifiers and GJNCs in Chicago and Minneapolis. Acceptances for GJNC 18s will be February 15, and acceptances for BJNC will be March 1. Please update your profiles in AES—particularly your sizing and current certification.

Click here to find online events and to register in AES:

2023 Salt Lake City Girls 18s Qualifier

2023 Sunshine Volleyball Classic

2023 Salt Lake City Showdown

2023 USAV Girls 18s Junior National Championship

2023 USAV Open National Championship

2023 USAV Girls Junior National Championship (11-13s)

2023 USAV Girls Junior National Championship (14-17s)

2023 USAV Boys Junior National Championship

PAVO Convention: Looking forward to seeing many of you at the PAVO Convention. The schedule for Friday December 16, 2022.

USAV Sponsored Community Breakfast	7:45 AM – 8:45 AM
USAV Officials Chair Meeting	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
USAV Officials Assembly Meeting and National	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Officials Discussion	

National Referee and Scorer Credentials for Indoor: We want to thank everyone for their help over 2021 and 2022. We know it has been difficult for many of you. Because of the pandemic, we extended everyone's credentials/certification by three years. In SportsEngine you can now see your credential in your account under Credentials, and it includes the updated expiration date. That credential will be a five-year certification moving forward.

A New Look for our Officials Patches: We are excited to announce our new Officials patches, as we transition to the new look, feel comfortable wearing your old patch. You can purchase the updated National Scorer, National Referee, and Junior National Referee patches at our USA Volleyball National owned events, we will not be shipping patches this season.

Updated USA Volleyball Officials Website: The USA Volleyball website has been updated for Officials and provides greater ease of use based on your certification. Please explore the site, Resources for Officials – USA Volleyball, it is a wonderful resource for you.

National and Junior National Requirements for Indoor Referees: Here is a link to our updated requirements starting in the 2022-2023 season. Scroll down past Applications and Important Materials for Indoor Referees, to Levels of Indoor Refereeing. Here you will find everything you need to know regarding your certification.

USA Volleyball Membership Registration: For everyone that has already renewed your membership for this year, we appreciate it. With the season approaching and USA Volleyball and so many organizations in need, you as USAV National-level officials are the examples of the best in volleyball officiating. If you have yet to renew, please go to your Region's website and follow the instructions or contact your Region. If you have any health or financial challenges with joining the team this season, please do not hesitate to call me at 262-510-6771 or email at officials@usav.org.

Background Screen and SafeSport Training: Reminder that we as officials must be members of USA Volleyball, have our background screening completed, and be SafeSport trained before we can even **step on the floor**. Please make sure to have this completed as soon as possible.

Upload Photo to SportsEngine: On an important note, for us personally, if you could please upload your picture into your profile, it would be so helpful for us to know who we are talking to if we ever give you a call or you call or email us. If we could place a face to a name, we would love that. Here is the link on how to upload your photo: CLICK HERE

National Officials Dues: Click here for our National Officials Dues Portal for indoor officials.

• Junior National and National Indoor Referee: \$60.00

National Indoor Scorer: \$40.00

• Dual National Referee/Scorer: \$60.00

The deadline for paying National Officials dues is January 15.

Our Officials Development Education dues are critical to enhancing our learning program for the entire team. It helps support our training modules, learning tools like exams, RISE program for officials, reevaluation/personal coaching program, and certification programs for incoming nationals. It also covers our new USA Volleyball Officials Academy Program and coursework. We will be launching the

Academy in January; more information is to come in the beginning of January. The USA Volleyball Officials Academy will mirror the USA Volleyball Coaches Academy. We think you will find the new programs and coursework to be extremely relevant and engaging.

National Coursework: Depending on your certification, you will see one or both courses in your USAV Academy enrollments. We ask that you please complete this coursework by **January 15, 2023**.

US23_501 National & Jr. National Referee Training

- 051_Critical Rules & Points of Emphasis
- 053_Uniform Requirements & Reminders
- 802_National Rules Exam

US23_601 National Scorer Training

- 051_Critical Rules & Points of Emphasis
- 053 Uniform Requirements & Reminders
- 804_National Scorer Exam

Indoor Referee Junior National and National Candidate Applications are Available: <u>Click here</u> to access all application materials.

Indoor Scorer Candidate Applications are Available: Click here to access all application materials.

In closing, we want to thank you for your dedication and support to the USA Volleyball Regions, words cannot express our gratitude for all your support for the players, teams, and fellow officials. You are amazing every day, and USA Volleyball is grateful. Please stay safe and know how much you are loved and appreciated.

Respectfully,

USA Volleyball and The Officials Development Team