

# Oklahoma Volleyball Region

## OFFICIATING TOURNAMENTS

The format and low cost of OkRVA-tournaments does not include the luxury of having paid officials, so each team is assigned one or more matches during the day for which they furnish all officials (one "up" ref, one "down" ref, a scorekeeper and two lines' persons). The officiating team should do so on an impartial basis, since they will be playing the teams being officiated at one time or another during the tournament. The play/ref program has been a very good working program since OkRVA was founded. Being an official can also make you a better player.

Each team is required to have two certified referees and one certified scorekeeper (or candidates in good standing) at each competition the team enters. These persons are the **ONLY ONES WHO ARE ALLOWED TO PERFORM THE ASSIGNED REFEREEING AND SCOREKEEPING DUTIES**. These must be different persons, although it is desirable to have these persons know how to do both.

Persons wishing to become certified officials must attend a clinic each year and complete a written test and receive the required number of practical ratings by the March 1 of each year or shall have made arrangements satisfactory to the official's committee for completion.

Until the deadline dates for completion of certification of officials, each candidate for certification shall carry a "candidate" rating and shall serve as the team's official.

Upon completion of the requirements, each candidate shall receive the proper certification as evidenced by an official USA/OkRVA card signed by the proper OkRVA officer. These certifications are recognized nationally.

Clubs with more than one team must provide certified or otherwise qualified officials for each team entered in a tournament.

Teams failing to provide officials in accordance with the rules shall be fined in accordance with the schedule published herein. This fine will be levied by the OkRVA Region upon receipt of the tournament director's report.

USA Volleyball and the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO) have a reciprocity agreement which allows certified referees of each organization to more easily meet the certification requirements of the other. (See the Official USA Guide for the details of this reciprocity agreement). No reciprocity agreement exists for scorekeepers, so all scorekeepers must be certified by OkRVA to meet the scorekeeper certification requirements.

## REFEREE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### To Receive Certification as a Junior Down Referee:

A Special Provisional "Down" Referee certification is available to those individuals who wish to be only "Down" Referees.

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Each year attend one refereeing clinic which covers all aspects of the techniques and procedures of refereeing.
3. Attain a passing grade (as follows) on the USA/PAVO Test "D". This test is an OPEN BOOK TEST IN THE OKLAHOMA REGION.

- a. Take the test, review the answers with the clinician (or the referee chair) bring the test grade to 100% by writing the rules references on the sheet provided for each wrong answer.
  - b. Send in all tests and corrections to the OkRVA Referee Chair or turn them in to the clinician once completed.
4. Receive two "down" ratings by a certified Provisional, Down, Regional, or National referee or approved rater during a sanctioned OkRVA tournament.

**To Maintain Certified Junior Down Referee Status:**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Each year attend one refereeing clinic which covers all aspects of the techniques and procedures of refereeing.
3. Attain a passing grade (as follows) on the USA/PAVO Test "C". This test is an OPEN BOOK TEST IN THE OKLAHOMA REGION.
  - a. Take the test, review the answers with the clinician (or the referee chair) bring the test grade to 100% by writing the rules references on the sheet provided for each wrong answer.
  - b. Send in all tests and corrections to the OkRVA Referee Chair or turn them in to the clinician once completed.
4. Receive one (1) down ratings by a certified Provisional, Junior Down, Regional or National referee or approved rater and give two (2) down ratings to any Provisional or Junior Down referee candidate during a sanctioned OkRVA tournament or rating session.

**To Receive Certification as a "Provisional" Referee: Adult or Junior (a One Year Certification):**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Each year attend one refereeing clinic which covers all aspects of the techniques and procedures of refereeing.
3. Attain a passing grade (as follows) on the USA/PAVO Test "C". This test is an OPEN BOOK TEST IN THE OKLAHOMA REGION.
  - a. Take the test, review the answers with the clinician (or the referee chair) bring the test grade to 100% by writing the rules references on the sheet provided for each wrong answer.
  - b. Send in all tests and corrections to the OkRVA Referee Chair or turn them in to the clinician once completed.
4. Receive two "up" and one "down" ratings by a certified Provisional, Regional, or National referee or approved rater during a sanctioned OkRVA tournament or one "up" and one "down" rating during an OkRVA clinic/rating session. A ratings clinic, may be for game, match or as many as determined by the clinician in charge.

**To Maintain Provisional Referee Certification:**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Each year attend one refereeing clinic which covers all aspects of the techniques and procedures of refereeing.
3. Attain a passing grade (as follows) on the USA/PAVO Test "C". This test is an OPEN BOOK TEST IN THE OKLAHOMA REGION.
  - a. Take the test, review the answers with the clinician (or the referee chair) bring the test grade to 100% by writing the rules references on the sheet provided for each wrong answer.
  - b. Send in all tests and corrections to the OkRVA Referee Chair or turn them in to the clinician once completed.

4. Receive one "up" rating by a certified Provisional, Regional, or National referee or approved rater and give one "up" and one "down" rating to any Provisional referee candidate during a sanctioned OkRVA tournament or rating session.

**To Receive Certification as a "Regional" Referee (a Two Year Certification):**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Have been a certified "Provisional" referee for one year. Candidates who exhibit a special ability for refereeing may be granted a waiver of this rule upon recommendation of the Referee Chair and/or Commissioner.
3. Each year, attend one OkRVA Referee's Clinic not designated specifically as "Provisional" Referee clinic.
4. Attain (after review) a score of 100% on the USA/PAVO Test "A". If a score of 85% is not achieved prior to review, Test "B" must be taken and a score of 85% achieved prior to review, and brought to 100% after review. If a score of 85% is not achieved on test "B" prior to review, the candidate will retain provisional certification status.
5. Receive two "up" and one "down" ratings by a certified Regional or National referee during a sanctioned OkRVA tournament or rating session. One "up" rating must be during an "A" play-off match or any "AA" match.
6. Give one "up" rating and one "down" rating to any provisional referee candidate(s) during a sanctioned OkRVA tournament or rating session.
7. NOTE: Ratings during clinics may be for one game, more than one game, or less than one game as determined by the clinician in charge.
8. JO Regional Ref: With the growing number of Junior players, OkRVA is now recognizing the need for a JO Regional Referee status. The same rules and regulations will apply to the Junior who wishes to take and pass the Regional clinics and test. But, with the status of a JO Regional Ref, may only referee JO tournaments, leagues and clinics. JO Regional Ref's will not be allowed to referee any division of adult play. (For clarification, please contact the Referee Chair or the Commissioner.)

**To Maintain "Regional" Referee Certification:**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Each year after receiving certification as a Regional Referee, attend one OkRVA referee clinic not designated specifically as "Provisional" referee clinic.
3. Attain (after review) a score of 100% on the USA/PAVO Test "A". If a score of 85% is not achieved prior to review, Test "B" must be taken and a score of 85% achieved prior to review, and brought to 100% after review. If a score of 85% is not achieved on test "B" prior to review, the candidate will be given provisional certification status and will be eligible to apply for Regional Certification the following year. If you have been officiating at the College or High School level this current season, please contact the Referee Chair and/or the Commissioner.
4. Second, Fourth, Sixth, Year After Receipt of First Certification as a Regional Referee (Maintenance of Certification)
  - a. Give "three" or more ratings to any Provisional, JO, or Regional referee candidate(s) during a sanctioned OkRVA tournament or rating session.
5. Third, Fifth, Seventh ... Year After Receipt of First Certification as a Regional Referee (Recertification)
  - a. Receive one "up" rating by a certified Regional or National referee and give "four" ratings to any Provisional or Regional referee candidate(s) during a sanctioned OkRVA tournament or rating session.

**To Receive certification as a "Junior National or National" referee, a four-year certification, see the yearly USA Volleyball Official Guidebook on the website or contact your Regional Referee Chair.**

**To maintain and remain in good standing in the Oklahoma Region as a Junior National or National Referee:**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Each year attend an Oklahoma sanctioned high-level referee clinic which covers all aspects of the referee techniques and procedures as instructed on the National level.
3. Complete USAV test "A" and send to USAV National Referee Commission as required.
4. Keep up to date on scorekeeping procedures by attending an Oklahoma sanctioned clinic that may be called for that purpose.
5. Score 90% or higher on the USA Volleyball Test A scorekeeper test and bring that score to 100% after review by the Clinician or Scorekeeper Chair.
6. Annually rate three (3) Provisional or Regional referee candidates AND two (2) Provisional or Regional scorekeepers. It is the responsibility of the rater to send copies of those rating sheets to the appropriate Official Chair for record keeping.
7. It is recommended, but not required, that the referee assist in some capacity within the instruction at an OkRVA clinic, when required by the Referee Chair, Scorekeeper Chair or the Commissioner.

**SCOREKEEPER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**All tournament scoresheets are reviewed and graded during the season. All scorekeeper candidates and certified scorekeepers will be kept aware of their performance.**

**To Receive Certification as a "Provisional" Scorekeeper:**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Attend a scorekeeping clinic which covers all aspects of scorekeeping techniques and procedures.
3. Take the approved USA Volleyball Test B scorekeeper test and bring that score to 100% after review with clinician or Scorekeeper Chair. This test is an open book test.
4. Be rated on three matches during a clinic or tournament by a certified Provisional scorekeeper, Regional scorekeeper, National scorekeeper or approved rater.

**To Maintain Certification as a "Provisional" Scorekeeper:**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Attend a scorekeeping clinic which covers all aspects of scorekeeping techniques and procedures.
3. Take the approved USA Volleyball Test A scorekeeper test and bring that score to 100% after review with clinician or Scorekeeper Chair. This test is an open book test.
4. Be rated on one match during a clinic or tournament by a certified Provisional scorekeeper, Regional scorekeeper, National scorekeeper or approved rater.
5. Rate two Provisional scorekeeper candidates.
6. Maintain high quality scoresheets throughout the season as determined by the continuous review of scoresheets by the Scorekeeper Chair. You will be notified of deficiencies in your scorekeeping if they occur.

**To Receive Certification as a "Regional" Scorekeeper (This is a two- year certification):**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.

2. Have been certified as a Provisional Scorekeeper at least one year or be currently certified as a Provisional Scorekeeper. Candidates who exhibit a special ability for scorekeeping may be granted a waiver of this rule upon recommendation of the Scorekeeper Chair.
3. Attend a scorekeeping clinic which covers all aspects of scorekeeping techniques and procedures.
4. Score 90% on the approved USA Volleyball Test A scorekeeper test and bring that score to 100% after review by the clinician or Scorekeeper Chair. This test is an open book test. If you do not score 90%, you will be certified as a Provisional Scorekeeper upon bringing your score to 100% after review by the clinician or Scorekeeper Chair.
5. Be rated on one match which is sufficiently complex to demonstrate your proficiency.
6. Rate two Provisional or Regional scorekeeper candidates.
7. Maintain high quality scoresheets throughout the season as determined by the continuous review of scoresheets by the Scorekeeper Chair. You will be notified of deficiencies in your scorekeeping if they occur.

**To Maintain Certification as a "Regional" Scorekeeper:**

1. Be a currently registered OkRVA member.
2. Attend a scorekeeping clinic which covers all aspects of scorekeeping techniques and procedures.
3. Be rated annually on one match which is sufficiently complex to demonstrate your proficiency.
4. Annually rate two Provisional or Regional candidates.
5. During every second year you hold your certification, score 90% on the approved USA Volleyball Test A scorekeeper test and bring that score to 100% after review by the clinician or Scorekeeper Chair. This test is an open book test. If you do not score 90%, you will be certified as a Provisional Scorekeeper after bringing your score to 100% after review by the clinician or Scorekeeper Chair.
6. Continue to maintain high quality scoresheets throughout the season as determined by the continuous review of scoresheets by the Scorekeeper Chair. You will be notified of deficiencies in your scorekeeping if they occur.

**Please note: In order to become a certified National Junior Olympic Volleyball Scorekeeper or a certified USA National Scorekeeper, you must first become a certified Regional Scorekeeper.**

Please refer to your USA Guide (your team representative has one) for the procedure for obtaining either of these certifications.

**ALL SCORESHEETS FROM TOURNAMENTS ARE REVIEWED BY THE SCOREKEEPER COMMITTEE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY DEFICIENCIES AND WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THEM.**

Certified officials of the finals of each tournament are paid amounts as approved by the OkRVA board of directors each year. New candidates are not eligible for payment. Each certified official must sign the scoresheet in order to be eligible to receive his/her pay.

The OkRVA makes these payments to the officials from tournament sanction fees.

Unless requested to the contrary in the sanction application and advertised to the contrary in the flyer announcing the sanctioned tournament, teams assigned to officiate the finals shall officiate and the officials shall be eligible to receive the pay for doing so. If the tournament director assigns persons to officiate the finals other than those persons required to do so under the rules of the Region, the fees shall be paid to those persons thus displaced as though they had actually done the officiating and the director shall dismiss the balance of the team thus assigned from their duties. The persons being assigned shall not be paid. If the tournament director desires to assign persons to officiate the finals other than those persons required to do so under the rules of the region,

and the originally assigned officials waive their rights to be paid, the tournament director shall dismiss the entire team from their duties and shall enter the appropriate entry on the scoresheet for the match. In this case the persons assigned to the match shall be paid.

Persons substituting as officials for a team which does not have the required official shall be paid at the same rate of pay as paid for the finals. Teams not having certified officials or candidates in good standing will be required to pay an additional fee to the Region before being accepted into any future tournament.