



## **GEVA - USAV**

### **Referee and Scorekeeper**

### **Certification Requirements**

#### **Five Levels of Referee Certification in USA Volleyball:**

- Junior Olympic Referee (Junior R-1) - tested and awarded at the local level.
- Provisional Referee - tested and awarded at the local level.
- Regional Referee - tested and awarded at the local level.
- Junior National Referee - tested and awarded at Girls' Junior National Championship.
- National Referee - tested and awarded at Boys' Junior National Championship.

#### **To Become a GEVA - USAV Certified Referee You Must:**

- Attend Clinic Sessions.
  - Review the on line referee clinic (typical clinic length is approximately 2 hours).
  - Attend an onsite referee clinic (typical clinic length is approximately 4 - 6 hours).
- Become a GEVA member.
  - Register at [www.GEVA.org](http://www.GEVA.org).
  - Pass the biannual USAV background screening (authorization is found on the registration page).
  - Other background checks are not acceptable.
- Pass a written exam on-line (See below for details).
  - Correct the test with rule references.
- Pass a practical evaluation as both R-1 (first referee) and an R-2 (second referee).
  - Two successful evaluations in both positions are required.
  - Rating sessions are at GEVA sanctioned tournaments, and are unpaid events.
  - Allow a full day for this session.
- Become a USAV certified Scorekeeper. (See below for details).

### **Maintaining a GEVA Referee Certification**

#### **GEVA Referee "In Good Standing" Policy**

For certified referees to continue as a member in good standing of the Garden Empire Volleyball Association (GEVA), the referee must meet the following criteria. If a referee cannot meet these criteria, he or she may apply to the Official's Chair for a one-season waiver, which will not be unreasonably withheld. If the period of activity is longer than one season, the official will be required to go through the certification process, beginning with clinic attendance and practical evaluation before officiating for the Region again. Failing to meet single criterion of the will result in "Conditional" status and will affect tournament fees.

## **All GEVA - USAV Referees, Regardless of Rating Must:**

- Join GEVA every season.
- Pass a USAV Background screening every other season.
- Pass the written USAV referee test each season (at the appropriate certification level).
- Attend the annual Referees meeting or an onsite clinic.
- Conduct himself or herself with at a level of professionalism appropriate to the referee's level of certification.
- Fulfill the obligations outlined below for the referee's level of certification.

## **National and Junior National Referees:**

- Attend a National Training Team clinic each season.
- Attend the annual officials meeting or a referee clinic each season. The National Training Clinic may be substituted for the annual meeting on an infrequent basis, at the discretion of the GEVA Officials' Chair.
- Maintain certification as a USAV Scorekeeper
- Work as a full-time non-playing referee at a minimum of three days each season, or
- Perform comparable service to GEVA or the USAV Official's Division (at the discretion of the GEVA Official's Chair)

## **Regional Referees:**

- Attend the annual officials meeting or an onsite referee clinic each season.
- Pass an on-court practical examination as both and R-1 and R-2 every two seasons.
- Maintain certification as a USAV Scorekeeper
- Work as a full-time non-playing referee at a minimum of three days each season, or
- Referee a minimum of one day full time, plus at least once as a player/coach at three different tournaments plus one Regional tournament each season, or
- Perform comparable service to the GEVA (at the discretion of the Official's Chair)

## **Provisional Referees:**

- Attend an onsite referee clinic each season. Provisional officials with two seasons standing in the Region may attend the annual officials' meeting in lieu of a clinic.
- Pass an on-court practical examination as both and R-1 and R-2 every season.
- Maintain certification as a USAV Scorekeeper
- Work as a full-time non-playing referee at a minimum of three days each season, or
- Referee a minimum of one day full time, plus at least once as a player/coach at three different tournaments plus one Regional tournament each season.

## **Junior Olympic:**

Specifications are provided on the Juniors page. This rating does not apply to adults.

## Test Procedure

- Go the web site: [www.volleyballreftraining.com/usavtest/](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/usavtest/)
- If you are a PAVO and/or a National Official, your user name is probably your first and last name (i.e., johndoe) and your password is probably the last 4 numbers of your social security number.
- If you fit neither category you may take the test as user name "guest" and password "guest".
- The test password will be provided to members and to candidates upon completion of the clinic and having completed their Region registration. Select the Garden Empire Region so your results some back to the Officials' Chair.

## Test Score Thresholds

### For Candidates:

	Form "C"	Form "A or B"
Junior Olympic and Provisional (Conditional):	70%	n.a.
Provisional:	80%	74%
Regional:	n.a.	86%

### For Re-Certification:

Junior Olympic and Provisional (Conditional):	76%	70%
Provisional:	86%	76%
Regional/Retired National:	n.a.	86%

When the test results e-mail is received, any questions which were answered incorrectly must be corrected and the rule reference explaining the answer noted. This will then be forwarded in the original e-mail to Ref\_Chair@GEVA.org.

If an official fails to achieve the appropriate threshold, a makeup test will be taken.

For recertifying officials, the test deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>, but this should be done two weeks prior to that date to allow time for retesting should a makeup be required.

## Adult Scorekeeping in GEVA

Three levels of scorekeeper certification are offered and the local (GEVA) level.

- **Qualified Scorekeeper**
- **Provisional Scorekeeper**
- **Regional Scorekeeper**

Candidates must first be certified at the Qualified or Provisional level. After a Provisional rating is earned, a candidate may upgrade to the Regional level the following season.

## **Scorekeeper Certification Procedures**

- Review the Scorekeeping PowerPoint presentation, found at [www.GEVA.org](http://www.GEVA.org), prior to proceeding to each of the subsequent steps.
  - The DCR (rule book) also contains all information required to take the test.
- Take the written test covering the rules and techniques of scorekeeping. The test is found online at [www.volleyballreftraining.com/usavtest/](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/usavtest/). The 2009-10 password is GEG286s.
  - The test SHOULD be taken open-book.
  - Corrections for this exam are NOT required
- Keep score at a regular season sanctioned tournament for three sets.
  - Two score sheets must be successive sets of one match.
  - One scoresheet must be a set with a side change.
  - At least one score sheet must record a time-out.
  - At least one score sheet must record a substitution.
  - These score sheets must be signed by the First Referee.
- Completed score sheets will be submitted to the Adult Scorekeeper Coordinator (see below) for review and acceptance.

## **Adult Qualified Scorekeeper**

- Obtain a passing grade of 80 on the Scorekeepers' test.
- Submit completed score sheets appropriate to this level.
- This rating is valid for the current season only, expiring December 31<sup>st</sup> of the next season.

## **Provisional Scorekeeper**

- Obtain a passing grade of 85 on the Scorekeepers' test.
- Submit completed score sheets appropriate to this level.
- This rating is valid for the current season and the following season, expiring December 31<sup>st</sup> of the next season.

## **Regional Scorekeeper**

- Obtain a passing grade of 90 on the Scorekeepers' test.
- Submit completed score sheets appropriate to this level.
- This rating is valid for the current season and the following two seasons, expiring December 31<sup>st</sup> of the next season.

Suggestion: Update scorekeeping certifications prior to the end of the season preceding expiration. Opportunities maybe limited in December.

### **Submit Score Sheets to:**

Karen Valko, Adult Scorekeepers' Coordinator  
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