



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

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Dear RISE Candidate,

This is your official invitation to the 2025 - 2026 USA Volleyball RISE Candidate Program. This commitment will be a two-year process. Please read and understand the following Terms and Conditions:

## 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 two 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 two 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 a maximum of four events. Failure to accomplish this will result in dismissal from the RISE Candidate Program.

### Process:

- The USAV Officials Development Department 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 USAV Officials Development Department 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 two 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, the evaluators of those USAV National Training Team camps (one signature per camp) will submit the recommendations to the USAV Officials Development Department.
  - RISE Candidate must obtain at least two recommendations to be invited to the RISE Candidate Course.
- Recommended RISE Candidates will be invited by the USAV Officials Development Department 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.
  - Candidates will be paid for all matches worked at the event, except for R1 and R2 evaluation matches.
- RISE 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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