

REFEREE CERTIFICATIONS

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Indoor Referee Certifications (To see online at USAV [click here](#))

Junior Referee

The Junior referee certification that is awarded by a Region. To be certified as a Junior Referee the candidate must:

- Attend a referee clinic as scheduled by the regional referee chair.
- Receive a score on a USAV D or higher written examination (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references).
- Receive at least one (1) passing rating as a first referee and one (1) passing rating as a second referee from a USAV National, Junior National, Regional, or FIVB International referee.
- **Receive at least two (2) passing ratings as a second referee from a USAV National, Junior National, Regional, or FIVB International referee for 'Junior Second Referee' certification.
- First season of referee certification or re-certification is considered an "In-Process" season until all requirements for certification are met.
- Must be a USAV regular member.
- Have a general knowledge of the rules, mechanics & techniques used by USA Volleyball referees.
- Understand the basics of transitioning and positioning as an R2.
- Have a basic knowledge of the use of the USAV score sheet.
- Failure to complete the above listed requirements by the published ratings and test dates may result in the forfeiture of your Junior referee rating.

Responsibilities and Entitlements of a Junior Olympic Volleyball Referee:

- After successful completion of the testing processes and certification by the Regional Referee Chair, the candidate will be authorized to officiate at all Regional junior-level tournaments.
- A certified Junior Referee will be entitled to wear the Referee uniform without patch if 17 years of age or older and officiating for pay.
- A Junior Referee may elect to become a USAV Provisional Referee candidate, during the same season, providing they meet the requirements established for that rating.
- Certification as a Junior Referee is valid for a period of two seasons with proper USAV registration.
- With the approval of the Regional Commissioner, an application fee may be assessed for the administration of the clinic, examination and rating process. Payment of the fee shall be to the Regional Volleyball Association.

Provisional Referee

The entry-level professional referee certification that is awarded by a Region. To be certified as a Provisional referee:

- Attend a referee clinic as scheduled by the regional referee chair.
- Receive a score on a USAV C or higher written/on-line examination. (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references).
- Receive one (1) passing rating as a first referee and one (1) passing rating as a second referee from a USAV National, Junior National or Regional referee.
- **First year of referee certification is considered an "In-Process" year.**
- Must be a USAV regular member.
- Have a general knowledge of the rules, mechanics & techniques used by USA Volleyball referees.
- Understand the basics of transitioning and positioning as an R2.
- Have a basic knowledge of the use of the USAV scoresheet.

To retain a Provisional referee certification:

- Attend a referee clinic as scheduled by regional referee chair.
- Receive a score on a USAV C or higher written/on-line examination. (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references).
- Receive one (1) passing rating as a first referee and one (1) passing rating as a second referee from a USAV National, Junior National or Regional referee.
- Must be a USAV regular member.
- Failure to complete the above listed requirements by the published ratings and test date may result in the forfeiture of your Provisional referee rating.
- Have a general knowledge of the rules, mechanics & techniques used by USA Volleyball referees.
- Understand the basics of transitioning and positioning as an R2.
- Have a basic knowledge of the use of the USAV scoresheet.
- Show awareness of rotational faults.
- Show back row awareness.
- Failure to complete the above listed requirements by the published ratings and test date may result in the forfeiture of your Provisional referee rating.

Regional Referee

The next referee certification awarded by the regions is the Regional referee certification. To be certified as a Regional referee:

- **Serve a minimum of one year as Provisional referee.**
- Attend a referee clinic as scheduled by regional referee chair.

- Receive a passing grade on the USAV A or B written/on-line examination. (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references).
- In the process of successfully retaining the Provisional referee rating, receive a recommendation to the region referee chair as a Regional referee candidate.
- Prior to attendance at the regional rating process set by the region referee chair; receive one rating as a second referee from a National or Junior National referee.
- Attend and successfully complete the regional rating process set by the region referee chair.
- Must be an USAV regular member.
- Have a good knowledge of the rules, mechanics & techniques.
- Have a basic knowledge of the use of the USAV scoresheet.
- Knows how to transition as an R2
- Show awareness of rotational faults.
- Show back row awareness.

To retain a Regional referee certification:

- Attend a referee clinic as scheduled by regional referee chair.
- Receive minimal grade of 84% on the USAV A or B written/on-line examination. (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references).
- Receive one (1) passing rating from a National or Junior National referee.
- Give a day rating Provisional referee candidates as scheduled with the region chair; assist in conducting an adult or junior clinic; submit eight (8) ratings of Provisional referee candidates; or referee at Adult or Junior Regional Championship as approved by the region referee chair; or other service to the region as approved by the region referee chair.
- Must be a USAV regular member.
- Have knowledge of the rules and know how to apply them.
- Have a basic knowledge of the use of the USAV scoresheet.
- Have good mechanics.
- Know the techniques of an R1 & R2.
- Know how to transition as an R2.
- Recognize rotational faults.
- Recognize back row faults.
- Failure to complete the above listed requirements by the published ratings and test date may result in the forfeiture of your Regional rating.

Junior National Referee

[Referee Strength Rating Scale](#)

Certification and Application Requirements

1. File the official application for the current season. Application forms and instructions for completing them are available here.
2. Obtain all approvals as noted in the instructions and submit application fee as noted.
3. The deadline for submitting an application is April 1. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by May 1.
4. Demonstrate proficiency as a scorer by successfully completing the written scorer examination and scoring clinic (the specific clinic and exam is spelled out in the application instructions) found in USAV Academy. As part of the evaluation process, each candidate will be required to keep score and to take and pass a scorer's practical exam at the certification event.
5. Complete the online USAV National-level rules examination.
6. Complete the online tournament procedures for the event before arrival.
7. Attend the designated USA Volleyball event and successfully complete all requirements at that tournament. The event requirements include (but are not limited to):
 - Attendance at all mandatory pre-tournament and Candidates' Meetings.
 - Availability to referee at the event until the completion of the rating session.
 - Successful completion of the evaluation session(s).
 - Forfeiture of all match fees to the Indoor Officials' Commission of USA Volleyball for matches officiated during the rating session. Candidates might retain fees earned from matches refereed after the completion of the rating session if the candidate is contracted with the events department in advance.

Upon successful completion of these requirements, the candidate will receive a USA Volleyball Junior National referee certification and patch.

NOTE: By agreement of the PAVO and the USAV Indoor Official's Commission, Referees, a certified PAVO National referee may be certified as a USAV Indoor Junior National referee without meeting certification requirements noted above. The individual must be in good standing in his/her region and must be recommended by the PAVO. A request must be sent to the Associate Chair, National Indoor Officials Commission, Referees. Upon acceptance by the Associate Chair, the referee must attend that year's Junior National rating tournament, and will be reviewed on a minimum of two matches to ascertain the individuals' strength rating as a referee. The referee must also complete all annual requirements for that season, with deadlines being given based on the date of acceptance.

Responsibilities and Entitlements

- After certification by the National Commission for Evaluation and Certification, a USA Volleyball Junior National referee will be entitled to wear the official USA Volleyball Junior National referee patch while officiating at USA Volleyball-sanctioned events.
- A USA Volleyball Junior National referee is authorized to officiate all USA Volleyball-sanctioned competition within any of the USA Volleyball regions, including Qualifier and Bid competition, and is qualified to officiate at the USA Junior National Championships and the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships.

- Certification as a USA Volleyball Junior National referee is valid for a period of four (4) years. To maintain certification, the referee must complete the following:
 1. Annual Requirements
 - Register as a member of a USA Volleyball region and remain an active referee with his/her RVA.
 - Have a current background screening on file with USA Volleyball.
 - Remit annual dues and national-level clinic fee as levied by the Indoor Officials Commission of USA Volleyball by November 1.
 - Complete the USA Volleyball national-level pre-season curriculum by 11:59 pm on January 4.
 - Complete the online national-level USA Volleyball rules exam.
 - Must be taken online and closed book
 - Must be completed within 90 minutes
 - Must be completed by 11:59 pm on March 1
 - Must achieve a score of 90%
 - Complete the USA Volleyball scorer exam A.
 - Complete the USA Volleyball National Referee clinic by 11:59 pm March 1.
 2. Attendance requirements for the first two certification terms – must be one full day commitment as a referee at any of the required events.
 - Serve as a referee at one of the USA Junior National Championships or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships in at least two different years during each of the first two certification terms.
 - Serve as a referee at one of the USA Junior National Championships or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships, a USA Volleyball Qualifier or Bid Tournament, the Starlings Tournament, or the NCVF Club Championships, during one of the remaining two years of each of the first two certification terms.
 - Junior National referees will be accepted to referee at the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships only if an insufficient number of National referees have registered by the deadline. This has no bearing on acceptance as a scorer only.
 - Submit to re-evaluation by the National Commission for Evaluation and Certification at any time while officiating at a USAV sanctioned event.
 - May be absent from all national-level competition one year out of each of the first two certification terms.
 3. Attendance requirements for subsequent terms after the first two certification terms.
 - Same attendance requirements as in section 2 above, but if serving as a referee at a championship listed in section 2.a and a tournament listed in section 2.b in the same year, can be absent from national-level competition for two separate years in that certification term.
- A USAV Junior National referee encountering unusual difficulty in meeting the attendance requirements may request, in a letter or email, a one-year extension of certification. The

request must be submitted to the Associate Chair, Indoor National Officials Commission, Referees.

1. Referees who are granted an extension must continue to complete all annual requirements.
- A USAV Junior National referee with a minimum of two (2) certification terms as a Junior National Referee who allows that certification to expire, has two options for recertification:
 1. If the referee wishes to re-certify within the three years immediately following expiration of the rating, the referee must:
 - Submit an application and a summary of volleyball activities for the previous three (3) years.
 - Affirm membership within the respective USA Volleyball region during the period since expiration.
 - Send the application and summary to the Director for National Referee Evaluation and Certification, who may authorize the candidate to attend a USAV Girls' Junior National Championship for re-evaluation. The recertification candidate must pay the candidate fee, and follow the procedures as noted in Section I.G above.
 - If the referee wishes to re-certify after the three-year period following expiration of the Junior National Referee certification, the referee must apply through his/her region as noted in Section I above.
 - Applications for new Junior National referees will be given priority over applications submitted under the provisions for expired certifications.

Repercussions for not fulfilling requirements

1. National Officials Commission Dues
 - A USA Volleyball Junior National referee who does not submit his/her dues by the deadline will be assessed a late fee of 100%.
 - If the dues and the late fee are not received by the subsequent deadline, the Junior National Referee certification will be rescinded.
2. National-level Pre-Season Curriculum
 - If the referee fails to complete the national-level pre-season curriculum by January 4, attendance at any national level tournament in that season will not count towards attendance requirements. The referee will also not be accepted to referee at any of the JNC tournaments or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships that season.
 - If the referee fails to complete the national-level pre-season curriculum by May 31, his/her Junior National referee certification will be rescinded.
 - If the rules exam is not received by May 31 of that year, the referee will lose his/her USAV Junior National referee certification.
3. National-level rules exam
 - A USA Volleyball Junior National referee who completes the National-level rules exam after the deadline will not be confirmed to work as a referee for one of the USA Junior National Championships or the USA Volleyball Adult Open

Championships during that season unless one of the JNC tournaments is in need of referees, even if the referee must attend to maintain certification.

- If the referee attends a certifying tournament in the year the National-level rules exam is completed after the deadline, he/she will not receive credit for attendance in that season.
- If the National-level rules exam is not completed by May 31 of that season, the referee will lose his/her USAV Junior National referee certification.
- If the referee fails to achieve the minimum score of 90% on the National-level rules exam, but completes the exam by the testing deadline, he/she will be placed on a one year probation.
 - During the probationary year, the referee may not referee the 16 through 18 Open level at any JNC, nor the PVL and Open Divisions at the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships and will not be assigned to any Finals match.
 - If the referee does not achieve the minimum score on the National-level rules exam for a second consecutive year, his/her Junior National referee certification will be rescinded.

4. National Referee Clinic

- If the referee fails to complete the national referee clinic by March 1, attendance at any national level tournament in that season will not count towards attendance requirements. The referee will also not be accepted to referee at the JNC tournaments or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships that season.
- If the referee fails to complete the national referee clinic by May 31, his/her Junior National referee certification will be rescinded.

5. If the referee fails to complete the requirements in A, B, C, or D for a second year in a row by the initial deadline; his/her Junior National referee certification will be rescinded.

- Officials Commission Dues – November 1
- National-level pre-season curriculum – January 4
- National-level rules exam – March 1
- National Referee clinic – March 1

6. USAV Membership

- If the referee does not become a member of USAV by March 1, the Junior National certification will be rescinded

7. Attendance requirements

- A USA Volleyball Junior National referee who does not attend the required tournaments during any certification period, and does not ask for the one-year extension of certification, will be placed on a one-year probation period.
 - In the year following probation, if the referee does not attend a required tournament, the USA Volleyball Junior National certification will be rescinded.

- In the year following probation, if the referee attends a required tournament, a one-year certification extension will be granted. If the referee attends a required tournament in the second year following the probation, a new four (4) year certification period is awarded.

Re-evaluation

- A USAV Junior National referee will be formally evaluated as both a first and second referee at least ONCE in each certification term
 - Evaluations may occur as often as every two years.
 - Evaluations will not occur in consecutive years if passing scores are achieved.
 - Consecutive evaluations will not be done by the same evaluator.
 - The evaluator will conduct a formal debriefing as soon as possible depending on the availability of the referee and evaluator.
- Passing scores of 88 must be achieved as first and second referee.
- If a passing score 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 rating team is active.
- If a passing score is not achieved on the second evaluation
 - The referee will have the opportunity to attend the USAV Junior National referee certification process the following season.
 - No application fee or regional signatures are required if attending the following season.
 - Will not be accepted to referee at any USAV National Championship until the referee has successfully completed the Junior National referee certification process.
 - If the referee does not successfully complete the certification process the following season:
 1. Junior National referee certification will only be maintained by following the full Junior National referee candidate application and evaluation process, including fee and region signatures; or
 2. The referee can opt to continue officiating as a Regional referee at the region's discretion.
 - If the referee has a minimum of two (2) terms as a USAV Junior National referee and is otherwise in good standing, he or she will have the option to retire.

Junior National Referee Retired

1. Any USAV Junior National referee in good standing, with at least two (2) certification terms as a USAV Junior National Referee, may apply to the Associate Chair, Indoor Officials Commission, Referees, for voluntary retired status.
2. To continue working as a referee with USAV, a USAV Junior National Referee (Retired) must register annually with USA Volleyball and the appropriate RVA and remain an active referee in good standing within his/her RVA. Remaining in good standing within the RVA includes but is not limited to, satisfying all requirements for recertification as a Regional referee within that RVA.
 - If a USAV Junior National Referee (Retired) does not wish to work as a referee with USAV, they are not required to remain in good standing within the RVA. The referee will not be allowed to referee at any USAV event, but they will retain their Junior National Referee (Retired) status.
3. A USAV Junior National Referee (Retired) is authorized to wear the USAV Junior National Referee patch while officiating at USAV sanctioned events.
4. A USAV Junior National Referee (Retired) is authorized to officiate all USAV-sanctioned regional and inter-regional competition, including junior bid and qualifier tournaments.
5. A USAV Junior National Referee (Retired) may register to officiate USAV JNCs only when recommended by region referee chairs.
 - Regions may only recommend referees when requested by the Indoor Officials' Commission.
6. A USAV Junior National Referee (Retired) may be periodically requested to submit to re-evaluation by the National Commission for Junior National Referee Evaluation and Certification.
7. A USAV Junior National Referee (Retired) may apply for recertification as a USAV Junior National Referee by following the procedures set forth in Section II.E of the Junior National Referee Requirements. The USAV Junior National Referee (Retired) will not be required to pay the candidate fee.
8. Application for retired status must occur either during or immediately after a year in which the Junior National Referee is in good standing with the Officials' Commission. This includes being certified as a USAV Junior National Referee and paying dues for that year. (Deadline: February 15 of the following year.)

National Referee

[National Referee Application](#)

[Referee Strength Rating Scale](#)

Certification and Application Requirements

1. Must have served as a certified USAV Junior National referee for at least one (1) season and be in good standing with the Indoor Officials' Commission.
2. File the official application with the Director for National Referee Evaluations and Certifications. Application forms and instructions ([LINK TO DOCUMENT](#))

3. Obtain all approvals as noted in the instructions and submit the application fee as noted.
4. The deadline for submitting an application is listed on the application. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by the date listed in the instructions.
5. Demonstrate proficiency as a scorer by successfully completing the written scorer examination and scoring clinic (the specific clinic and exam is spelled out in the application instructions) found in USAV Academy. As part of the evaluation process, each candidate will be required to keep score; and to take and pass a scorer's practical exam at the certification event.
6. USA Boys' Junior National Championships, the NCVF College Sports Club Championships or other high level boys' or men's volleyball officiating experiences within the last season are given primary consideration.
7. Complete the online tournament procedures for the event before arrival.
8. Attend the designated USA Volleyball event and successfully complete all requirements at that tournament. The event requirements include (but are not limited to):
 - Attendance at all mandatory pre-tournament and Candidates' meetings.
 - Availability to referee at the event until the completion of the rating session.
 - Successful completion of the evaluation sessions.
 - Forfeiture of all match fees to the Indoor Officials' Commission of USA Volleyball for all matches worked during the rating process. Candidates will retain fees earned from matches worked before or after the completion of the rating process.
9. Upon successful completion of these requirements, the candidate will receive a USA Volleyball National referee certification and patch.

NOTE: A referee who is currently a PAVO certified National referee may, by reciprocal agreement, become a USAV National referee candidate. For more information, go to https://volleyballreftraining.com/resources_officiating_resources.php. The Director for National Referee Evaluations and Certification, upon evaluation of any PAVO candidate at a national rating site, may award:

 - certification as a USAV National referee;
 - certification as a USAV Junior National referee;
 - no certification.

Responsibilities and Entitlements

1. After certification by the National Commission for Evaluation and Development, a USA Volleyball National referee will be entitled to wear the official USA Volleyball National referee patch while officiating at USA Volleyball-sanctioned events.
2. A USA Volleyball National referee is authorized to officiate USA Volleyball-sanctioned competition within all USAV regions, and is qualified to officiate at the USAV Boys' and Girls' Junior National Championships and the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships.
3. Certification as a USA Volleyball National referee is valid for a period of four (4) years. To maintain certification, the referee must complete the following:
 - Annual requirements
 1. Register as a member of a USA Volleyball region and remain an active referee with his/her RVA.

2. Have a current background screening and Safesport training on file with USA Volleyball.
 3. Remit annual dues and clinic fee as levied by the Indoor Officials Commission of USA Volleyball by November 1.
 4. Complete the USA Volleyball national-level pre-season curriculum by 11:59 pm on January 4.
 5. Complete the online USA Volleyball National-level rules exam.
 - Must be taken closed book
 - Must be completed within 90 minutes
 - Must be completed by 11:59 pm on March 1
 - Must achieve a score of 90%
 6. Complete the USA Volleyball scorer exam A.
 7. Complete the USA Volleyball National Referee clinic by 11:59 pm March 1.
- Attendance requirements for the first two certification terms - must be a full day commitment as a referee at any of the required events.
 1. Serve as a referee at the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships or one of the USA Junior National Championships in at least two different years during each of the first two certification terms.
 2. Serve as a referee at the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships or one of the USA Junior National Championships, a USA Volleyball Qualifier or Bid Tournament, the Starlings Tournament, or the NCVF Club Championships during one of the remaining two years of each of the first two certification terms.
 3. Submit to re-evaluation by the National Commission for Evaluation and Certification at any time while officiating at a USAV sanctioned event.
 4. May be absent from all national-level competition one year out of each of the first two certification terms.
 - Attendance requirements for subsequent terms after the first two certification terms.
 1. Same attendance requirements as in section 2 above, but if serving as a referee at a championship listed in section 2.a and a tournament listed in section 2.b in the same year, can be absent from national-level competition for two separate years in that certification term.
 2. Serving as a head referee, rater, or trainer at the BJNC, GJNC, USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships or HP Championships.
 - Allowed as attendance requirement in only one year of each certification term.
4. A USAV National referee encountering unusual difficulty in meeting the attendance requirements may request, in a letter or email, a one-year extension of certification. The request must be submitted to the Associate Chair, Indoor National Officials Commission, Referees.
 - Referees who are granted an extension must continue to complete all annual requirements.

5. A USAV National referee with a minimum of two (2) certification terms as a National Referee who allows that certification to expire, has two options for recertification:
 - If the referee wishes to re-certify within the three years immediately following expiration of the rating, the referee must:
 1. Submit an application and a summary of volleyball activities for the previous three (3) years.
 2. Affirm membership within the respective USA Volleyball region during the period since expiration.
 3. Send the application and summary to the Director for National Referee Evaluation and Certification, who may authorize the candidate to attend a designated event for re-evaluation. The recertification candidate must pay the candidate fee, and follow the procedures as noted in Section I.I above.
 - If the referee wishes to re-certify after the three-year period following expiration of the National Referee certification, the referee must apply through his/her region as noted in Section I above.
 1. Applications for new National referees will be given priority over applications submitted under the provisions for expired certifications.

Repercussions for Not Fulfilling the Requirements

1. National Officials Commission Dues
 - A USA Volleyball National referee who does not submit his/her dues by the deadline will be assessed a late fee of 100%.
 - If the dues and the late fee are not received by the subsequent deadline, the National Referee certification will be rescinded.
2. National-level Pre-Season Curriculum
 - If the referee fails to attend or complete the national-level pre-season curriculum by January 4, attendance at any national level tournament in that season will not count towards attendance requirements. The referee will also not be accepted to referee at any of the JNC tournaments or the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships that season.
 - If the referee fails to complete the national-level pre-season curriculum by May 31, his/her National referee certification will be rescinded.
3. National-level rules exam
 - A USA Volleyball National referee who completes the National-level rules exam after the deadline will not be confirmed to work as a referee for one of the USA Junior National Championships or the Adult Open Championships during that season unless one of the tournaments is in need of referees, even if the referee must attend to maintain certification.
 - If the referee attends a certifying tournament in the year the National-level rules exam is completed after the deadline, he/she will not receive credit for attendance in that season.
 - If the rules exam is not completed by May 31 of that season, the referee will lose his/her USAV National referee certification.

- If the referee fails to achieve the minimum score of 90% on the National-level rules exam, but completes the exam by the testing deadline, he/she will be placed on a one year probation.
 1. During the probationary year, the referee may not referee the 16 through 18 Open level at either JNC or the PVL and Open Divisions at the Adult Open Nationals, and will not be assigned to any Finals match.
 2. If the referee does not achieve the minimum score on the National-level rules exam for a second consecutive year, his/her National referee certification will be rescinded.
4. National Referee Clinic
- If the referee fails to complete the national-level referee clinic by March 1, attendance at any national level tournament in that season will not count towards attendance requirements. The referee will also not be accepted to referee at either of the JNC tournaments or the Adult Open Nationals in that season.
 - If the referee fails to complete the national referee clinic by May 31, his/her National referee certification will be rescinded.
5. If the referee fails to complete A, B, C, or D for a second year in a row by the initial deadline; his/her National referee certification will be rescinded.
- Officials Commission Dues – November 1
 - National-level pre-season curriculum – January 4
 - National-level rules exam – March 1
 - National Referee clinic – March 1
6. USAV Membership
- If the referee does not become a member of USAV by March 1, the National certification will be rescinded.
7. Attendance requirements
- A USA Volleyball National referee who does not attend the required tournaments during any certification period, and does not ask for the one-year extension of certification, will be placed on a one-year probation period.
 1. In the year following probation, if the referee does not attend a required tournament, the USA Volleyball National certification will be rescinded.
 2. In the year following probation, if the referee attends a required tournament, a one-year certification extension will be granted. If the referee attends a required tournament in the second year following the probation, a new four (4) year certification period is awarded.
8. Re-evaluation
- A USAV National referee will be formally evaluated as both a first and second referee at least ONCE in each certification term.
 1. Evaluations may occur as often as every two years.
 1. Evaluations will not occur in consecutive years if passing scores are received.
 2. Consecutive evaluations will not be done by the same evaluator.

3. The evaluator will conduct a formal debriefing as soon as possible depending on the availability of the referee and evaluator.
- A passing score of 90 must be achieved as first and second referee.
 - If a passing score 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
 1. This second evaluation may occur at the same event or at the next event attended by the referee where the rating team is active.
 - If a passing score is not achieved on the second evaluation,
 1. The referee will have the opportunity to attend the USAV National referee certification process the following season.
 1. No application fee or recommendation form signatures are required if attending the following season.
 2. Will not be accepted to referee at any USAV National Championship until the referee has successfully completed the National referee certification process.
 3. If the referee does not successfully complete the certification process the following season:
 - National referee certification will only be maintained by following the full National referee candidate application and evaluation process, including fee and recommendation signatures; or
 - The referee can opt to continue officiating as a USAV Junior National referee
 4. If the referee has a minimum of two (2) certification terms as a USAV National Referee, or at least one (1) certification term as a USAV National Referee and at least one (1) certification term as USAV Junior National Referee, and is otherwise in good standing, he or she will have the option to retire.

National Referee Retired

[National Referee Retired Application](#)

1. Any USAV National Referee in good standing, with at least two (2) certification terms as a USAV National Referee, may apply to the Associate Chair, National Indoor Officials' Commission, Referees, for voluntary USAV National Referee (Retired) status.
 - Any USAV National Referee in good standing, with a combination of at least two (2) certification terms as a USAV National and Junior National Referee, may apply to the Associate Chair, National Indoor Officials' Commission, Referees, for voluntary USAV Junior National Referee (Retired) status. Please refer to the separate section of these certification requirements describing the USA Volleyball Indoor Junior National Referee (Retired).

2. To continue working as a referee with USAV, a USAV National Referee (Retired) must register annually with USA Volleyball and the appropriate RVA and remain an active referee in good standing within his/her RVA. Remaining in good standing within the RVA includes but is not limited to, satisfying all requirements for recertification as a Regional referee within that RVA.
 - If a USAV National Referee (Retired) does not wish to work as a referee with USAV, they are not required to remain in good standing within the RVA. The referee will not be allowed to referee at any USAV event, but they will retain their National Referee (Retired) status.
3. A USAV National Referee (Retired) is authorized to wear the USAV National Referee patch while officiating at USAV sanctioned events.
4. A USAV National Referee (Retired) is authorized to officiate all USAV-sanctioned regional and inter-regional competition, including junior bid and qualifier tournaments.
5. A USAV National Referee (Retired) may register to officiate USAV JNCs only when recommended by region referee chairs.
 - Regions may only recommend referees when requested by the Indoor Officials' Commission.
6. A USAV National Referee (Retired) may be periodically requested to submit to re-evaluation by the National Commission for National Referee Evaluation and Certification.
7. A USAV National Referee (Retired) may apply for recertification as a USAV National Referee by following the procedures set forth in Section II.E of the National Referee Requirements. The USAV National Referee (Retired) will not be required to pay the candidate fee.
8. Application for retired status must occur either during or immediately after a year in which the National Referee is in good standing with the Officials' Commission. This includes being certified as a USAV National Referee and paying dues for that year. (Deadline: February 15 of the following year.)

International Referee

To Become an international Referee, the referee must:

1. Be a currently certified USA National referee and have held that certification for no less than three consecutive years.
2. Be currently in good standing with the appropriate Regional Volleyball Association as well as with the National Officials Commission.
3. File the official application with the signature of the appropriate regional commissioner with the Associate Chair, USAV National Indoor Officials' Commission, Referees.

The application must also include an endorsement by an International Referee, either retired or current. The International referee application will be available soon.