

Guidelines for New Professional Officials in the Carolina Region



I would like to thank you for your interest in officiating in the Carolina Region. We are one of 40 Regions of USA volleyball, the National Governing Body for the sport of volleyball in the United States. There is always a need for new, good professional officials.

When officiating Junior tournaments in the Carolina Region, the process and experience may be different from what you have experienced in the past as a volleyball referee. Our Junior players serve as the First and Second Referee during all pool play matches (exception is at the 12's and 13's age groups where our Professional Officials referee all matches). Our Professional Officials will serve as mentors and trainers during pool, working with the player Referees making sure the correct calls are made and that they are using the correct techniques. Once the playoffs begin (and all tie-breaker matches), the professional officials will work as the First Referee in all matches (a player may still be Second Referee in some playoff matches). You must know all the USAV rules completely and how to apply them. You must be able to communicate effectively and quickly.

There will be a professional online clinic that you will have to take. Also a referee and scorer's test will need to be taken and corrected with rule references. All of this will be done online. Then you will need to attend an in-person clinic to go over the process that occurs at tournaments. Information about the tournaments will be given at the in-person clinic. Once you have joined the Carolina Region, the Region Office will send you a rulebook.

I cannot emphasize enough that you have to know the current USA Volleyball rules. Please join as soon as possible so you can get the rule book to study.

Although officials will not get rich working as a USA Volleyball referee, we do have a flat rate pay scale based on the official's rating (there was an increase in pay for officials for the 2016 season!). We also pay a travel fee based on the official's one-way mileage to the event. Officials should plan on arriving on site by 8:15 am with a Coaches Meeting at 8:30 am and play beginning at 9 am. Most tournaments will have all 4-team pools which makes for a quicker tournament format. Officials need to stay until the Finals are over. Most tournaments will end by 6 pm (but could go longer depending on how many pools there are and if there are tie-breakers).

What's Next?

1. Join the Carolina Region - <http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/online-registration-information>
2. Take the online clinic and tests - <http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/onlineclinics>
3. Attend the in-person Meeting/Training on November 22 at Barber Park (Greensboro) or on December 6 at Triangle VBC (Morrisville) both from 9:00-12:30 (only need to attend one) <http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/adults-clinics>
4. Work a tournament to practice and be rated – All first year officials will need to work one tournament with an assigned mentor. Officials will not be paid for this training opportunity. Once approved to work future tournaments, Marilyn will set the official up in ArbiterSports Assigning system and begin assigning them to tournaments.

Contact Marilyn Thompson, Officials Program Director, if you have additional questions – officials@carolinaregionvb.org