

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 11's, 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, the professional officials will work as the First Referee in all matches (a player may still be Second Referee in most 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 referee clinic that you will have to take. Also, a referee and scorer's test will need to be taken. All of this will be done online and you will be enrolled automatically when you register as a referee. Our pre-season information session for NEW officials will now be reviewed online. A module will be added to the online academy training for all our new officials. Information about the tournaments will be given during this presentation. Once you have joined the Carolina Region, the Region Office will send you a rulebook and enroll you in your applicable clinic.

I cannot emphasize enough that you have to know the current USA Volleyball rules. Please study the rule book frequently during the season so you know the rules and how to apply them.

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. We also pay a travel fee based on the official's one-way mileage to the event. The base pay for all certifications and starting travel was raised significantly last season. 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 how competitive the matches are).

What's Next?

1. Fill out the NEW Officials Questionnaire - <https://forms.gle/6i8qwH7iFZfBKwc27>
2. Join the Carolina Region - <http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/registration/>
3. Take the online clinic and tests (you'll be enrolled automatically)
4. Review the Carolina Region pre-season information presentation (it's a module in the New Officials training you'll be enrolled in automatically).
5. Work a scrimmage/tournament to practice and be rated – All first-year officials will need to work one event with an assigned mentor. Officials will not be paid for this training opportunity. Once approved to work future tournaments, Callie will set you up in our ArbiterSports Assigning system and begin assigning you to tournaments. Current plans are to have a couple training events in December. Callie and/or Stephen will send out additional information once it is finalized.

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