

Dear National and Junior/Zonal National Referees and National Scorers,

First, we want to thank each of you for your incredible work this season and apologize for the delay of this note. Know we are thinking of you, and we wish you continued health, without you we could not make these amazing events happen. Please make sure to be kind to yourself and others as we all work through these interesting and amazing times. There are many requests for your services, and we, along with others, appreciate your work on behalf of the clubs, coaches, and most importantly the players.

Stephanie Evans – Coordinator of Officials Development: Joel has headed off to college again and departed USA Volleyball in August to pursue his MBA at the University of Oregon. He is doing very well, and we miss him. If you want to send him greeting, his email is jwynam21@gmail.com. I know he would love it. Please welcome Stephanie. She is a native of Colorado Springs and spent the last 6 years with USA Triathlon as their Senior Manager of Membership Services. We are so lucky to have her.

National Referee and Scorer Credentials for Indoor and Beach: We want to thank everyone for their help over 2021 and 2022. We know it has been difficult for many of you. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are extending everyone's credentials/certification by three years. We also want to let you know that your credential will be a five-year certification, not four years as in the past, to match what each of our disciplines is doing and what other organizations have done. Please be patient as our folks work to complete this project by mid-summer. This means if you had a certification that expired in 2021, it will now expire 2024. If you have a certification expiring in 2024 it will now expire in 2027. We hope it gives each of you some freedom to take time away from the game; however, we would love it if many of you continue to referee/score. We need your help at the numerous events that are happening this year, we have a significant and serious referee shortage as most NGB's are experiencing.

USA Volleyball Membership Registration: Those of you who have renewed your membership to USA Volleyball this season, we thank you. This is the most challenging year we have ever been involved in. With spring coming and so many organizations in need, you as USAV National Officials are the examples of the best in volleyball officiating. If you have yet to renew, go to your region's website and follow the instructions or contact your region leadership. If you have any health or financial challenges with joining the team this season, please do not hesitate to call me at 262-510-6771 or email at pati.rolf@usav.org.

Upload Photo to SportsEngine: On an important note, for us personally, if you could upload your picture into your profile, it would be so helpful for us to know who we are talking to if we ever give you a call or you call or email us. If we can place a face to a name, we would love that. Here is the link on how to upload your photo: [CLICK HERE](#)

National Officials Dues: Click here for our National Officials dues payment portal, [CLICK HERE](#) to access the National Referees HUB and pay your dues.

- Junior National and National Indoor Referee: \$60.00
- National Indoor Scorer: \$40.00
- Duals – National Referee/Scorer: \$60.00
- National Beach Officials: No Dues

The deadline for paying National Officials dues is March 15.

Our Officials Development Education dues are critical to enhancing our learning program for our entire team. It helps support our training modules, our learning tools like our exams, our RISE program for officials, our reevaluation/personal coaching program, and our certification programs for incoming nationals. It also covers our National Clinic, which will be completely virtual this year.

Background Screen and SafeSport Training: Reminder that we as officials must be members of USA Volleyball, have our background screening completed, and be SafeSport trained before we can even step on the floor or sand. We appreciate those of you who have taken care of this.

Reminder About Extended Officials Insurance: The cost for this insurance is \$6.85. This insurance provides coverage at non-USAV sanctioned events. Your region may have had this link available when you completed your official's membership sign up. If not, [CLICK HERE](#) to access the National Referees HUB. If you have a PAVO membership, this extended official's insurance is included in that membership, you do not need to purchase it.

National Academy Coursework and National Clinic: We are excited to announce that our Academy Teams are built and ready. You should have recently received an email coming from - system@litmos.com – make sure to put this email address on your safe senders list. You will receive communication from this email at times. The one sent is from Matt Podschweit from USA Volleyball regarding your Academy account. Below is what he sent:

Hello,

As a National Referee and/or Scorer, you have been enrolled in the following required coursework in the USAV Academy:

US22_501 National & Jr. National Referee Training

US22_601 National Scorer Training

*We ask that you please complete this coursework by **March 15, 2022**. Thank you very much for your service to our sport, and please reply to this message if you have questions or concerns.*

Go USA!

Matt

National Coursework: Depending on your certification you will see one or both courses in your Academy. We ask that you please complete this coursework by **March 15, 2022**. This season, due to a broken link in communication in Litmos if you have completed one of these modules already it will not complete the one in this course. You will need to retake it. This issue will be resolved next season.

US22_501 National & Jr. National Referee Training

- 051_Critical Rules & Points of Emphasis
- 053_Uniform Requirements & Reminders
- 802_National Rules Exam

US22_601 National Scorer Training

- 051_Critical Rules & Points of Emphasis
- 053_Uniform Requirements & Reminders
- 804_National Scorer Exam

Virtual National Clinic: Information regarding registration for the National Referee Clinic Session #1 will arrive shortly. The date is set for **Wednesday, March 9 at 8:00PM EST**. You may attend live or view the recording at a later date, if that is more convenient. The title of the clinic is below, and this will be the first clinic that makes scoring kinder and gentler and there is much to keep abreast of due to some of the changes that have been made.

Title: Avoiding Tragedies

Description: This clinic will discuss proactive strategies to set yourself up for a successful match...or at least avoid any scoring tragedies. Working with junior work teams...especially junior scorers...can be a struggle. However, being aware of potential pitfalls is one key to overcoming them! We will look at examples of common scoring issues and review pre-match and mid-match strategies for avoiding a scoring tragedy.

National Beach, Indoor Referee and Scorer as well as Junior National and Zonal Beach Referee Candidate Applications are Available: [Click here](#) to access all application materials.

Call for Nominations: Call for nominations for the At-large ParaVolley Representative to the Officials Assembly. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for information to self-nominate or nominate a colleague who meets the criteria. Nominations close **Tuesday, February 22 at 11:59PM PT**

NEW This Year – REGISTRATION FOR ALL NATIONAL EVENTS WILL BE IN AES – WE NEED YOU – Your participation is critical to the success of these events. In that vein we have increased pay for all levels of referees in 2022. Below is the rate of pay for our events. Referees will also receive \$15/day in food vouchers.

[Click here to find online events and to register in AES:](#)

2022 Salt Lake City Showdown

2022 Sunshine Volleyball Classic

2022 USAV Girls 18s Junior National Championship

2022 USAV Open National Championship (NOW OPEN!)

2022 USAV Boys Junior National Championship (Opening Wednesday, February 23!)

2022 USAV Boys Junior National Championship (Opening Wednesday, February 23!)

2022 USA Volleyball All-Star Championship (Opening Monday, February 28!)

Rates of Pay:

National/JN Referee = \$38/match

National Scorer = \$36/match

Retired National/JN Referee = \$35/match

Regional Referee/Foreign Guest = \$34/match

Provisional Referee = \$32/match

In closing folks, thank you so much. Words can-not express our gratitude for all your incredible work for the players and teams. You are amazing every day, and USA Volleyball is grateful for your dedication. Please stay safe and well and know how much you are loved and appreciated.

Respectfully,

The Officials Development Team and USA Volleyball