



On Nov. 9, 2024, USA Volleyball and the Florida Region lost a good friend and fellow official when Fran Bentley passed away after battling pancreatic cancer.

Fran started officiating about 16 years ago. She officiated high school volleyball, club volleyball and some college. Fran was a Regional Official and a National Scorer and International Qualified Scorer, as well as a PAVO College Scorer. She served as treasurer for the Central Florida Board of Officials and sergeant of arms and asst. assigner for Atlantic Coast Officials Volleyball Association. Fran not only worked in the Florida Region, but she traveled to USAV tournaments everywhere, so she had a big volleyball family and group of friends.

She always greeted you with a smile and was always ready to help out. She mentored and helped train many new officials. She was a great sounding board when you needed someone to talk to. If you knew her, you knew she was passionate about and loved her family very much and talked to

and/or spent time with them daily. It was evident that she loved them so much! When we lost Fran, our cadre of officials lost a bright light.

The Florida Region Leadership

Dear National, Junior National, and Zonal Officials,

Happy New Year! We wish you an exciting start to the USA Volleyball 2024-2025 season. We know that all of you are hard at work in your regions, and we appreciate your leadership. We have more children than ever playing volleyball, and your expertise and skills are important to the clubs, coaches and teams.

Deadline for National Official Coursework and National Dues is January 15, 2025

National Coursework: Depending on your certification, you will see one or both courses in your USAV Academy enrollments.

***Reminder: if you take a module in a course, it will automatically be completed if required for a different course.**

US25_501 National & Junior National Referee Training

- 051_Critical Rules & Points of Emphasis
- 053_Uniform Requirements & Reminders
- 213_Harassment Response and Reporting
- 802_National Rules Exam

US25_601 National Scorer Training

- 051_Critical Rules & Points of Emphasis
- 053_Uniform Requirements & Reminders
- 213_Harassment Response and Reporting
- 804_National Scorer Exam

***Reminder: the first National Clinic starts January 29th, see information below. The clinics are not part of the required coursework.**

National Officials Dues: [Pay your National Officials Dues for indoor officials.](#)

Reminder, your dues are paid separately from your membership. You can always find this link and other important information [on the USAV website.](#)

- Junior National and National Indoor Referee: \$60
- National Indoor Scorer: \$40
- Dual National Referee/Scorer: \$60

Our National Officials Development Education dues are critical to enhancing our learning program for the entire team. Dues help support our training modules, learning tools like exams, RISE program for officials, reevaluation/personal coaching program, and certification programs for incoming nationals. It also covers our **USA Volleyball Officials Academy Program** and coursework. We will be launching new academy content in January, and we think you will find the programs and coursework relevant and engaging.

Indoor Officials Candidate and Camp Applications Deadlines are Approaching

National Referee Candidate Camp registration deadlines

2025 Sunshine Classic Qualifier Camp: February 28–March 2, 2025 – Orlando, Florida – Deadline is January 15, 2025, Acceptance no later than January 17, 2025

2025 Salt Lake City Showdown Qualifier Camp: April 5-7, 2025 – Salt Lake City, Utah – Deadline is January 15, 2025, Acceptance no later than January 17, 2025

Junior National Referee Candidate Camp registration deadlines

2025 Salt Lake City Showdown Qualifier Camp: April 11-13, 2025 – Salt Lake City, Utah – Deadline is February 26, 2025, Acceptance no later than February 28, 2025

2025 GJNC 14-17s 2026 Candidate Camp: June 25-28, 2025 – Dallas, Texas – Deadline is February 26, 2025, Acceptance no later than February 28, 2025

National Referee Candidate Application deadline is February 12, 2025.

National Scorer Candidate Application deadline is February 12, 2025.

Indoor Junior National Referee Candidate and National Referee Candidate Applications are Available: [Access all application materials on our website.](#) Please forward to anyone you feel would benefit from this program.

Indoor National Scorer Candidate Applications are Available: [Access all application materials on our website.](#)

Indoor Junior National Referee and National Referee Candidate Camp Applications are Available: [Access all application materials on our website.](#)

2025 USA Volleyball Officials Academy Clinic Schedule and Topics

We are excited to announce our 2025 live virtual clinics with subject matter experts (if you are unable to make the live virtual clinic, the recording of the live clinic will be delivered to your USAV Academy account one week after the live event).

Register to attend the clinics: Junior National Referees, National Referees, and National Scorers will go into their USAV Academy account and click on the course US25_506 USAV National Officials Clinic and will click register for any of the four clinics that you want to attend live.

January 29, 2025 6:00 PM MT – “Scoring Tragedies Continued”

February 26, 2025 6:00 PM MT – “What we learned in 2024 from our Referee Relations Specialist at Girls Junior National Championships 14-17s”

March 26, 2025 6:00 PM MT – “R2 Transition, Managing Coach and Bench Behavior, and Handling Rotations as an R2 and R1”

April 23, 2025 6:00 PM MT – “Preparing for the USA Volleyball National Championships”

2025 USA Volleyball National Qualifiers and Championship Events

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.

REMINDER: You are not eligible to be accepted to the events until all of your membership requirements are met: renew your membership, complete your background screen, and complete SafeSport Training.

- 2025 Salt Lake City Showdown Girls National Qualifier, April 5-7, 2025 and April 11-13, 2025 – Acceptances will happen within two weeks of registration for National, Junior National, Regional and Provisional Referees who are available without conflict.
- 2025 Girls 18s Junior National Championships, April 25-27, 2025 – Acceptances for GJNC 18s will begin February 19. Only Junior National and National Referees who are available without conflict will be accepted.
- 2025 Open National Championship, May 23-28, 2025 – Acceptances for Opens will begin March 5. Only Junior National and National Referees who are available without conflict will be accepted.
- 2025 Girls Junior National Championship (10s-13s), June 21-24, 2025 – Acceptances will happen within two weeks of registration for

National, Junior National, Regional Referees who are available without conflict.

- 2025 Girls Junior National Championship (14s-17s), June 25–July 3, 2025 – Acceptances will happen within two weeks of registration for National, Junior National, Regional Referees who are available without conflict.
- 2025 Boys Junior National Championship, July 3-6, 2025 – Acceptances for BJNC will begin March 26. Only Junior National and National Referees who are available without conflict will be accepted.

Register in AES: Search for the events under these names:

- 2025 Salt Lake City Showdown 1 – OFFICIALS ONLY
 - 2025 Salt Lake City Showdown 2 – OFFICIALS ONLY
 - 2025 USAV GJNC 18s – OFFICIALS ONLY
 - 2025 USAV Opens 1st Block – OFFICIALS ONLY
 - 2025 USAV Opens 2nd Block – OFFICIALS ONLY
 - 2025 USAV GJNC 10-13s – OFFICIALS ONLY
 - 2025 USAV GJNC 14-17s 1st Block – OFFICIALS ONLY
 - 2025 USAV GJNC 14-17s 2nd Block – OFFICIALS ONLY
 - 2025 USAV BJNC – OFFICIALS ONLY
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