



# Pathway to 2026 USAV National Referee Certification



Timeline of best practices for USAV Regional Officials to Apply to be a National Candidate

**USA**Volleyball

## Plan your USAV Resume

For the two years prior to the February, you submit your application you should plan your in-region USAV refereeing schedule. You should also apply as a full-time referee without conflict, a minimum of two USAV National Qualifier and one USAV National Championship, or one USAV National Qualifier and two USAV National Championships or three USAV National Championships (18s GJNC, GJNC 11-13, GJNC 14-17, or BJNC) during the officiating activities time frame. Apply to events early. Keep track of match counts, finals, as well as your collegiate refereeing match counts during this period.

## Tell Your Ref Chair

Learn from your Ref Chair the requirements in region to be in good standing and receive support for your application.

Jan 25

## Attend Regional Camp

Consider applying to a USAV National Referee Camp hosted at a National Qualifier or National Championship.

Sept 25

Mar 25

## Build your Activity Report

Your activity report runs from March 26, 2024 – February 11, 2026. Continue to officiate as much as possible both in region and particularly out of region at USAV National Qualifiers and Championships. Seek feedback from others. Be observed. Let assignors know your intention. Volunteering as an R2 whenever possible; is extremely important.

Jul 25

Dec 25

## Complete Requirements

Coordinate with your Ref Chair to complete in-region requirements to be in good standing and obtain the signature of your Ref Chair and Commissioner. Review the documents in your application with your Ref Chair for completeness and professionalism. Register for the National Candidate Program and pay the registration fee early so you can complete the coursework by February 11 (the fee is refunded if not accepted). Register to officiate at 18s GJNC .

Feb 11, 26

## Send in your National Application

By February 11 upload into the USAV Academy your:

- USAV National Application signed by your Ref Chair and Commissioner
- Volleyball Refereeing Activity
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Letter of why you want to be a National Referee
- 2"x2" Headshot

Once applied, complete the National Candidate Coursework in USAV Academy by February 11.

Applicants will be notified by February 25 if they were chosen to be a candidate. Evaluations for candidates will occur at 18s GJNC.