2020 CERTIFIED REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL REGULATIONS
The requirements to become a certified referee are listed below. Levels of certification are Provisional I, Provisional II, Regional I, Regional II, Junior National and National. Those seeking Gateway Region referee certification must be at least 16 years of age, a current USAV member, have successfully passed the USAV required background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session and have a complete Safesport certification.

CLINICS
An online clinic is required for anyone who wishes to become a certified referee. The courses and training modules can be accessed through your webpoint account, and will be made available by USAV shortly. Additional information and links will be posted on the Officials’ Clinics page of the Gateway Region website: http://www.gatewayvb.org/page/show/2994893officials-news. The online clinic, exam and all modules must be completed at least 7 days prior to a rating session.

APPLICATION FORM
Candidates will need to complete an electronic application form which will be made available on the page above.

EXAMS
The referee exam is required for candidates and recertifying referees. Exams are part of the required online clinic. Candidates must pass the exam at least 7 days prior to a rating session.

RATINGS
Ratings will be conducted at a Gateway Region sanctioned junior tournaments. Candidates for certification will complete all required ratings, and they will not be compensated for matches worked when they are getting rated. Each candidate is required to successfully pass the practical ratings listed under Referee Requirements. In addition, candidates are required to show proficiency with the USAV score sheet. A candidate will score at least one match as part of the certification process. Ratings may be obtained at Designated Rating Tournaments or at other tournaments by making arrangements with an Approved Rater. The date, time, site, and tournament must be mutually agreed upon by the candidate and rater a minimum of 7 days in advance. A list of Approved Raters will be posted on the Gateway Region website.
REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements to become a certified referee and maintain certification are listed below. To officiate at junior events, adults must be a current member, have a current USAV cleared background screen status and be Safesport certified.

PROVISIONAL I REFEREE
TO BECOME A PROVISIONAL I REFEREE, a candidate must:
1. Complete the Referee Certification Application.
2. Become a USAV member, have a current USAV cleared background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session and have a complete Safesport certification.
3. Complete the New Referee Curriculum online, including the Form C referee exam at least 7 days prior to the rating session.
4. Obtain three satisfactory ratings, two as a first referee and one as a second referee at 14 and Under, or older, age division junior tournaments.
5. Demonstrate proficiency with the USAV scoresheet. A candidate will score at least one match for approval.

Certification is for one season and expires on January 15 of the following year.

PROVISIONAL II REFEREE
TO BECOME A PROVISIONAL II REFEREE, a candidate must:
1. Complete the Referee Certification Application.
2. Become a USAV member, have a current USAV cleared background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session and have a complete Safesport certification.
3. Be a Provisional I Referee for at least one season.
4. Complete the Provisional II Candidate Clinic online, including the Form A referee exam, at least 7 days prior to obtaining ratings.
5. Obtain four satisfactory ratings, two as a first referee and two as a second referee at 15 and Under, or older, age division junior tournaments.

Certification expires on January 15 of the following year.

TO REMAIN CERTIFIED AS A PROVISIONAL II REFEREE, a candidate must:
1. Become a USAV member, have a current USAV cleared background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session and have a complete Safesport certification.
2. Complete the online Referee Recertification clinic at least 5 days prior to refereeing or by March 15, whichever is earlier.
3. Pass the Form A exam online 5 days prior to refereeing or by March 15, whichever is earlier.
4. Be available to officiate at the Regional Tournaments.

All Provisional II Referees are subject to occasional reviews by the Referee Chair or their designee. If the requirements are not met, the referee certification will expire March 15.

REGIONAL I & II REFEREE
TO BECOME A REGIONAL REFEREE, a candidate must:
1. Complete the Referee Certification Application.
2. Become a USAV member, have a current USAV cleared background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session and have a complete Safesport certification.
3. Regional I: Be a Provisional II Referee for at least one season. Regional II: Be a Regional I Referee for at least one season.
4. Complete the Regional Candidate Clinic online, including the Form A referee exam, at least 7 days prior to the rating session.
5. Obtain four satisfactory ratings, two as a first referee and two as a second referee.
6. Be certified as a Regional Scorer or higher.

**TO REMAIN CERTIFIED AS A REGIONAL REFEREE**, a candidate must:
1. Become a USAV member, have a current USAV cleared background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session and have a complete Safesport certification.
2. Complete the online Referee Recertification clinic at least 5 days prior to refereeing or by March 15, whichever is earlier.
3. Pass the Form A exam online 5 days prior to refereeing or by March 15, whichever is earlier.
4. Be available to conduct or assist with clinics and ratings.
5. Be available to officiate at the Regional Tournaments. All Regional Referees are subject to occasional reviews by the Referee Chair or their designee. If the requirements are not met, the referee certification will expire March 15.

**NATIONAL LEVEL REFEREE**
To comply with USAV’s regulations to remain active and in good standing within the Gateway Region, you must each season:
1. Become a USAV member, have a current USAV cleared background screen at least 7 days prior to the rating session and have a complete Safesport certification.
2. Complete the National Level Clinic as required by the Referee Commission of USA Volleyball.
3. Perform ratings.
4. Be certified as a Regional Scorer or higher.
5. Be available to be assigned to conduct or assist with clinics.
6. Be available to officiate at the Regional Tournaments.

**USA VOLLEYBALL/PAVO RECIPROCAL REFEREE RATING AGREEMENT**
A currently rated PAVO national or state referee may obtain, by reciprocity, a USAV Regional rating and a PAVO local referee may obtain a USAV Provisional I rating. All prior experience requirements are waived, but the individual must comply with all local requirements involving clinic attendance, practical ratings and written examinations. The Reciprocal Agreement may only be utilized one time for the Gateway Region Certification process.

**JUNIOR NATIONAL and NATIONAL CANDIDATES**
Anyone interested in becoming a Junior National or National Referee needs to apply to the Referee Chair. Prospective candidates will be reviewed by a screening committee to determine a candidate priority list. In its selection process, the screening committee will consider not only competency but the demonstrated support of and participation in Region activities. All applications must be received by January 15 of the appropriate year. The Junior National/National candidate will pay the application fee and will be reimbursed by the Gateway Region upon completion of the certification process. For the first certification attempt, the Gateway Region will pay ½ lodging costs and reasonable transportation...
expenses (i.e. airfare based on 21 day advance purchase approved by Referee Chair) to the certifying National Tournament for Junior National and National Referees. Should a candidate fail and choose to again pursue their Junior National or National Referee certification, they will be solely responsible for all fees.