



USA Volleyball National Scorer Candidate Application Information, Instructions, & Checklist 2025-2026 Season

1. Candidates must be in good standing in your region from the time of application through the conclusion of the National Scorer Candidate Program. A current USAV background screen, SafeSport training, and HIROS Harassment Training must be completed at the time of application. A National scorer candidate with less than one full season as a Regional scorer will not be accepted.
2. You must register in SportsEngine for the National Scorer Candidate Program and pay the \$150 application fee by **February 11, 2026, at 11:59 PM Pacific Time.**
3. The National Scorer Candidate application material must be uploaded into the USA Volleyball Academy by **Wednesday February 11, 2026, at 11:59 PM Pacific Time.**
 - a) Electronic signatures (candidate, Scorer/Referee Chair, and Commissioner) are acceptable.
 - b) Please include a letter of, "Why I Want to Be a National Scorer."
 - c) Please provide a headshot photo.
 - d) Notification of acceptance will be no later than **February 25, 2026.** Applicants not accepted as candidates will receive a refund within two weeks.
4. Failure to meet any of the above-mentioned deadlines or criteria may result in non-acceptance to the National Scorer Candidate Program this season.
5. A qualified candidate must be capable of filling out and uploading an application into the USA Volleyball Academy, completing an accurate and detailed activity report, submitting a letter of "Why I want to be a National Scorer", and uploading a head shot photo.
6. If you are a current National referee and are hoping to attend the Open National Championships as a referee when not a scorer candidate, please register to officiate when registration becomes available. **Include a note that you are applying as a National Scorer Candidate.**
7. The 2026 Open National Championships will be held in Orlando, FL, from May 22-27. All candidates are required to attend the candidates meeting at **7:00 PM the day before their evaluation.** You must be available with no schedule conflicts during your one-day evaluation session which will be on **May 22 or May 25.** Candidates may depart the event any time after 10:00 AM the day after the evaluation session, or candidates may stay to referee after the evaluation session has ended if you are a current National referee and are accepted for additional days.
8. Candidates may request event housing but will be responsible for paying one-half of the room cost for two nights. Alternatively, candidates may choose to secure their own hotel accommodation.
 - a) When registering for the tournament, there will be the option to request event housing.
 - b) To utilize event housing during candidacy, candidates must pay for the hotel room by the application deadline of February 11, 2026.

National Scorer Candidate Curriculum

As a candidate for National Scorer certification, you are required to complete the online National Scorer Candidate Course by **February 11, 2026, 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 National Scorer Candidate.

For applicants who have already taken the modules or exams, your records will be verified in the USA Volleyball Academy to confirm completion.

Instructions for Completing the National Scorer Candidate Course

1. The coursework will be added to your USAV Academy within a week of registration. 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 Scorer Candidate Course. This will contain all the modules and exams listed here:
 - 321_ Getting Rated
 - 324_ Professionalism II
 - 609_ Scoring- Sanctions
 - 612_ Scoring-Special Situations
 - 804_ National Scorer Exam
 - US22_503 Video Recording Session 01 Avoiding Tragedies
 - HIROS Harassment Module
3. **All National Scorer Candidate modules must be completed no later than February 11, 2026, 11:59 PM Pacific Time.**

If you have any questions, please contact: Officials Development at officials@usav.org.

National Scorer Candidate Checklist

To apply and be considered as a candidate for USAV National Scorer certification, an applicant must complete and submit the following no later than **February 11, 2026, 11:59 PM Pacific Time**:

- ☐ Current USA Volleyball Membership
- ☐ Current USAV background screen, SafeSport training, and HIROS Harassment Training must be completed at time of application.
- ☐ Candidates must register in SportsEngine for the National Scorer Candidate Program and pay the \$150 application fee.
- ☐ The National Scorer Candidate application material must be uploaded into the USA Volleyball Academy
 - ☐ Completed Application Data Sheet, typed (electronic signatures accepted)
 - ☐ “Why I want to be a National Scorer” Letter
 - ☐ Headshot of candidate
- ☐ National Scorer Candidate Course work in the USA Volleyball Academy

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