

# How to Become a Certified Referee with USA Volleyball in the Old Dominion Region 2015 - 2016

All training and testing requirements are completed on line through the USA Volleyball Officials Training and Education web site ([volleyballreftraining.com](http://volleyballreftraining.com) or VRT) and the USA Volleyball Academy (Academy) contained within VRT. To receive credit for completion, you must register for required clinics in Webpoint, the USAV membership registration web site, and then log in to the Academy to complete the clinic and testing requirements. Practical referee and scorer ratings will be completed at tournaments designated by the ODR Referee Chair.

## Initial Requirements for New Referees

1. Join USA Volleyball and the Old Dominion Region by registering your membership through Webpoint. Current annual dues are \$50.00. You will need a credit card to pay fees on line and your driver's license to complete on line signatures for certain documents when registering. Register through USA Volleyball's Webpoint Membership Management System at [https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/wp/memberships/join.wp?mbr\\_ChapterID=25976](https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/wp/memberships/join.wp?mbr_ChapterID=25976) . Fill in all the information requested and click "Continue".
2. Submit to a background check through USA Volleyball during the registration process outlined in paragraph 1 above. Current cost is \$17.50. The background check is good for a two-year period. This requirement is waived for referees younger than 18 years of age.
3. Complete the Old Dominion Region New Referee Training Clinic on line at the Academy. You must first register for the "ODR New Referee Clinic OD16\_202" in Webpoint and then go to the Academy to receive credit for completing the required courses and exams. After you have completed your membership application as outlined in paragraph 1 above, log back in to Webpoint <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org> . Click on the blue + icon in the Region Clinics line of the Member Home menu on the left hand side of the start page in the USA Volleyball Events section to expand the Region Clinics list. Click on the "Region Ref/Score Clinics" link which will display all available clinics. Click on the "+ Register Now!" bar to the right of the "ODR New Referee Clinic OD16\_202" line. Clinic information and your membership information will automatically show up on the registration form. On the registration screen, click the "Edit" box for Participant Information to correct any membership information that is missing or incorrect. Click "Register" to complete the registration process. A "registration confirmation" window confirming your successful registration will pop up. Click "OK". On the confirmation screen, you will find your login information (username & password) for logging into the clinics contained at the USA Volleyball Academy. You will have the same user credentials (name, email address, username, & password) for the Academy as you have in Webpoint. In addition to your login information, you will also see a link "Login to USAV Academy" near the bottom of the page and a different other link "USAV Academy" near the bottom of the left menu – either of which will take you directly to the USA Volleyball Academy in a logged in status to complete your clinics. When you have successfully registered for a clinic, you will receive an email confirmation from Webpoint (from [usav\\_admin@ai-group.com](mailto:usav_admin@ai-group.com)). It is recommended that you always log in to Webpoint before going to the Academy and use one of the links in Webpoint to go to the Academy. It is possible to go directly to the Academy by using the URL [www.usavolleyballacademy.org](http://www.usavolleyballacademy.org) and log in using the same login credentials you use to log in to Webpoint. When you are on the Academy's home page, you should never register as a new user even if it's your first time completing courses & clinics within the Academy. Once you are logged in to the Academy, you will see the various clinics and individual classes you're registered for. When you click the green "GO" icon, you'll be able to start an individual course. You may stop and restart each course as many times as is necessary to complete the course. Courses play using Adobe Flash Player. If you don't have it on your computer currently, you can get it free at <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer> .You will complete the following course elements within the New Referee Clinic:

## NEW REFEREE CLINIC CURRICULUM

2015-16 Critical Rules & Interpretations (~12 min)	2015-16 Solid-Color Jersey Implementation (~15 min)
Official Uniform & Equipment (~8 min)	Pre-match Preparation & Post-match Debrief
Referee Platform Requirements (~3 min)	Introduction to Sanctions (~8 min)
Net Play (~13 min)	Introduction to R2 Responsibilities (~10 min)
Ground Rules (~17 min)	Time-outs & Substitutions (~18 min)
Libero Rules (~22 min)	Net & Center Line Rules (~10 min)
Signals (~27 min)	Sport Court Rules (~5 min)
Introduction to R1 Responsibilities (~13 min)	Officiating U-14s (~17 min)
Protests (~17 min)	R2 Transition & Positioning (~17 min)
Alignment Basics: 5-1 (~19 min)	The Art of Assessing Sanctions (~10 min)
Preventive Officiating (~15 min)	Getting Rated (~23 min)
Health & Well-being (~ 8 min)	Officiating: Art or Science (~7 min)
Professionalism I (~6 min)	Professionalism II (~8 min)
Referee Exam Form C (84% passing)	

4. Complete the Old Dominion Region New Scorer Clinic on line at the Academy. Register for the “ODR New Scorer Clinic OD16\_402” in Webpoint and then go to the Academy to receive credit for completing the required courses and exams using the same procedures described above. Some courses in this clinic are repeated from the New Referee Clinic, but you will not have to repeat them. Once you have completed one of the courses in any of the curricula, you do not have to repeat the course in other curricula. You will complete the following new course elements within the New Scorer Clinic:

### NEW SCORER CLINIC CURRICULUM

Libero Control (~16 min)	Scoring – Materials (~6 min)
Scoring – Pre-set Information (~14 min)	Scoring – Recording Points (~10 min)
Scoring – Set Interruptions (~9 min)	Scoring – End of Set / Match (~4 min)
Scoring – Sanctions (~18 min)	Scoring – Deciding Set (~7 min)
Scoring – Special Situations	Scoring – Tips & Hints (~6 min)
Scorer Exam Form C (84% passing)	

5. Attend the USA Volleyball National Clinic scheduled in the Old Dominion Region. Register for the clinic at [www.volleyballreftraining.com](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com). Click on “2015-16 National Referee Clinics”. Click on “Register without a USAV Code”. Make sure you select the clinic for the Old Dominion Region which is scheduled for Sunday January 10, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Hunton Community Center in Glen Allen, VA. The cost is \$25.00 if you pre-register before January 7, but has an additional late fee of \$50.00 if you register after January 7 or at the door.

6. Pass three practical referee ratings and two practical scorer ratings at tournaments designated by the Old Dominion Region Referee Chair. We currently plan on holding the first rating session on Saturday January 9, 2015 at the Richmond Volleyball Club in Richmond, VA and possibly at Liberty University on the same date. You will not receive any compensation for matches during the rating process. You will receive compensation for officiating only after you’re fully certified.

7. Approval by the Scorer Chair and Referee Chair. Your Provisional Certifications (referee & scorer) will be good for one year.

## **Annual Recertification Requirements**

1. Complete the ODR “Referee Recertification Clinic” for your appropriate certification level (Provisional or Regional) through the Academy.
2. Attend the USA Volleyball National Clinic held in the Old Dominion Region.
3. Maintain scorer certification.
4. Complete a national rules examination annually through the Academy.
5. Pass two practical referee ratings on two different matches during the season.
6. Referee 4 (four) single day tournaments during the season.
7. All certifications are for a one year period.

## General Information

The USA Volleyball season generally runs from December through May with most tournaments beginning in middle January. USA Volleyball gives officials the opportunity to referee high level, competitive matches for Junior Volleyball (boys and girls ages 10 - 18) and adult club volleyball. The training and certification program helps officials improve their abilities and capabilities in the areas of judgment, mechanics, and match management while providing a level of consistency among referees. Referees are paid for their services at tournaments depending on the type of tournament being held, the format for the matches, and referee ratings. Some tournaments also provide housing and some tournaments reimburse officials for their travel costs. Most tournaments are held on Saturdays; a few are held on Sundays; and a few are held over two or three days on Saturday and Sunday or Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. For more information, contact the Old Dominion Region Referee Chair, Bob Kyle, at [officials@odrvb.org](mailto:officials@odrvb.org) or 757-479-9732. To find out more information about USA Volleyball, go to their web site at [www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball.aspx](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball.aspx). To find out more information about the Old Dominion Region, go to our web site at [www.odrvb.org](http://www.odrvb.org). For all USA Volleyball officiating information, go to [www.volleyballreftraining.com](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com). To complete clinics and courses available through the USA Volleyball Academy, go to [www.usavolleyballacademy.org](http://www.usavolleyballacademy.org) after registering for the clinics in Webpoint [www.webpoint.usavolleyball.org](http://www.webpoint.usavolleyball.org).

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