

# How to Become a Certified Referee with USA Volleyball in the Old Dominion Region 2021 - 2022

All clinic training and testing requirements are completed on line through the USA Volleyball Training Management System called LITMOS in the USA Volleyball Academy (Academy). To receive credit for completion, you must register for required Courses in your Content Library in the Academy and then complete the individual modules contained in the curriculum of each Course. Additionally, practical referee and scorer ratings will be completed at tournaments designated by the ODR Referee Chair.

## Initial Requirements for New Referees

**1. MEMBERSHIP.** Join USA Volleyball and the Old Dominion Region by registering your membership through our membership management system SportsEngine (SE). Current annual dues are \$50.00. You will pay \$30.00 to the Old Dominion Region and \$20.00 to USA Volleyball. 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 the Old Dominion Region membership page within SportsEngine at <https://memberships.sportsengine.com/org/old-dominion-region-volleyball> .

- Enter your email address. Click next.
- Enter a password. Click next.
- Indicate who the membership is for (probably yourself unless other family members have SE memberships). Click next.
- Enter all personal information. Use legal name as that is what is needed for background screen. Click next.
- Select Club/Team Staff (non coach) as role. If you are a USA Volleyball coach also, select your role as coach. Click next.

The membership type indicated for you should be 21-22 Old Dominion Adult – SafeSport & Background Screen Required. If you selected coach as your role, your membership type should be 21-22 Old Dominion Adult Coach of Juniors.

**2. BACKGROUND CHECK.** Submit a background check during the registration process outlined in paragraph 1 above. The cost is \$30.00. The background check is good for a two-year period but will require an update at the end of the first year at no cost. This requirement is waived for referees 17 years old and younger.

**3. SAFESPORT TRAINING.** All officials must complete SafeSport Training every year in order to officiate. After the first year, you will complete a Refresher Course yearly until the process restarts in year five. The SafeSport Core training in year one takes about 2 hours, which can be done all at once or at your leisure. SafeSport Refresher Courses take about 30 minutes. To get started, either open your Eligibility Email (sent to you after your Membership was purchased) and click on the **Complete Certification** link or go to your SE account and click **Complete Training**. When finished with the SafeSport Training, you will receive a completion certificate via email and USA Volleyball will enter a record of your successful completion in your SE membership record (may take up to 48 hours). There is no cost for this training.

**4. NEW SCORER COURSE.** Complete the Old Dominion Region New Professional Scorer Training Course on line in the Academy. Register for the “OD22\_301 ODR New Professional Scorer Training” Course in your Content Library in the Academy and then complete the required modules and exams using the same procedures described in paragraph 5 below. You will complete the following modules in the New Professional Scorer Course:

### NEW PROFESSIONAL SCORER COURSE 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 w/Quiz (~7 min)
Scoring – Special Situations (~18 min)	Scoring – Tips & Hints (~6 min)
Basic Scoring Example Non-deciding Set (~6 min)	Basic Scoring Example–Deciding Set (~6min)
Scoring Exam (84% passing)	

**5. NEW REFEREE COURSE.** Complete the Old Dominion Region New Professional Referee Training Course on line in the Academy. From your SE account, click on USAV Academy and then register for the “OD22\_201 ODR New Professional Referee Training” Course. Then go to the Course in the Academy and complete all of the modules and exams. You will complete the following course elements (modules) within the New Professional Referee Clinic:

NEW PROFESSIONAL REFEREE COURSE CURRICULUM

Critical Rules & Points of Emphasis (~10 min)	Uniform Requirements & Reminders (~8 min)
Ground Rules (~17 min)	Signals (~27 min)
Pre-match Preparation & Post-match Debrief (~17 min)	Introduction to Sanctions (~8 min)
Introduction to R1 Responsibilities (~13 min)	Referee Platform Requirements (~3 min)
Introduction to R2 Responsibilities (~10 min)	R2 Transition & Positioning (~29 min)
Net & Center Line Rules (~10 min)	Net Play (~13 min)
Reaching Over the Net (~12 min)	Libero Rules (~22 min)
Time-outs & Substitutions (~18 min)	Taking Care of Business (~10 min)
Sport Court Rules (~5 min)	Officiating U-14s (~9 min)
Protests (~10 min)	Preventive Officiating (~15 min)
Alignment Basics: 5-1 (~19 min)	Handling Injury Situations (~11 min)
What Would You Do? (20 min)	Getting Rated (~23 min)
Professionalism I (~6 min)	Professionalism II (~8 min)
Health & Well-being (~ 8 min)	Rules Exam (84% passing)
Official Uniform and Equipment (~8 min)	

**6. COURSES IN THE ACADEMY.** Below are instructions on how to get to the USAV Academy to register for the Courses you must complete after you have registered your membership in SportsEngine.

- Log in to your account in SportsEngine.
- Click on “Household” in the menu listing on the left-hand side of the page.
- A tile will appear with your name, phone, & email address. Click anywhere on this tile.
- The next page will show your profile information and two membership tiles. Click on “View Details” near the bottom of either of the membership tiles.
- On the next page, click on the blue “USAV ACADEMY” button near the right top of the page.
- That will take you to the USAV Academy. Click on “Content Library” in the menu on the left-hand side.
- Click on the Course you need to register for and complete any registration requirements.
- Complete the individual modules listed.

**7. USAV NATIONAL AND ADVANCEMENT CLINICS.** Register for and attend the USA Volleyball National Clinic which the ODR schedules each year. This year’s clinic will be on line. A specific date for the clinic and registration instructions haven’t been established yet.

**8. PRACTICAL RATINGS.** You must pass three practical referee ratings as an R1 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 8, 2022. We hope to have one or two rating sites in Richmond, VA and potentially another rating site in the Lynchburg or Roanoke area. I’ll publish actual rating sites and dates in late December but you should block January 8 now so you’ll be available to complete your ratings. You will not receive any compensation for matches during the rating process. You will receive compensation for officiating only after you are fully certified.

**9. CERTIFICATION APPROVAL.** The final step in certification is approval of your scorer certification by the Scorer Chair and approval of your referee certification by the Referee Chair. Your Provisional Certifications (referee & scorer) will be good for one year.

## Annual Recertification Requirements

1. Complete the ODR “Referee Recertification Course” for your certification level.
2. Attend any USA Volleyball National Clinics scheduled by the Old Dominion Region.
3. Maintain scorer certification.
4. Complete a rules examination annually.
5. Pass two practical referee ratings on two different matches during the season.
6. Referee 4 (four) single day in region tournaments during the season.
7. All Provisional Referee and Scorer certifications are for a one-year period.

## General Information

As of December 1, all modules are loaded in the Courses in the Academy. I recommend you not try to finish all modules in a course at one sitting. You will learn more and retain more if you spread out the modules over several days. You must finish all on line courses by January 1 so you’re prepared for the rating sessions in early January and our first major tournament being held in Richmond on January 15 – 17. The USA Volleyball season generally runs from December through May with most tournaments beginning in middle January. Our 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 specific questions, contact the Old Dominion Region Referee Chair, Bob Kyle, at [officials@odrvb.org](mailto:officials@odrvb.org) . To find out more information about USA Volleyball, go to their web site at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org) . 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 <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/> .