

BAYOU REGIONAL & USAV REQUIREMENTS

REFEREE & SCOREKEEPER CERTIFICATION

The requirements for regionally certified officials (referees and scorekeepers) are established each year by the Bayou Regional VBA Officials' Chair, listed in the Regional Directory. The Regional certifies officials at the junior (Qualified), Provisional, and Regional levels. In addition, USA Volleyball and the FIVB (Fédération Internationale de Volleyball) certify officials at the Junior National, National and International levels.

Each registered team in the BRVA is required to have a minimum of two certified referees and one certified scorekeeper on the roster and in attendance at every match. These officials may be any USAV registered member of the team and listed on the roster, including players, coaches and/or parents. (For junior's competition in the BRVA, 2ND referees must be region certified adults for all age divisions 17 and under.) The person certified for the particular official's position (referee or scorekeeper) must fulfill that duty at tournaments during assigned officiating responsibilities.

In addition to the team responsibility of having the appropriate officials on the roster, there is a need for professional volleyball officials. Persons interested in officiating USA volleyball should contact The Regional's Officials' Chair.

REFEREE CERTIFICATION LEVELS

Junior Olympic / Qualified Referee

- Become a member BRVA.
- Attend at least one regional rules clinic. (Refer to Regional event schedule.)
- Obtain a minimum score of 75% on the approved USAV Form 'D' written exam and corrected to 100%.
- Show the desire and ability to officiate satisfactorily as a 1st (adults only) and 2nd (adults and juniors) referee.
- Junior Olympic / Qualified Referee certification is valid for one season.

Provisional Referee

- Become a member of BRVA.
- Attend at least one regional rules clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Obtain a score of 100% on the approved USAV Form 'C' written exam. (Open book)
- Attend at least one regional scorekeeper's clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Successfully complete the Regional Scorekeepers examination.
- Receive a satisfactory practical rating in each of two matches, one as a 1st referee and one as a 2nd referee.
 - A USA Junior National or National referee must give the practical rating.
- Provisional Referee certification is valid for one season.

Regional Referee

- Become a member of BRVA.
- Serve as a provisional referee (without major dispute) for at least two complete seasons.
- Annually attend an approved regional official's rules clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Score 85% or above on the approved USAV Form 'A' or 'B' written exam.
- Attend at least one regional scorekeeper's clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Successfully complete the Regional Scorekeepers examination.
- Receive a satisfactory practical rating in each of two matches, one as a 1st referee and one as a 2nd referee.
 - A USA Junior National or National referee must give the practical rating.
- Regional Referee certification is valid for one season.

Junior National Referee

- Be a member in good standing of the Bayou Regional Volleyball Association for a minimum of 2 seasons.
- Serve as a Regional Referee in good standing in the BRVA for a minimum of 2 seasons.
- Conduct an approved regional official's rules clinic. (Refer to Regional event schedule.)
- Score 88% or above on the approved USAV Form 'A' or 'B' written exam.
- Attend at least one regional scorekeeper's clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Successfully complete the Regional Scorekeepers examination.
- Obtain approval of the Regional Official's Chair or Commissioner.
- File the official application with the National Commissioner for Junior National Referee Certification and Evaluation.
- Successfully complete the Junior National rating process.
- Certification as a USAV Junior National Referee is valid for four years.
 - Certain national commitments must be met within the four-year period.

National Referee

- Be a member in good standing of the BRVA for a minimum of 2 seasons.
- Serve as a Junior National Referee in good standing in the BRVA for 1 season.
- Contribute his or her talents in rating, observing, and mentoring additional officials in the region.
- Conduct at least one Regional officials' clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Score 90% or above on the approved USAV Form 'A' or 'B' written exam.
- Conduct at least one Regional scorekeeper's clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Successfully complete the Regional Scorekeepers examination.
- Obtain approval of the Regional Officials' Chair and/or Commissioner.
- File the official application with the National Commissioner for National Referee Certification and Evaluation.
- Successfully complete the National rating process.
- Certification as a USAV National Referee is valid for three years.
 - Certain national commitments must be met within the three-year period.

SCOREKEEPER CERTIFICATION LEVELS

Junior / Provisional Scorekeeper

- Become a member of BRVA.
- Attend at least one Regional scorekeeper clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Successfully complete the Regional Scorekeepers examination.
- Provisional Scorekeeper certification is valid for one season.

Regional Scorekeeper

- Become a member of BRVA.
- Serve as a provisional scorekeeper (w/o major dispute) for one complete season.
- Attend at least one Regional scorekeeper's clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Successfully complete the Regional Scorekeepers examination.
- Successfully complete two practical ratings as a scorekeeper.
 - A USA Junior National or National scorekeeper must give the practical rating.
- Be at least 18 years of age at the completion of all certification requirements.
- Regional Scorekeeper certification is valid for one season.

Junior National Scorekeeper

- Be a member in good standing of the BRVA for a minimum of 2 seasons.
- Serve as a Regional Scorekeeper in the BRVA for a minimum of 2 seasons.
- Conduct at least one Regional scorekeeper's clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Demonstrate proficiency in the use of the USA Volleyball score sheet in sanctioned competition.
- File the official application form with the National Commissioner for Junior Scorekeeper Certification and Evaluation via the Regional's Officials' Chair and/or Commissioner.
- Attend an approved junior national scorekeeper clinic in its entirety.
- Successfully complete the written and practical BRVA scorekeeper examinations.
- Certification as a USAV Junior National Scorekeeper is valid for three years.
 - Certain commitments must be met within the three-year period.

USA National Scorekeeper

- Be a member in good standing of the BRVA for a minimum of 2 seasons.
- Serve as a Regional Scorekeeper in the BRVA for a minimum of 2 seasons.
- Conduct at least one Regional scorekeeper's clinic. (Refer to Regional Event schedule times and locations.)
- Demonstrated proficiency in the use of the USA Volleyball score sheet in sanctioned competition.
- File the official application form with the National Commissioner for National Scorekeeper Certification and Evaluation via the Regional's Officials' Chair or Commissioner.
- Attend an approved national scorekeeper clinic in its entirety.
- Successfully complete the written and practical scorekeeper examinations.
- Certification as a USAV National Scorekeeper is valid for three years.
 - Certain commitments must be met within the three-year period.

In addition to the five classifications of scorekeepers listed, USA Volleyball has established six other classifications (11 totals). For information on becoming a USA-National (Retired), USA-International, USA-International (Retired), Regional Outdoor, USA-National Outdoor and USA-International Outdoor scorekeeper, contact the Regional Official's Chair.

Financial Assistance

In addition to the technical requirements listed prior, more details concerning increasing your certification level can be found in the USA Volleyball Official Guidebook, section 6. As an incentive, The BRVA does offer some financial assistance to those officials who are members of the region in good standing and are looking to improve their refereeing skills and increase their certification to the Junior National and National level.

Professional Volleyball Officials as Independent Contractors

Professional volleyball officials are independent contractors. Independent contractors are hired for a specific duty or period of time and there is no employer-employee relationship. Because independent contractors have no contractual obligation to work for any particular person or company, they determine when and where they work as well as the amount of compensation they are willing to accept for their service. Volleyball officials as independent contractors assume all expenses incurred for the execution of their service including but not limited to training, travel, supplies and uniforms.

Well-trained officials are vital to any successful athletic event. There is already a market for good volleyball officials and as the sport of volleyball continues to grow, so does the need for good officials.

While the Bayou RVA does not dictate what fees and/or other amenities any organization must pay to attract professional volleyball officials to referee at their particular tournament, The Regional does request the following compensation schedule (as a minimum) be strongly considered.

Suggested Per Match Fees for Professional Referees and/or Scorekeepers

Match fees

Match format:	2/3 games	3/5 games	1 game (15 or 25)
National	\$27	\$39	\$15
Junior National	\$24	\$36	\$13
Regional	\$22	\$33	\$11
Provisional	\$20	\$30	\$10

For tournaments that pay a flat rate or fee (i.e. per day or per session) the average per match rate should not fall below the suggested rate.

Meals

Lunch either provided or paid for and made available on site

Dinner provided or paid for if play is expected to last beyond 7PM

Accommodations

Accommodations may be provided for officials traveling more than 75 miles (No more than two to a room) and begin with the night before competition for those traveling more than 100 miles.

Last night of tournament should be provided for officials traveling more than 300 miles if competition is scheduled for or inadvertently concludes later than 7PM.

Securing USAV certified officials

Tournament organizers are responsible for the securing, scheduling, and remuneration of USAV certified officials for their event.

A free current list of USAV certified officials will be provided upon request of the BRVA Officials' Chair. This list is also available on the region website: <http://www.bayouvolleyball.com/pdf/BRVAOfficials.pdf>.

Tournament organizers may secure officials for their event by contracting with the Regional Officials' chair (see Directory or with any individual.

Securing USAV certified officials should be done a minimum of 30 days prior to your event.

Officials' Responsibilities and Commitment to the Region

It is requested that professional volleyball officials registered as members in the Bayou Regional Volleyball Association first check with the Officials' Chair or Commissioner to see that Regional events are sufficiently staffed before accepting any assignments outside of the Regional.

For officials wanting to improve their certification level, in addition to competency in officiating, the Officials' Chair and/or Commissioner will also be evaluating prospective candidates on their demonstrated support of and participation in regional activities.

Professional Volleyball Officials must attend a USAV Rules clinic annually and fulfill the requirements of their particular certification level. In addition, Junior National and National Officials must be prepared to give at least one USAV Rules Clinic for junior clubs and adult teams per season. The Regional Officials' Chair will assign clinician responsibilities.

Rules & Scorekeeper Clinics

A list of rules clinics can be found on the website; <http://www.bayouvolleyball.com/pdf/Schedule.pdf>.

- USAV / BRVA rules clinic - Free
- USAV / BRVA scorekeeping clinic - Free for BRVA members

Average length of time required for: Rules clinic, 2 - 3 hours; Scorekeeper clinic, 1 - 1.5 hours.

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