



# Pathway to 2026 USAV Junior National Referee Certification



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

## Plan your USAV Resume

For the two years prior to the April, 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 (GJNC 10-13 or GJNC 14-17) 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 apply including being in good standing.

Jan 25

## Attend Regional Camp

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

Apply to officiate a National Championship (GJNC 10-13 and GJNC 14-17).

Sept 25

## Build your Activity Report

Your activity report runs from March 26, 2024 – April 1, 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.

Mar 25

Jul 25

Jan 26

## 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 JN Candidate Program and pay the registration fee early so you can complete the coursework by April 1 (the fee is refunded if not accepted). Register to officiate at GJNC 14-17.

Apr 1, 26

## Send in your JN Application

By April 1<sup>st</sup> upload into the USAV Academy your:

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

Once applied, complete the JN Candidate Coursework in USAV Academy by April 1.

Applicants will be notified by April 15<sup>th</sup> if they were chosen to be a candidate. Evaluations for candidates will occur at GJNC 14-17.