



USA VOLLEYBALL RISE PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE

RISE Program Overview

RISE is the USAV Indoor evaluation program for officials holding or pursuing National-level certifications. The efforts of RISE Referee Coaches are focused on helping our fellow officials be the best they can be, while at the same time assisting the Officials Development Team in placing officials in situations where they can be successful at the various USAV National Championships.

All National-level officials in attendance at designated USAV National Championships should receive a RISE Review at least once during their 5-year membership cycle as part of the standard re-evaluation program. This includes evaluations conducted by a head official at USAV National Championships during finals matches.

RISE Reviews use a targeted evaluation form comprised of 4 sections that define the acronym, “RISE”:

REFLECT - Events/situations from the match where philosophical and/or preferred techniques may be used for reflection by the referee during the debrief and applied in future matches.

IMPLEMENT - An indication of the referee’s professionalism, knowledge of the rules, ability to control the match and how the referee implemented these skills while conducting the match.

SET GOALS - Referees should continuously be setting goals for themselves. This section identifies current areas of strength as well as opportunities for improvement.

EVALUATE - As a National level official, the expected standard for the evaluated categories in this section is “Good” for all matches you conduct. The referee’s performance in that particular match dictates whether the evaluation moves to one side or the other of column 3.

Additionally, RISE offers the following candidate-level programs for officials looking to obtain or advance their national-level certifications through USA Volleyball:

- RISE Candidate Program & Candidate Course
- RISE Expired or Retired Candidate Course
- RISE Foreign National and International Reciprocity Program & Candidate Course
- RISE PAVO National Reciprocity Program & Candidate Course

Detailed information about the purpose, criteria, process, and fees for these candidate-level programs can be found below.

Name		Review Date					
Certification		Match Level					
Observer		ID #					
Event/Level							
REFLECT							
Identify situations for reflection and growth opportunities		Guide					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall thoughts on the match• Communication with crew members during the match• Challenges during match• Preferred techniques to handle situations					
IMPLEMENT							
Overall tone of the match	Influence on Match	Guide					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Increasing Difficulties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interactions with teams, coaches, work team• Inspire confidence• Focus and Recovery• Court Awareness, match tempo					
	<input type="checkbox"/> No Significant Influence						
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Difficulties						
SET GOALS							
Areas of Strength	Opportunities for Improvement	Guide					
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mechanics and Positioning• Knowledge and Application of Rules• Match Protocol and Time Management• Consistency and Decisiveness					
EVALUATE							
<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Referee	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Referee	1	2	3	4	5	Guide
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professionalism• Organization• Signals/Mechanics/Techniques• Match Management• Judgment				✓			Needs Work 1. Insufficient 2. Needs Works
				✓			Strengths 3. Good 4. Very Good 5. Outstanding
Future Nominations				✓			

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RISE Expired or Retired Candidate Course

Purpose:

To provide an opportunity for our Expired or Retired Junior National/National Referees to return to active status and welcome them back to the national-level cadre.

Criteria:

- RISE Expired or Retired Candidates must register and be in good standing with their USA Volleyball Region.
 - If you are not currently registered in a region, you must register and become a member in the region where you reside, and be in good standing as a Regional referee.
- RISE Expired or Retired Candidates must have held their most recent national-level certification for a minimum of 5 years prior to retirement/expiration in order to request active status at the equivalent certification level.
 - For example: If a referee was a Junior National for 3 years and National Referee for 2 years, they can return as a Junior National Referee. If a referee was a National Referee for 5 years, they can return as a National Referee.
- RISE Expired or Retired Candidates must be recommended for the program by their Region.

Process:

- Expired or Retired officials will contact their Region to receive a recommendation to the RISE Expired or Retired Candidate Program.
 - If recommended, the Region will contact the USAV Officials Development Department to request program acceptance.
- Expired or Retired Candidates must receive one recommendation from a member of the USAV National Training Team at a designated USAV Training Camp held at select USAV National Qualifier(s).
 - Candidates will receive a minimum of two evaluations as R1 and two evaluations as R2 at the USAV Training Camps and submit the recommendations to the USAV Officials Development Team.
- Accepted RISE Expired or Retired Candidates will be invited to attend the RISE Expired or Retired Candidate Course at a designated USAV National Championship (GJNC).
 - Candidates will receive a minimum of two evaluations as R1 and two evaluations as R2 at the event.
 - If the candidate is successful, the appropriate National-level certification will be reinstated.

Fees:

- RISE Expired or Retired Candidates will pay \$160 to attend any required USAV Training Camp.
 - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the USAV Training Camp, except for the R2 evaluation matches.
- RISE Expired or Retired Junior National Candidates will pay \$400 this includes both the camp and candidate program at 14-17s GJNCs June 30 – July 3.
 - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the event, except for R1 and R2 evaluation matches.
- RISE Expired or Retired National Candidates will pay \$300 to attend 18s GJNC May 1-3.
 - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the event, except for R1 and R2 evaluation matches.



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2026 USAV National Training Team Camps:

RISE National Candidate Training Camps

1. Salt Lake City 18s Qualifier in Salt Lake City, UT – January 23 – 25 – **Registration Deadline December 17, 2025**
2. Sunshine Classic Qualifier in Orlando, FL – February 27 – March 1 – **Registration Deadline January 14, 2026**
3. Salt Lake City Showdown Qualifier in Salt Lake City, UT – April 25 – 27 – **Registration Deadline March 18, 2026**

RISE Junior National Candidate Training Camps

1. Sunshine Classic Qualifier in Orlando, FL – February 27 – March 1 – **Registration Deadline January 14, 2026**
2. Salt Lake City Showdown Qualifier in Salt Lake City, UT – May 1 - May 3 – **Registration Deadline March 25, 2026**
3. Girls Junior National Championship (GJNC 14-17s) in Indianapolis, IN – June 25 – June 28 – **Registration Deadline April 29, 2026**

2026 USAV National Candidate Course:

Girls 18s Junior National Championship in Reno, NV - May 1 – May 3

2026 USAV Junior National Candidate Course:

Girls Junior National Championship (GJNC 14-17s) in Indianapolis, IN – June 30 – July 3



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By signing below, you agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

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