



New Officials Information

- The first step is to go to <http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/professional-officials-opportunities/> and review all info and links on this page.
- Registration info is here: <http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/registration/>. Click the Blue Quizzard button to begin. If you have an existing SE account, log in to that account or enter email to create an SE account. It will ask how you will participate – choose “OFFICIAL”. It will then show you the Adult Professional Official option (or the Junior Professional Official option if you are under 18). Choose the applicable Professional Official membership and proceed through to checkout. You will see a Carolina Region membership fee (\$25) and a USAV membership fee (\$20). That is the correct checkout process. Once you complete the purchase, all the required documents and requirements will be linked in your membership account. You will need to agree to all the waivers, the Independent Contractor Agreement, and complete the SafeSport course to be eligible. Everyone 18 or older will be shown a background screen link. We will communicate a discount code to officials before each season that can be entered at the Background Screen checkout process to allow the region to pay for your screen. Contact the Region office before you complete the screen if you need the code sent again. When you are in your SE account and in the Carolina Regional Volleyball tile where your membership info is, click the Membership tab – then the 3 dots on the right of the membership record. Click “view eligibility” and when that shows green and “eligible” you have completed all your membership requirements.
- You must send in a W-9 form to the region before your first match (you only need to send this to us once before your FIRST season working with us). The W-9 can be accessed here-<http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/forms/#officials>. Once you register and send in your forms, we will send you a welcome packet.
- The next thing to do is to take the online clinic for professional officials. You must complete the online clinic before attending the required meeting. Do not wait until the last minute. The various modules take quite a bit of time to complete. Information on the online clinics is here: <http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/online-clinic-information/>.

As officials begin to register with us for the season, we will begin enrolling them in their applicable clinic(s). If you have not been enrolled yet, you may enroll yourself, but be sure to enroll in BOTH of the clinics as described below:

- CR# - New Officials Training
- CR# - New Provisional Officials Base Training

[Click here](#) for Step-by-step graphic on accessing the USAV Academy.

You will also see Base Training Courses for Provisional and Regional Officials. Those are for our returning officials. You will NOT need to take those courses in your first season. NOTE – the New Provisional Base Course will have a module included that Region Staff must complete to award your certification AFTER you are rated during an in-person Training Session. Once you complete all the modules in that course that you are able to, ignore any reminders for that last module.

- All officials in their first and second season working with the Carolina Region must attend a pre-season informational meeting. We will hold 1-2 in person meetings and an online make-up meeting for those that cannot make an in-person meeting. The dates for the clinics will be finalized in the Fall and will be published on our website. You only need to attend one meeting each season. We will provide a signup option each season to register for one of the meetings. Please bring materials to take notes. The pre-season meetings are designed to give you more information about how our assigning process works, your duties during tournaments, and you'll be able to ask questions of our Officials Program staff.
- The final step is to work an all-day scrimmage or early season tournament (without pay) in which a mentor will take new officials and work with them in all positions to get an evaluation. You must pass as first referee, second referee, and scorer. Our Referee Chair will request new officials to provide their availability to be evaluated at either a Saturday or Sunday tournament in January. You must have completed all your membership requirements and the online clinic before you are eligible to be rated.
- Once you receive a satisfactory evaluation, we will award you your USA Volleyball or Carolina Region certification patch! We will also invite you to join our group in ArbiterSports (<https://www.arbitersports.com/>). This is how we assign our tournaments, so you will want to update your availability (Blocks) to work. Once established in ArbiterSports, we can begin sending you assignments for future tournaments. You will also need to create an ArbiterPay (<https://www.arbiterpay.com/>) account and link it to your ArbiterSports account to receive payments. This is the only way we pay our officials. You will receive your 1099 from ArbiterSports each year (if you earn over \$600).

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Official. Officials are a vital component to the sport of volleyball to ensure fair play and an enjoyable experience for all. We look forward to working with you.

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