

Dear National, Junior National, and Zonal Officials,

Thank you for all your hard work supporting USA Volleyball and its regions, clubs, coaches and players.

We Need You!

We are still in need of approximately 25-30 referees for the 2024 Salt Lake City Showdown (April 6-8 and April 12-14).

Out-of-region referees who can work both weekends will receive housing for the days in between. Please consider joining us for one or both weekends. Full information on registering for events is included at the end of this newsletter.

2024 Rules Interpretation No. 1

<u>Visit our Rulebooks page</u> to access the new Rules Interpretation. Scroll to Indoor Casebook, Indoor Critical Rules, Points of Emphasis, and Rules Interpretations. Select 2023-24 Rules Interpretation 1 – February 2024.

Beach Candidate Program

The deadline to register for the Gulf Shores Local and Zonal Candidate Camp on Feb. 22-24 is Feb. 14. Learn more and register.

Don't miss the opportunity to get on the beach in Gulf Shores, one of the prettiest spots for a beach event. Thanks to the Gulf Coast Region for hosting.

Indoor Candidate Programs

The deadlines are approaching for the National Referee, Junior National Referee, and National Scorer Candidate Programs.

National Referee applications must be submitted by Feb. 15, 2024.

National Scorer applications must be submitted by Feb. 15, 2024.

For National Referee and National Scorer candidates, all coursework must be completed by Feb. 15 at 11:59 p.m. PT.

Junior National Referee applications must be submitted to your region by March 15, 2024.

For Junior National Referee candidates, all coursework must be completed by March 15, 11:59 p.m. PT.

<u>Find all information</u> on the National Referee and Junior National Programs. Scroll to Applications and select the program.

<u>Find all information</u> on the National Scorer Program. Scroll to Applications and select the program.

USA Volleyball Officials Academy

The USA Volleyball Officials Academy clinics are off the ground. We had our first live clinic on Jan. 31. Thank you to Rachael Rodriguez for making it entertaining and informative. A recording of the clinic has been placed in your USAV Academy for all indoor Junior National and National Referees.

To find it, go into your USAV Academy account and click on the course US24_504 USAV National Officials Clinic. You can also click on "register" for any of the three remaining clinics that you want to attend live.

For information on how to log in to the Academy please <u>use this link</u>, scroll to "Important Materials for Indoor Referees," "Sports Engine and USAV Academy," and "USAV Academy Log-in Instructions."

Register for future clinics.

- Feb. 28, 2024, 6 p.m. MST "R2 Transition and Other Responsibilities + Handling Rotations as R2 and (R1)"
- March 27, 2024, 6 p.m. MDT "Managing Coach and Bench Behavior"
- April 24, 2024, 6 p.m. MDT "Preparing for the USA Volleyball National Championships"

National Event Registration

You can get a copy of the 2023-2025 Rules Books through your region. If the region does not have any rules books, you can **download them**.

National Event Registration

Reminder: Early acceptance deadlines are approaching for national championships (register before the deadlines below):

- Girls Junior National Championship 11-13: We will start accepting regional referees on Feb. 15; Junior National and National Referees, please register before this date for early acceptance.
- Girls Junior National Championship 14-17: We will start accepting regional referees on Feb. 15; Junior National and National Referees, please register before this date for early acceptance.
- Girls 18s National Championship: Feb. 19
- Boys Junior National Championship: March 1

REGISTRATION FOR ALL NATIONAL EVENTS IS OPEN NOW IN AES - WE **NEED YOU** – Your participation is critical to the success of these events.

MANDATORY: For proper sizing of VIK, please update your profiles in AES and your current certification.

Find online events and register in AES.

- Salt Lake City Showdown, April 6-8 and April 12-14 Acceptances will happen within two weeks of registration for Junior National and National Referees.
- Girls 18s Junior National Championship, April 26-28 Acceptances for GJNC 18s will begin Feb. 19. Only Junior National and National Referees will be accepted.
- Open National Championship, May 24-29 Acceptances will begin Feb. 1.
- Girls Junior National Championship (11s-13s), June 21-24 Acceptances will happen within two weeks of registration for Junior National and National Referees.
- Boys Junior National Championship, June 26-29 Acceptances for BJNC will begin March 1.
- Girls Junior National Championship (14s-17s), July 3-11 Acceptances for GJNC will happen within two weeks of registration for Junior National and National Referees.

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