



USA VOLLEYBALL RISE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

Event/Level

ID #

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
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IMPLEMENT

Overall tone of the match	Influence on Match <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing Difficulties <input type="checkbox"/> No Significant Influence <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Difficulties	Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactions with teams, coaches, work team Inspire confidence Focus and Recovery Court Awareness, match tempo
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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
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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: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>							

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RISE Re-evaluation of Current National and Junior National Officials Program

Purpose:

The RISE re-evaluation of current National and Junior National Officials Program is to provide feedback and coaching to current National and Junior National level Officials for advancement. The re-evaluation program will work to provide one referee coaching and mentoring session during your 5-year certification term.

Criteria:

- RISE re-evaluation officials must register and be in good standing with their USA Volleyball Region.
- RISE re-evaluations will take place at a USA Volleyball owned event.
- RISE re-evaluations will be both as an R1 and R2.

Process:

- A USAV National referee will be formally evaluated as both a first and second referee at least ONCE in each certification term
 - The referee coach will conduct a formal debriefing as soon as possible depending on the availability of the referee and coach.
- Must achieve passing evaluation as first and second referee.
- If a passing evaluation is not achieved on the first evaluation as first or second referee, the referee will receive another evaluation in the position(s) where previously unsuccessful.
 - The second evaluation may occur at the same event or at the next event attended by the referee where the referee coaching team is active.
- If a passing score is not achieved on the second evaluation
 - The referee will have the opportunity to attend the RISE Expired or Retired certification program the following season.
- If the referee does not successfully complete the RISE Expired or Retired certification process the following season:
 - The Junior National referee can opt to continue officiating as a Regional referee at the region's discretion.
 - The National referee can opt to continue officiating as a Junior National referee at the discretion of the Officials Development Team, or as a Regional referee at the region's discretion.
 - The referee has the option to retire if they have one (1) term as a USAV National or Junior National referee and is otherwise in good standing. They can also maintain their regional certification with retired National or Junior National status.

Fees:

- There are no fees associated with this program.



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RISE Candidate Program & Candidate Course

Purpose:

To provide an additional opportunity for officials who were unsuccessful during their USAV Junior National/National Candidate Course to obtain a National-level certification. Successful completion of the RISE Candidate Program earns the official an invitation to the RISE Candidate Course for a second attempt for certification advancement without affecting the number of candidates accepted to the USAV Junior National/National Candidate Course from a USA Volleyball Region.

Criteria:

- RISE Candidates must be recommended by the USAV Junior National/National Referee Candidate Program Lead to receive an invitation to the RISE Candidate Program.
- RISE Candidates must register and be in good standing with their USA Volleyball Region.
- RISE Candidates must attend a minimum of 2 designated USAV Training Camps to obtain recommendations from the USAV National Training Team at the camp to receive an invitation to the RISE Candidate Course.
 - Recommendations must be obtained within 2 seasons of the RISE Candidate Program acceptance. Failure to accomplish will result in dismissal from the RISE Candidate Program.
 - The two recommendations must be obtained within attending 4 events. Failure to accomplish will result in dismissal from the RISE Candidate Program.

Process:

- The USAV Director of Officials will send invitations to recommended officials following their unsuccessful USAV Junior National/National Candidate Course. Not all unsuccessful candidates will receive an invitation to the RISE Candidate Course.
- The RISE Program Lead will communicate the current season's training opportunities and request each candidate to track progress in their RISE Match Journal that was received at their original candidate course and record questions and points of emphasis throughout the season.
- RISE Candidates will complete all USAV Academy Courses added to their dashboard.
- RISE Candidates must attend a minimum of 2 designated USAV Training Camps conducted by members of the USAV National Training Team.
 - If the candidate has shown the improvement needed to be successful at the next level, they may request a recommendation from the evaluators of those USAV National Training Team camps (one signature per camp) and submit the recommendations to the RISE Program Lead.
 - RISE Candidate must obtain at least 2 recommendations to be invited to the RISE Candidate Course.
- Recommended RISE Candidates will be invited by the RISE Program Lead to attend the RISE Candidate Course at a designated USAV National Championship (National Candidate Course at 18sGNC or Junior National Candidate Course at GJNC).
 - Candidates will receive a minimum of two evaluations as R1 and two evaluations as R2 at the event.
 - If the candidate is successful, they will be awarded the appropriate advanced certification.

Fees:

- RISE Training Camp Registration fee is \$160 to attend any required RISE Training Camp.
 - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the USAV Training Camp, except for the R2 evaluation matches.
- RISE Junior National Candidates will pay \$400 this includes both the camp and candidate program at 14-17s GJNCs June 30 – July 3. RISE National Candidates will pay \$300 to attend 18s GJNC April 25-27.
 - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the event, except for R1 and R2 evaluation matches.



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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.
- 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 Director to request program acceptance.
- Expired or Retired Candidates must receive 1 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 RISE Program Lead.
- 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. RISE Expired or Retired National Candidates will pay \$300 to attend 18s GJNC April 25-27.
 - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the event, except for R1 and R2 evaluation matches.



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RISE Foreign National and International Reciprocity Program & Candidate Course

Purpose:

The Foreign National Reciprocity Program is to provide an opportunity for foreign national-level officials who move to the United States to receive a USAV Junior National Referee certification without affecting the number of candidates accepted to the USAV Junior National Candidate Course from a USA Volleyball Region.

The Foreign International Reciprocity Program is to provide an opportunity for foreign international-level officials who move to the United States to receive a USAV Junior National/National Referee certification without affecting the number of candidates accepted to the USAV Junior National/National Candidate Course from a USA Volleyball Region.

Criteria:

- RISE Reciprocity Candidates must have been in good standing and a certified National referee in their country's federation for a minimum of 5 years, and this certification must have been current prior to transferring to the United States.
- RISE Reciprocity Candidates must have been registered and in good standing with a USA Volleyball Region for a minimum of 2 seasons.
- RISE Reciprocity Candidates must be recommended for the reciprocity program by their Region.

Process:

- RISE Reciprocity Candidates must receive 1 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 Camp and submit the recommendations to the RISE Program Lead.
- Recommended RISE Reciprocity Candidates will be invited to attend the RISE Reciprocity Candidate Course at a designated USAV National Championship (GJNC-Junior National/18sGJNC-National).
 - Candidates will receive a minimum of two evaluations as R1 and two evaluations as R2 at the event.
 - If the candidate is successful, they will be awarded a USAV Junior National/National Referee certification.

Fees:

- RISE Reciprocity 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 Foreign National Reciprocity Junior National Candidates will pay \$400 this includes both the camp and candidate program at 14-17s GJNC June 30- July 3. RISE Foreign International Reciprocity Candidates if selected for the Junior National Candidate Program will pay \$400 this includes both the camp and candidate program at 14-17s GJNC July 3-6, if selected to the National Candidate Program will pay \$300 to attend 18s GJNC April 25-27.
 - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the event, except for R1 and R2 evaluation matches.



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RISE PAVO National Reciprocity Program & Candidate Course

Purpose:

The PAVO National Reciprocity Program is to provide an opportunity for PAVO national-level officials to receive a USAV Junior National Referee certification without affecting the number of candidates accepted to the USAV Junior National Candidate Course from a USA Volleyball Region.

Criteria:

- As affirmed by the PAVO National Rating Team Director, RISE PAVO National Reciprocity Candidates must be in good standing with their affiliated board and a certified PAVO National referee for a minimum of 1 certification term (4 years). If a RISE PAVO National Reciprocity Candidate is not in good standing with the PAVO affiliated board, the PAVO National Rating Team Director will reach out to the candidate and notify the USAV Officials Director.
- RISE PAVO National Reciprocity Candidates must have been registered and in good standing with a USA Volleyball Region for a minimum of 2 current consecutive seasons.
- RISE PAVO National Reciprocity Candidates must be recommended for the reciprocity program by their Region.

Process:

- RISE PAVO National Reciprocity Candidates must receive 1 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 RISE Program Lead.
- Recommended RISE PAVO National Reciprocity Candidates will be invited to attend the RISE PAVO National Reciprocity 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, they will be awarded a USAV Junior National Referee certification.

Fees:

- RISE PAVO National Reciprocity 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 PAVO National Reciprocity Candidates will pay \$400 this includes both the camp and candidate program at 14-17s GJNC June 30 – July 3.
 - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the event, except for R1 and R2 evaluation matches.



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2025 USAV National Training Team Camps:

RISE National Candidate Training Camps

1. Salt Lake City 18s Qualifier – January 24 – 26
2. Sunshine Classic Qualifier – February 28 – March 2
3. Salt Lake City Showdown Qualifier – April 5 – 7

RISE Junior National Candidate Training Camps

1. Sunshine Classic Qualifier – February 22 – 24
2. Salt Lake City Showdown Qualifier – April 11 – 13
3. Girls Junior National Championship 14-17 – June 25 – 28

2025 USAV National Candidate Course:

Girls 18s Junior National Championship in Salt Lake City, UT – April 25 – 27

2025 USAV Junior National Candidate Course:

Girls Junior National Championship (GJNC) 14-17 in Dallas, TX – June 30 – July 3