

Intermountain Volleyball Association Officials Guidelines and Requirements

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I. IVA Annual Membership Requirement

1. Join the IVA - Membership registration and fees are due by January 1st of the calendar year. Membership is from September 1st to August 31st of the subsequent year. The fee is non-refundable, non-transferable and is not prorated.
2. Membership registration must be completed on-line. Membership fees must also be paid on-line at the time of application.
3. The membership fee for officials is equivalent to the IVA Adult membership.
4. IVA officials must complete and pass the USAV/IVA Background Check process as directed by USAV. The background form must be accompanied by the background check fee.
5. Annual completion of the SafeSport Certification or refresher course through the US Center for SafeSport. This is found on your SportsEngine account.
6. Annually, IVA officials must complete and sign the IVA's Outside Independent Services Contract Form. This will be handed out at the pre-season meeting or emailed out.
7. Attend or watch the mandatory Pre-season Rules Clinic meeting.
8. Complete the required modules and tests for our region on SportsEngine.
9. All returning officials must be IVA "Members in Good Standing" (see definition below).

II. Required Uniform

Shirt	White, blue, or grey shirt, short or long sleeves, with the approved "Certified Volleyball Official" logo on the left arm.
Slacks	Dark navy slacks made of 100% polyester are recommended. Other fabric combinations are permitted as long as the dark navy color doesn't appear to be faded. However, "Dockers" are specifically prohibited.
Belt	Black or dark navy in color.
Shoes	Shoes must be all white.
Socks	Must be all white and at least crew length.
Jacket	Jackets are optional. If worn they must be all white with the new or old approved "Certified Volleyball Officials" logo on the left arm, or an approved USA Volleyball jacket (i.e. gray or navy blue given at the qualifiers or by the region)

III. Officials Levels and Ratings- for the purposes of developing officials in the region and to recognize levels of competencies, the following levels have been established. Training and other requirements needed to achieve and maintain these levels are discussed in subsequent sections.

1. Official In Training
2. Provisional
3. Regional
4. Junior National
5. National

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IV. **IVA “Member in Good Standing” Requirements** - Officials working for the IVA are expected to provide a minimum level of services and to maintain their achieved official’s level. The following are yearly requirements for all IVA officials.

1. Register for USA Volleyball and Intermountain Region Membership
2. Attend the mandatory Pre-season rules clinic, or watch online using SportsEngine
3. Complete the online modules through the USAV Academy on Sports Engine, and take the test as part of the modules by January 15.
4. Be available and sign up to work at least one regional tournament per year
5. Attend the Utah Volleyball Academy or region USAV training once every three years
6. Be rated either through the academy, or during one of the region’s planned rating days, once every three years.
7. Junior National or National officials, must complete all National requirements and follow the USAV guidelines for JN/National officials.

The IVA is willing to work with you if you are unable to meet these requirements and you inform the IVA in writing, through the officials chair, in a timely manner during the season. You should explain your reason for being unable to meet these requirements. The IVA Officials Advisory Group (OAG) will review your standing and try to make alternative options available to you to meet the minimum necessary requirements. If officials do not complete the minimum service requirements during the season, the official could revert back to the next lower pay.

V. **How To Achieve Various IVA Officials Levels** - Generally, IVA officials start at the lowest level and with training and experience work their way up to the highest level. However, the IVA’s OAG may accelerate progression through the levels based on the level of proficiency exhibited at tournaments used by the OAG to train or evaluate officials.

1. **How to become an “Official In Training”**

- Become an IVA member
- Attend the Utah Volleyball Officials Academy or Region training
- Be evaluated during a match and receive one passing rating as an R1 and one passing rating as an R2 from a region approved National or Junior National referee.
- Be able to manage lower level matches
- Be able to control the match by using the whistle and giving signals
- Has a basic knowledge of the use of the USAV scoresheet

2. **How to become a “Provisional” Referee**

- While an “Official in Training” achieved the IVA “Member in Good Standing” requirements.
- Attend the Utah Volleyball Officials Academy or Region training
- Be evaluated during a match and receive one passing rating as an R1 and one passing rating as an R2 from a region approved National or Junior National referee.

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- Be able to manage a court on your own and manage matches at almost all levels.
- Have a general knowledge of the rules, mechanics, and techniques used by USA Volleyball referees, including the basics of transitioning and positioning as an R2.
- Knows how to use the USAV scoresheet.

3. How to become a “Regional” Referee

- Meet the IVA “Member in Good Standing” requirements.
- Officiate as a Provisional Referee for a minimum of one(1) full season
- Be evaluated during a match and receive one passing rating as an R1 and one passing rating as an R2 from a region approved National or Junior National referee.
- Be able to manage a court on your own and manage matches at all levels, which includes:
 - Starting matches in a timely manner
 - Handling issues with coaches in a professional manner
 - Communication with tournament director if issues arise
 - Being flexible when issues arise
 - Diffusing situations when necessary
- Have a very good knowledge of the USAV rules and can use verbiage from the USAV rulebook.
- Knows ALL the USAV procedures, mechanics, and techniques for R1 and R2
- Knows how to transition as an R2 and gets to the fault side at the end of a rally.
- Works well with the line judges, scorer, and table crew
- Shows awareness of rotational faults
- Shows back row awareness
- Demonstrates how to use a USAV scoresheet by being the scorer for a match and submitting a physical or digital copy of the scoresheet online to the referee chair.

2. How to become a “Junior National” Referee

- Meet the IVA “Member in Good Standing” requirements
- Officiate as a Regional Referee for a minimum of two full seasons.
- Review the instructions to apply as a Junior National candidate on usavolleyball.org
- Attend at least two scheduled ratings and receive two passing ratings as an R1 and two passing ratings as an R2 from a region approved USAV National or Junior National referee.
- Demonstrate how to use a USAV scoresheet by being the scorer for a match and submitting a physical or digital copy of the scoresheet online to the referee chair.
- Follow the instructions on usavolleyball.org for Junior National candidates and register and pay the registration fee.
- Submit all the required documents on SportsEngine in the JN Candidate course (assigned to you after registration) by the deadline set by USA Volleyball.

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- Fulfill all requirements as required by USA Volleyball such as: attend the Junior National tournament and pass the rating sessions at this tournament.
- The IVA reserves the right to revoke your application prior to attending the National tournament if you fail to maintain the professional standards required by IVA for Junior National Official Candidates from this region.

3. How to become a “National” Referee

- Meet the IVA “Member in Good Standing” requirements
- Officiate as a Junior National Referee for a minimum of two full seasons.
- Review the instructions to apply as a National candidate on usavolleyball.org
- Attend at least two scheduled ratings and receive two passing ratings as an R1 and two passing ratings as an R2 from a region approved USAV National or Junior National referee.
- Demonstrate how to use a USAV scoresheet by being the scorer for a match and submitting a physical or digital copy of the scoresheet online to the referee chair.
- Follow the instructions on usavolleyball.org for National candidates and register and pay the registration fee.
- Submit all the required documents on SportsEngine in the National Candidate course (assigned to you after registration) by the deadline set by USA Volleyball.
- Fulfill all requirements as required by USA Volleyball such as: attend the Junior National tournament and pass the rating sessions at this tournament.
- The IVA reserves the right to revoke your application prior to attending the National tournament if you fail to maintain the professional standards required by IVA for National Official Candidates from this region.

VI. How to Achieve Various IVA Levels of Scoring

1. How to become a Provisional Scorer

- Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Intermountain Region.
- Attend a clinic bi-annually covering techniques and scoring procedures.
- Pay clinic fee.
- Pass the written examination & Submit scoresheets of 2 separate matches online
- Obtain a passing rating on two sets scored at a live match.
- Complete other requirements as prescribed by the local Regional Scorer chair

2. How to become a Regional Scorer

- Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Intermountain Region.
- Be currently certified as a Provisional Scorer for a minimum of ONE FULL season.
- Attend a Regional Scorer clinic.
- Pay clinic fee.
- Pass the Regional written examination & submit scoresheets of 3 separate matches online
- Be successfully rated on at least two (2) live matches.
- Complete other requirements as prescribed by the local Regional Scorer chair.

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3. How to become a National Scorer

- Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Intermountain Region
- Be certified as a USA Volleyball Regional scorer for at least one year and have demonstrated proficiency in the use of the USA Volleyball scoresheet using the modified USA Volleyball rules.
- Must have taken and successfully passed with a score of 90% the current scorer online examination in the year of candidacy.
- File the official application form with approval signatures of the respective RVA Commissioner and Scorer chair and required application fee with the Director for Scorer Certification and Evaluation prior to the published closing date. Information on the application process.
- Attend the mandatory National candidate scorer clinic in its entirety at the tournament rating site prior to the rating evaluation.
- Successfully complete the practical scorer examination at the prescribed USA National tournament rating site.
- Successfully complete the National scorer evaluation rating process
- Completion of other requirements as prescribed by the USA Volleyball National Indoor Officials Commission, Scorers.
- After successful completion, the new National scorer must attend a USA National Open Volleyball Championship within 3 years to complete their certification. If not the certification of National scorer will be rescinded.
- NOTE: Application deadline is April 15th with notification of acceptance by May 1st each year.

VII. Officials Pay Structure – The pay structure used by the IVA is designed to recognize the proficiency level achieved by officials and the actual officiating services provided to the region. There is a base pay provided to each patch level that can be increased when officials exceed the minimum level of services provided to the region required to achieve the “Member in Good Standing” for the patch level. Conversely, the pay structure is designed to recognize when officials do not provide the minimum level of services required to achieve the “Member in Good Standing” for the patch level. Below is the base pay schedule for the patch earned.

	Official Level	Base Pay Rate
1.	Official In Training	\$30 per match
2.	Provisional	\$34 per match
3.	Regional	\$38 per match
4.	Junior National	\$40 per match
5.	National	\$44 per match
	Regional Scorer	\$28 per match
	National Scorer	\$30 per match

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