

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.

How much will I get paid as a referee?

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

How old do you have to be to become certified?

- 18 years of age or older by October 1
**Effective 1/19/ 2026, the OVR will only certify individuals 18 years of age or older as referees.*

How do I sign up? Registration is only OPEN – September 1 through October 31

- Before September 1: Complete the New Referee Interest form. [Google - 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 and older: *OVR Adult First Year Official*
**If you also coach, please register as an OVR Adult First Year Official membership first.*
 - Complete background check, SAFESPORT trainings, and USAV Academy modules prior to virtual classroom session

What training am I required to complete?

- In this order:
 - Referee training modules in the USA Volleyball Academy - Accessible through your SportsEngine Account
 - SAFESPORT training - Accessible through your SportsEngine Account
 - Complete concussion training course - either [CDC HEADS UP](#) or [NFHS Concussion in Sports](#)
 - One virtual classroom session
 - USAV rules and scoring 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 - \$52
- USAV Background check (18 and older) - \$14
- Certified Volleyball Referee Shirt: ~\$40
- On-Court Training \$150 & Online Clinic \$25

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