



New Officials Orientation 2024





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Candidates

- Register for USA Volleyball Florida Region Membership
 - Background Screen
 - SafeSport
 - These are required, you will be prompted to complete them as you go through the registration process
 - You are not eligible to officiate until these are completed
 - There are helpful tutorials and instructions at <https://www.floridavolleyball.org/usav-mms-coaches-chaperones-officials.html>



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- Certification requirements are listed in the Officials Guidelines found on Florida Region website:
www.floridavolleyball.org
- Detailed information is available on the officials' page of the Florida Region website. Look for the "Officials" tab in the upper right, then drop down to "Indoor Adult Officials Info"

Candidate Certification Steps

- Watch on-line clinic:FL24_201 Adult New Referee Training
- Attend a new orientation meeting
- Take referee 801 Rules Exam
 - On-line “Correct as you go” format
- Accept invitation from ZebraWeb (ZW)
 - Sent via email after online clinic / test is completed
 - ZW availability is blocked for all officials. UNBLOCK the days you want to work. Watch for assignments from ZW for your evaluations
- Attend tournament for on-court evaluations
 - Wear uniform or similar clothing
 - 2 passing ratings as R1, 1 as R2



Assignment Process

- There are several assigning systems.
It is your responsibility to keep current on all of them
- Here are the accounts you will need
 - SportWrench – sportwrench.com (use Chrome)
 - Arbiter – ArbiterPay – arbitersports.com
 - ZebraWeb – by invitation
 - AES – for USAV events - advancedeventsystems.com
 - There may be others, based on assignor

Assignment Process

- Event Sanctions
 - Florida Region
 - USAV
 - AAU
 - Unsanctioned
- There are other sanctioning organizations
 - USA VOLLEYBALL – Sunshine Qualifier
 - Apply on AES
 - AAU Volleyball
 - Various assignors

Assignment Process

- Florida Region sanctioned events are in ZebraWeb
- See the list by going into ZW and selecting Games>Composite Schedule Search>view report.
 - This will show you all the tournaments being assigned by the Florida Region
- Decide which events you want to work
 - Preferences – because systems don't give us that info
 - <https://floridaregionofficials.weebly.com/tournament-preferences.html>



Assignment Process

- SportWrench
 - Many tournaments listed there
 - Various sanctioning bodies
 - Apply – supply information for each event
 - Status
 - Payment
- If you apply in SportWrench that means you want to work that weekend.
 - Your ZW will be adjusted to match
 - Your preferences will tell us which event you prefer to work

ZebraWeb

- Final assignments for FL Region USAV sanctioned tournaments come to you through ZebraWeb (ZW)
- You enter your availability into ZW
 - UNBLOCK days you CAN work
 - List of tournaments under Reports>composite schedule search
- Keep availability current in ZW
 - Critical to keep your availability current - EVEN after you think assignments are DONE –we may need a last-minute replacement for someone

ZebraWeb

- If you turn back an assignment in ZW, you are required to **supply a reason.**
 - Reason can be brief, not too detailed
 - If you show as available, we expect you to accept the assignment
 - If you turn back too many assignments, it could potentially impact future assignments.

Assignment Etiquette

- If you accept an assignment you are obligated
 - Can't switch for a better deal
 - No secrets in the volleyball world
 - If something comes up, be honest, and do it right away
 - Sometimes assignors will negotiate on your behalf to make it work

Tournaments

- Usually assigned based on geography
 - Sometimes there is another webpage for preferences
 - <https://floridaregionofficials.weebly.com>
- Tournament pay varies by event
 - match pay rate is determined by the tournament host.
- Hotels may be available if >50 miles
 - One way mileage
 - Smaller events may not offer hotels.
 - Must be over 18 or stay in room with a related working referee
 - Shared room with another official
 - Roommate preferences 3-4 weeks out



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Florida Region Referees must know how to keep score!

- Watch scoring clinic on-line as part of new referee curriculum
- Referees need to be comfortable with the scoring process



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- Upon successful completion of candidate process, you will be awarded a Provisional patch.
- Follow recertification process detailed on-line each year.
- Advancement opportunities
 - Two seasons experience recommended
 - Notify Officials Coordinator or Chair

Points of Emphasis

- Professionalism

- First impressions are important!
- Look the part – proper uniform, neat, clean, pressed
- Act the part – not overly friendly with teams or coaches, even if you know them well
- Alert Head Ref of any close conflict situations (club affiliations or your child playing on a team in that pool or age group)
- Remember that someone is ALWAYS watching you!

Points of Emphasis

- Know the Rules!
 - Keep current with interpretations
 - <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/>
 - Do your job but don't be overly officious
- A great start to every match
 - Be on time and manage time throughout the day
 - Brief work team every time (but be “brief!”)
 - Check ground rules, uniforms, etc well before start time
 - Make sure line ups are correct – avoid problems later

Points of Emphasis

- Match Control
 - Time management
 - Every two or three minutes add up over a long day!
 - Participant management
 - Use your tools (cards and verbal warnings)
 - **Protect your officiating team**
 - Protests or Issues – send someone for head referee

Points of Emphasis

- Look for Learning Opportunities
 - Be a student of the game
 - Seek out mentors
 - Learn at least one thing from every match!
 - Talk **to** other referees, not **about** other referees!
 - Any uncomfortable or inappropriate behavior gets reported to the head referee, tournament director or region office!
- Work on getting your name and face known
 - Volunteer as R2 to get in practice

Points of Emphasis

- Resource: Floridavolleyball.org
 - Officials' Tab
 - Look at all buttons on the Indoor page for answers
- Resource:
- usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/
 - Training materials
 - Rules and interpretations- case book – interp letters
 - Uniform vendor links
 - Registration info for qualifiers (including Sunshine) and other national events



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<https://floridaregionofficials.weebly.com/new-referee-orientation.html>

