

2016 CERTIFIED REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The requirements to become a certified referee are listed below. Levels of certification are Provisional I, Provisional II, Regional I, Regional II, Junior National and National. Those seeking Gateway Region referee certification must be at least 16 years of age, a current USAV member and have successfully passed the USAV required background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session.

CLINICS

An online clinic is required for anyone who wishes to become a certified referee. The courses and training modules can be accessed through your webpoint account. Additional information and links will be posted on the Officials' Clinics page of the Gateway Region website: <http://www.gatewayvb.org/o-clinics.html>. The online clinic, test and all modules must be completed at least 7 days prior to a rating session.

RATING FEES

A non-refundable rating fee of \$50 is required. Fees should be made payable to the Gateway Region and received in the Gateway Region office at least 7 days prior to the rating session.

TESTS

The referee exam is required for candidates and recertifying referees. Exams are part of the required online clinic. Candidates must pass the exam at least 7 days prior to a rating session.

RATINGS

Ratings will be conducted at a Gateway Region sponsored junior tournament. Candidates for certification will complete all ratings on one day, and they will not be compensated for matches worked at the rating tournament. Each candidate is required to pass two ratings as a first referee and two

ratings as a second referee to receive their certification. In addition, candidates are required to show proficiency with the score sheet. A candidate will score at least one match during the rating session.

JUNIOR NATIONAL and NATIONAL CANDIDATES

Anyone interested in becoming a Junior National or National Referee needs to apply to the Referee Chair. Prospective candidates will be reviewed by a screening committee to determine a candidate priority list. In its selection process, the screening committee will consider not only competency but the demonstrated support of and participation in region activities. All applications must be received by January 15 of the appropriate year. The Junior National/National candidate will pay the application fee and will be reimbursed by the Gateway Region upon completion of the certification process. For the first certification attempt, the Gateway Region will pay ½ lodging costs and reasonable transportation expenses (i.e. airfare based on 21 day advance purchase approved by Referee Chair) to the certifying National Tournament for Junior National and National Referees. Should a candidate fail and choose to again pursue their Junior National or National Referee certification, they will be solely responsible for all fees.

REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements to become a certified referee and maintain certification are listed below. To officiate at junior events, adults must have a current USAV cleared background screen status.

PROVISIONAL I REFEREE

TO BECOME A PROVISIONAL I REFEREE, a candidate must:

1. Become a USAV member and have a current USAV cleared background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session.
2. Complete the New Referee Curriculum online, including the Form C referee exam at least 7 days prior to the rating session.
3. Pay a non-refundable \$50 ratings deposit and register for a rating session at least 7 days in advance.
4. Obtain four satisfactory ratings, two as a first referee and two as a second referee.
5. Demonstrate proficiency with the USAV scoresheet during the rating session.

Certification is for one season and expires on October 31 each year.

PROVISIONAL II REFEREE

TO BECOME A PROVISIONAL II REFEREE, a candidate must:

1. Become a USAV member and have a current USAV cleared background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session.
2. Be a Provisional I Referee for at least one season.
3. Complete the Referee Recertification Clinic online, including the Form A referee exam, at least 7 days prior to the rating session.
4. Pay a non-refundable \$50 ratings deposit and register for a rating session at least 7 days in advance.
5. Obtain four satisfactory ratings, two as a first referee and two as a second referee.
6. Demonstration proficiency with the USAV scoresheet during the rating session.

Certification expires on October 31.

TO REMAIN CERTIFIED AS A PROVISIONAL II REFEREE, a candidate must:

1. Become a USAV member.
2. Complete the online Referee Recertification clinic at least 5 days prior to refereeing or by March 1, whichever is earlier.
3. Pass the Form A exam online 5 days prior to refereeing or by March 1, whichever is earlier.

All Provisional II Referees are subject to occasional reviews by the Referee Chair or their designee.

If the requirements are not met, the referee certification will expire March 1.

REGIONAL I & II REFEREE

TO BECOME A REGIONAL REFEREE, a candidate must:

1. Become a USAV member and have a current USAV cleared background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session.
2. Be a Provisional II Referee for at least one season.
3. Complete the Referee Recertification Clinic online, including the Form A referee exam, at least 7 days prior to the rating session.
4. Pay a non-refundable \$50 ratings deposit and register for a rating session at least 7 days in advance.
5. Obtain four satisfactory ratings, two as a first referee and two as a second referee.
6. Be certified as a Regional Scorer or higher.

TO REMAIN CERTIFIED AS A REGIONAL REFEREE, a candidate must:

1. Become a USAV member.
2. Complete the online Referee Recertification clinic at least 5 days prior to refereeing or by March 1, whichever is earlier.
3. Pass the Form A exam online 5 days prior to refereeing or by March 1, whichever is earlier.
4. Be available to conduct or assist with clinics.
5. Be available to officiate at the Regional Tournaments.

All Regional Referees are subject to occasional reviews by the Referee Chair or their designee.

If the requirements are not met, the referee certification will expire March 1.

NATIONAL LEVEL REFEREE

To comply with USAV's regulations to remain active and in good standing within the Gateway Region, you must each season:

1. Become a USAV member.
2. Perform ratings for regional candidates and assist with other ratings as needed.
3. Be certified as a Regional Scorer or higher.
4. Be available to be assigned to conduct or assist with clinics.
5. Be available to officiate at the Regional Tournaments.

USA VOLLEYBALL/PAVO RECIPROCAL REFEREE RATING AGREEMENT

A currently rated PAVO national or state referee may obtain, by reciprocity, a USAV Regional rating and a PAVO local referee may obtain a USAV Provisional I rating. All prior experience requirements are waived, but the individual must comply with all local requirements involving clinic attendance, practical ratings and written examinations. The Reciprocal Agreement may only be utilized one time for the Gateway Region Certification process.