



## New Officials Information

- The first step is to submit the 2026 season NEW Officials Information Report form. It is only required the first season you register to work with us. It can be [found here](#).
- Go to <http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/professional-officials-opportunities/> and review all info and links on this page.
- The link to the Professional Official's Memberships will now only be found on the main [Officials section](#) of the Carolina Region website. Links to the Adult (18 and older) and Junior (16 or 17 years old) Professional Official's Memberships will be posted in the Officials Links box AFTER September 1. Click your applicable link to begin. If you have an existing SE account, log in to that account or enter email to create an SE account. Complete any fields and requirements (waivers and Independent Contractor Agreement) shown and proceed through to checkout. You will see a Carolina Region membership fee (\$27) and a USAV membership fee (\$28). That is the correct checkout process. Once you complete the purchase, links to complete the SafeSport course and USAV Background Screen (for adults 18 and older) will be provided in your welcome email and can also be found in your SE account. 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. When you are in your SE account home menu, click the Memberships item – then choose this year's membership to view your current status. You will see a green "eligible" box under the membership name when 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). You will need to wait until Region staff enrolls you in your clinic before you can begin the course. We will enroll professional officials in their applicable clinic within 1-2 weeks of their initial registration.

You may now access your USAV Academy directly from your SE Account home page. After you log in to SE, you will see a LAUNCH button for the USA Volleyball Academy in the middle of the screen.

NOTE – the New Provisional and NEW Junior Regional Courses will have a module 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, then **you may ignore any reminders for that last module.**

- All NEW officials working with the Carolina Region must review a pre-season informational meeting. The pre-season materials are designed to give you more information about how our assigning process works, your duties during tournaments, and working as a Carolina Region/USAV official. We will add a module with this information to the NEW officials courses for those individuals to view.
- 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 scrimmage in December or 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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