

New Referee Program FAQ

Why should I become a volleyball referee in The Ohio Valley Region of USA Volleyball?

- Enhance the quality of volleyball events and improve the players' experiences
- Make money being involved in a sport you love
- Enhance your resume and improve your organizational & communication skills
- Expand your personal and professional networks

How much will I get paid as a referee?

- \$35/match with pay increases as certification level progresses
- Referees can expect 6-8 matches per tournament day

How do I sign-up?

- Before September 1: Complete the New Referee Interest form.
- After September 1: The OVR and USAV membership year begins annually on September 1
 - Sign-up for the correct membership type via SportsEngine
 - 18 years & under: *OVR Junior Aged First Year Professional Official - SafeSport Required*
 - 18 years & older: *OVR Adult First Year Official*
 - *If you are coach, please register as an OVR Adult First Year Official membership first.
 - Adding an additional membership does not cost extra
 - Complete USA Volleyball background check, SAFESPORT training, and USAV Academy modules online prior to virtual classroom session

What training am I required to complete?

- Recommended in this order after membership registration is completed:
 - Referee training modules in the USA Volleyball Academy
 - SAFESPORT training
 - Complete/existing concussion training course - either [CDC HEADS UP](#) or [NFHS Concussion in Sports](#)
 - One virtual (online) classroom session
 - OVR referee rules exam
 - One full-day on-court training session with The OVR Referee Training Team

When do trainings start?

- Virtual classroom sessions are held between October 1 to November 30 every season
- On-court training sessions are held from December 1 to January 31 each season

What are the costs to get started?

- OVR/USAV first year official membership - \$47
- Background check (18 and older) - \$14
- Certified Referee Shirt: ~\$40
- Referee equipment (whistle, red & yellow cards, flipping coin, net chain, ball pump/gauge): ~\$50

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