

# INFORMATION FOR RETURNING REFEREES AND SCORERS 2019-20

**1. MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION.** Please register and pay your dues for the 2019 – 2020 season through Webpoint at <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/> if you haven't already done so. If you do not plan to return to officiate USA Volleyball this season, please let me know immediately.

**2. BACKGROUND SCREEN.** Please submit your request for background screen if yours expired on October 31, 2019 and has lapsed. The background screening process will change beginning on January 1, 2020. The cost will increase to at least \$30.00; will still be good for two years; but will require a supplemental screen for the second year (no additional cost). While the final decision hasn't been made yet, it may become possible to split the \$30.00 cost equally between two seasons. If your screen doesn't expire until October 31, 2020 – you have no action to complete for this season. Background screening cost is currently \$18.50 provided you submit your screening request before January 1, 2020. That screen will be good through October 31, 2021. If you wait until after January 1, 2020 to submit your request to update your screening, your cost will be \$30.00 and it will also be good through October 31, 2021.

**3. SAFESPORT.** All officials must complete SafeSport Training every two years in order to officiate. Please check your list of certifications on your Webpoint profile page to ensure your SafeSport Training Certification is current. I will not assign you if you haven't completed this training. Because the requirements for this training are changing, below is the most current information (I think). These instructions may change. If you haven't completed this training for some reason, here are the instructions on how to register for and complete the initial core training. The training may not be available prior to November 30, 2019.

1. Go to <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/>.
2. Log in to your USAV account.
3. In the navigation menu on the left hand side in the Member Area, click on SafeSport Core Training.
4. Complete registration.
5. To access coursework, click on the "Log into USAV Academy" button.

If you have completed SafeSport training previously but your Training Certification has expired (lapsed), here are the instructions on how to register for and complete the required Refresher Training to update your certification. The training may not be available prior to November 30, 2019.

1. Go to <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/>.
2. Log in to your USAV account.
3. In the navigation menu on the left hand side in the Member Area, click on SafeSport Refresher Training.
4. Complete registration.
5. To access coursework, click on the "Log into USAV Academy" button.

When finished, you will receive a completion certificate and USA Volleyball will enter a record of your successful completion in your Webpoint membership record (may take up to 48 hours). SafeSport Training Certification will be good for a two year period and will need to be renewed (Refresher Training) every two years.

**4. WEBPOINT RECORDS CLEAN-UP.** Some of you may have received emails from Webpoint in the last two months indicating "registrations" or "in process certifications" had been canceled for you. Don't worry about those emails which were generated as a result of my cleaning out some things from last season in Webpoint. The reason you may have received one of those emails could be because you registered for an incorrect clinic and then registered for the correct clinic; or you registered for a lower certification level clinic in order to complete one of the modules in that clinic which was not offered in your clinic; or you failed to finish one of the classes (modules) in the curriculum (possibly not watching the last slide in the clinic); or you didn't complete one of the other components in your certification; or some other reason I couldn't identify. In any event, I needed to clean out all of that old information in order to enter the clinic information for this season. None of you lost any certifications you had finished as a result of that administrative clean-up process. All I would ask is that we can avoid this in the future if you ensure you register for the correct clinic for your certification level and you fully complete all modules in each curriculum you must complete as soon as you can so that I can make the necessary entries in Webpoint early on.

**5. CLINICS FOR PROVISIONAL & REGIONAL REFEREES:** Once you've registered for the current season (paragraph 1 above), you can start your clinic and testing work. Please note that clinics will go live at midnight on November 15, 2019. Provisional & Regional referees can find the appropriate clinic they need to complete in Webpoint. Please note that there are two different clinics for returning Provisional Referees and two different clinics for returning Regional Referees. There is a clinic for Provisional Referees who have been a Provisional Referee for three years or less and a clinic for Provisional Referees who have been a Provisional Referee for more than three years. The same differentiation holds for Regional Referees. If you are a Provisional Referee and were certified in or after the 2016-2017 season, then you need to register for and complete the curriculum for OD20-301 ODR Recertifying Provisional Referee (with < 3 years as Prov Ref) Clinic. If you are a Provisional Referee and were certified in or before the 2015-2016 season, then you need to register for and complete the curriculum for OD20-302 ODR Recertifying Provisional Referee (with > 3 years as Prov Ref) Clinic. If you are a Regional Referee and were certified in or after the 2016-2017 season, then you need to register for and complete the curriculum for OD20-303 ODR Recertifying Regional Referee (with < 3 years as Reg Ref) Clinic. If you are a Regional Referee and were certified in or before the 2015-2016 season, then you need to register for and complete the curriculum for OD20-304 ODR Recertifying Regional Referee (with > 3 years as Reg Ref) Clinic. If you have trouble identifying which clinic you should register for, please contact me via email & I'll let you know which clinic is the correct one for you. 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. Currently certified referees can click on the "+ Participant Registration" bar  to the right of the appropriate clinic for them. The next screen to appear is the "Registration" screen. Individuals who have completed their registration for the current season and are "current" members should enter their member number (a seven digit number from their membership number) in the "Member / Contact ID" box and click "GO"  . For example, if your membership number is similar to OD1234567FJ20, then your "Member Number" would be the 1234567 portion of the complete member number. Otherwise, you will have to enter your information in each block marked with a red asterisk (\*) in the "Individual Information" section. After entering all of your member information, click the red "Submit" box  at the bottom of the page. On the next screen, click the "Edit" box for Participant Information to correct any membership information that is missing or incorrect. Click the red "Register" box  to complete the registration process. A "Registration Confirmation" window confirming successful registration will pop up. Click "OK". The next screen is the confirmation screen. On it, you will find your login information (username & password) for logging into the clinics contained at the USA Volleyball Academy. You will have the exact same user credentials (name, email address, username, & password) that you have for Webpoint. In addition to your login information, you will also see a "Login to USAV Academy" link in a red box  or a "USAV Academy" link in a red box  at the bottom of the left hand menu section – 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)). I recommend 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 a green "GO" icon, you'll be able to start an individual course. You may stop and restart each course as many times as necessary to complete the course. Each individual clinic curriculum will contain a one slide "Region Overview Course". Although this course is contained in each curriculum, you will only need to view this one slide course one time. I recommend you complete it first. 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>

**6. CLINICS FOR PROVISIONAL & REGIONAL SCORERS:** You will also need to complete your requirements to recertify your scoring certification if your scoring certification is indicated as "Lapsed". Please remember that you must maintain your scorer certification as well as your referee certification. Once you see the ODR Region Clinics, Provisional Scorers

must register for the ODR Recertifying Provisional Scorer Clinic OD20\_305 and Regional Scorers must register for the ODR Recertifying Regional Scorer Clinic OD20\_306. Certification for Provisional Scorers is for one year. Certification for Regional Scorers is for two years. If your certification indicates your certification is current (not lapsed), you do not have to complete a scoring clinic for the current season. Follow other instructions from paragraph 5 above. All National and Junior National Referees (active or retired) who are not certified as National Scorers are certified as Regional Scorers and must complete the Recertifying Regional Scorer Clinic every two years.

**7. CLINICS FOR JUNIOR NATIONAL AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS.** You will automatically be registered for the appropriate National Level Curriculum you must complete by the Officials Commission of USA Volleyball. Log directly into the Volleyball Academy at [www.usavolleyballacademy.org](http://www.usavolleyballacademy.org) or click on one of the direct links in Webpoint to complete the required clinic(s).

**8. CLINIC FOR RETIRED JUNIOR NATIONAL AND RETIRED NATIONAL OFFICIALS.** Retired national level officials who desire to continue officiating at region sanctioned tournaments must complete the ODR Retired National Level Referee Training OD20\_307 and the appropriate scorer clinic. Retired national level officials who want to referee in another region must meet the prerequisites for officiating in that region. Retired national level officials who want to officiate at a national event must meet the prerequisites for officiating at a national event.

**9. NATIONAL CLINIC FOR ALL OFFICIALS.** The National Clinic the region is hosting this season is on Sunday January 12, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Embassy Suites located at 2925 Emerywood Parkway in Richmond, VA. Our clinician is unknown at this time. The National Clinic this year will again have two parts. The first part is the National Clinic which will start at 1:00 PM. The second part is the Referee Advancement Clinic which will start at 3:30 PM. While the first portion is primarily for National & Junior National officials, I recommend all officials attend since so many of our officials work at national events outside of our region (GJNC & Qualifiers). The second portion of the clinic is primarily for new, Provisional, and Regional level officials. National level officials may attend. I'll have a short meeting in between the two clinic portions for all officials so that those national level officials who do not want to attend the second portion of the clinic may leave. I'll also hold a short meeting at the conclusion of the second clinic for brand new officials only. Please register for the clinics through Webpoint. Click on "USAV Clinics" in the USA Volleyball Events menu section on the left hand side to expand the section. Click on "USAV Ref/Score Clinics". The list of all available National Clinics and Advancement Clinics will appear. Click on the "+ Participant Registration" box for the National Clinic, for the Advancement Clinic, or for the National and Advancement Clinic for the Old Dominion Region. Make sure you select the line that registers you for the clinic or clinics you want to attend. Complete the remainder of the requested information. Junior National & National Referees (plus those other referees who have officiated at a National event and have been assigned a USAV Code) register by entering their USAV Code. If you have misplaced your USAV code, there is a link you can use to retrieve your code. I do not have a list of everyone's USAV code. Complete the payment process. You will receive a confirmation email. Any or both of the clinics are free to national level officials since the cost of the clinics is "included" in the National Dues you pay. The cost for all others for both clinics is \$25.00 if you pre-register before January 8, but has an additional late fee of an additional \$50.00 if you register after January 9 or at the door. We should finish by 6:00 PM. CAUTION: Make sure you sign up for the clinic ODR is hosting in Richmond on January 12. Junior National and National officials register for the clinic when they pay their National Dues, but must still go back to Webpoint to register for the specific clinic they will attend. While I know national level referees can complete the clinic on line in certain years, I would appreciate all referees attend the live clinic since this is the one single time during the season when we can all get together in one place at one time. After you have registered for and attended the National Clinic and the Advancement Clinic, USA Volleyball will enter those clinics in your Academy record so that you can review information from those clinics throughout the season.

**10. CLINIC COMPLETION DATES.** Please keep in mind that even though I may have accepted you already to work one or more of our multi-day tournaments this coming season, that acceptance is predicated on you completing your clinic and testing requirements before that tournament. Please finish all clinic work by January 15, 2020. However, I recommend you complete all clinic and testing work by January 1, 2020 to allow me time to enter your completion information into Webpoint. If you haven't completed your clinic work by February 1, 2020, you will be placed in a "Not

in Good Standing” status which will preclude your ability to officiate. Please don’t be one of those unprofessional procrastinators whom I have to spend a lot of time and effort tracking down to get clinics completed. A part of professionalism is completing your responsibilities on time. Be part of the solution – not part of the problem.

**11. EXAMS.** The exams you must complete are included in the appropriate curriculum for the clinic you must complete. Those tests aren’t live in the Academy yet, so after you’ve completed all other course work, check back every couple of weeks to see if the tests have been loaded. Again, please complete your tests by January 15, 2020. For national level officials, your tests will probably go live on or about December 1, 2019 and must be completed by March 1, 2020.

**12. EXAM CRAM SESSION.** To assist you in completing the test requirements, there is an optional clinic for which you may register. The clinic is identified as OD20\_399 ODR Cram Session Practice Rules Exam. The clinic contains practice test questions much like those that appear in the various rules exams. You do not have to complete this clinic and the clinic will remain active for your use throughout the entire season.

**13. INITIAL IMPORTANT DATES.** Monument City Classic (MCC) Jan 18-20; ODR Girls 18s’ Bid Tournament Mar 3 (tentative); Shamrock Festival Mar 14-15; Revolutionary Rumble Apr 25-26; ODR Bid Tournament and Regional Championships May 2 & 3 (tentative); East Coast Boys & South Atlantic Girls (BECC / SAGC) May 23-25. Register for Shamrock & the Rumble in AES. Register for MCC and BECC / SAGC in Sport Wrench. All except for the ODR Bid Tournaments and Championships are already open for registration. We also plan to use some of those weekends for local one day region tournaments so we’ll need lots of referees to fill all our requirements. It appears we will have one day ODR sanctioned tournaments starting on January 11. I hope to use Jan 11 as a rating date for new officials. I hope to have rating sites in at least two locations on Jan 11, but that depends on who offers to host tournaments on those weekends and if those tournaments fill to a level where ratings are possible. Please keep Jan 11 open if you’re a national level official since I will probably need you as a rater for new officials. I’ll also use some Regional Referees as raters and will need other referees to serve as supervising officials at those and other sites. I’ll make the supervising official assignments through Arbiter as in the past, so please update your Arbiter availability around January 1 for January or as soon as you’re able.

Thanks & good luck as we start to prepare for the upcoming season. I hope you have a great season.

Bob Kyle  
ODR Referee Chair  
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