



GEVA - USAV Referee Certification Requirements

Referee Certification

Five Levels of Referee Certification in USA Volleyball:

- **Junior Olympic Referee (Junior R-1) - tested and awarded at the local level**
- **Provisional Referee - tested and awarded at the local level**
- **Regional Referee - tested and awarded at the local level**
- **Junior National Referee - tested and awarded at Girls' Junior Nationals**
- **National Referee - tested and awarded at Boys' Junior Nationals**

To Become a GEVA - USAV Certified Referee You Must:

- **Attend a referee clinic (typical clinic length is approximately 7-8 hours)**
- **Pass a written exam on-line (See below)**
- **Pass a practical exam as both R-1 (first referee) and an R-2 (second referee). You must have two successful evaluations in both positions. Rating sessions are scheduled at GEVA sanctioned tournaments, and are not paid events. Plan on a full day.**
- **Become a USAV certified Scorekeeper**
- **Be a member of GEVA in good standing**

Maintaining as a GEVA Referee

GEVA Referee "In Good Standing" Policy:

For a certified referee to be or continue to be a member in good standing of the Garden Empire Volleyball Association (GEVA), the referee must meet the following criteria.

All GEVA - USAV Referees, Regardless of Rating Must:

- **Join GEVA every year.**
- **Pass the written USAV referee test as defined by the referee's level of certification.**
- **Attend the annual Referees meeting.**
- **Conduct himself or herself with at a level of professionalism appropriate to the referee's level of certification.**
- **Fulfill the obligations outlined below for the referee's level of certification.**

If a referee cannot meet these criteria, he or she may apply to the Official's Chair for a one-year waiver, which will not be unreasonably withheld. If the period of one activity, is for longer than one year, the official will be required to go through the certification process, beginning with the attending the clinic before officiating for the Region again.

National and Junior National Referees:

- 1. Attend a National Training Team clinic each year.**
- 2. Attend the annual officials meeting or a referee clinic each year. The National Training Clinic may be substituted for the annual meeting on an infrequent basis, at the discretion of the GEVA Officials' Chair.**
- 3. Maintain certification as a USAV Scorekeeper**
- 4. Work as a full-time non-playing referee at a minimum of four days (at least one of which must be the GEVA Regionals championship) OR**
- 5. Perform comparable service to GEVA or the USAV Official's Division (at the discretion of the GEVA Official's Chair)**

Regional Referees:

- 1. Attend the annual officials meeting or a referee clinic each year.**
- 2. Pass an on-court practical examination as both and R-1 and R-2 every two years.**
- 3. Maintain certification as a USAV Scorekeeper**
- 4. Work as a full-time non-playing referee at a minimum of four days each year plus one Regional tournament, OR**
- 5. Referee a minimum of one day full time, plus at least once as a player/coaches at three different tournaments plus one Regional tournament each year, OR**
- 6. Perform comparable service to the GEVA (at the discretion of the GEVA Official's Chair)**

Provisional Referees:

- 1. Attend a referee clinic each year. Provisional officials with two years standing in the Region may attend the annual officials' meeting in lieu of a clinic.**
- 2. Pass an on-court practical examination as both and R-1 and R-2 every year.**
- 3. Maintain certification as a USAV Scorekeeper**
- 4. Work as a full-time non-playing referee at a minimum of four days each year plus one Regional tournament, OR**
- 5. Referee a minimum of one day full time, plus at least once as a player/coaches at three different tournaments plus one Regional tournament each year**

Junior Olympic:

Specifications are provided on the Juniors page.

Test Procedure:

- Go the web site: <http://www.yankee.org/usavref/usavtest/>**
- If you are a PAVO and/or a National Official, your user name is probably your first and last name (i.e., johndoe) and your password is probably the last 4 numbers of your social security number.**
- If you fit neither category you may take the test as user name "guest" and password "guest".**
- The test password will be provided to members and to candidates upon completion of the clinic and having completed their Region registration. Select the Garden Empire Region so your results come back to the Officials' Chair**

Test Score Thresholds

For Candidates:

	Form "C"	Form "A or B"
Junior Olympic and Provisional (Conditional):	70%	n.a.
Provisional:	80%	74%
Regional:	n.a.	86%

For Re-Certification:

Junior Olympic and Provisional (Conditional):	76%	70%
Provisional:	86%	76%
Regional/Retired National:	n.a.	86%