



GEVA - USAV

Referee and Scorekeeper

2011 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.
 - Pass the USAV background screening (authorization is 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 (R-1 and R-2) are required.
 - Rating sessions are at GEVA sanctioned tournaments, and are unpaid events.
 - Allow a full day for this session.
- Following a successful practical evaluation, work 4 GEVA tournaments without incident.
- 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 him or herself with an appropriate level of professionalism.
- 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-coaching referee at a minimum of three Junior Tournaments 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 three seasons.
- Maintain certification as a USAV Scorekeeper
- Work as a full-time non-coach referee at a minimum of three Junior Tournaments each season, or
- Referee a minimum of one day full time, plus at least once as a coach at two 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 other season.
- Maintain certification as a USAV Scorekeeper
- Work as a full-time non-coach referee at a minimum of three Junior tournaments each season, or
- Referee a minimum of one day full time, plus at least once as a coach at two different tournaments plus one Regional tournament each season.

Junior Olympic:

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

New Ratings - Upgrade/Reciprocity:

Upgrade:

Officials in good standing, and who have met the standards for the higher rating, may apply to the Officials' Chair for an upgrade in rating. When approved, upgrade evaluations may occur at unpaid formal rating sessions or regular season paid assignments. If the upgrade is not successful at these rating sessions, additional rating opportunities may be recommended, or no further evaluation may be recommended.

Beyond officiating skills, important considerations in any upgrade are how an official incorporates information provided at rating sessions, demonstrates work ethic and represents the sport. These characteristics often need to be evaluated over time.

Reciprocity:

The certification reciprocity agreement establishes criteria for PAVO and USAV referees to acquire a rating in the other organization without having to undergo the entire prerequisite training and evaluation process. This agreement was developed to encourage referees to work at various levels of competition by streamlining the certification path, recognizing their prior qualifications from PAVO or USAV. The reciprocity is to be used for the **initial** achievement of a rating from the other organization. Following are the criteria for acquiring a reciprocal rating:

- In order for a PAVO referee to acquire a USA Volleyball rating through reciprocity as defined below, the individual must maintain membership with USA Volleyball in his or her respective USAV region, pay the appropriate dues and meet other regionally defined (and nationally defined, if applicable) membership and certification requirements.
- A currently rated PAVO National referee may obtain, by reciprocity, his/her initial USA Volleyball Junior National or Regional rating with all prior experience and practical testing requirements waived. An individual reciprocating to a USAV Junior National must indicate that selection to the USAV AVP-National Referee Commission, and must meet all maintenance and renewal criteria established for Junior National Referees. Individuals reciprocating to either Regional or Junior National certification must also comply with all local requirements involving clinic attendance and written examinations.
- A currently certified PAVO State referee may obtain, by reciprocity, his/her initial USA Volleyball Regional rating, and a currently certified PAVO Local referee may obtain, by reciprocity, his/her initial USA Volleyball Provisional rating. All prior experience requirements are waived, but the individual must comply with all local requirements involving clinic attendance, practical ratings, and written examinations. In all cases of reciprocity, the individual must attend a PAVO clinic for PAVO certification or a USA Volleyball-RVA clinic for USA Volleyball certification. A joint USA Volleyball-RVA/PAVO clinic will satisfy the clinic requirement for either or both certifications.

Reciprocity must be requested before December 1st.

Evaluation:

A conditional period of four working tournaments will ensue after the new rating has been conferred, where additional evaluation, will determine if the new rating is considered permanent.

Test Procedure

- Go the web site: 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 come 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 cited. 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 after the original test is corrected.

For recertifying officials, the test deadline is February 15th, 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

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

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

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

Scorekeepers whose ratings have been expired longer than 1 year, will renew at the Provisional level.

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 31st 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 31st of the next season.

Scorekeeper Certification Procedures

- Review the Scorekeeping PowerPoint presentation, found at 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/. The 2010-11 **password is GET244s**.
 - 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.

To Facilitate Deciding Set Score Sheets:

- To obtain deciding set score sheets for scorekeeper certification purposes, at tournaments where two-set matches are being played, a match may be played where the teams switch sides midway through both sets (at 13 for 25 point matches and 15 for 21 point matches), with the agreement of both Captains/Coaches and the First Referee.
- In 3-set matches (not two-out-of-three), teams will switch sides midway through the third set, **ONLY** when someone wants to keep score for certification purposes. There will be no coin toss before the third set, as this is not a deciding set.

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

Submit Score Sheets to:

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