

Happy holidays * court connection * Happy holidays

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OFFICIALS ADVANCEMENT CLINICS

With a packed room of North Country Region Officials, the annual Officials Advancement Clinics were a success. Robyn Courchane was tapped by USA Volleyball Officials Director, Pati Rolf, as the presenter for the Region's clinics. The Officials Clinics are designed to assist with the enhancement of refereeing skills and improve performance. Travis Karlin, Region Officials' Chair, and Beth Modaff, Region Officials Coordinator, were present to discuss upcoming officiating initiatives within the Region and with USA Volleyball.



DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington MN served as the site for the 2019 NCR Officials Advancement Clinics. Learn more how to be a USA Volleyball Official - [HERE](#)

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!

The 2018 -2019 season marked the first year that North Country Region required and vetted all Region coaches to meet safety, education, and training standards prior to being added to a USA Volleyball Webpoint roster. Coaches who could not or did not meet the standard, could not be added to a verified roster due to the Region's Webpoint roster settings and were not eligible to coach in USAV-Region sanctioned events. Club directors worked diligently with their club personnel to ensure that requirements were met and the club was in full compliance with Region and USA Volleyball policies.

For the 2019 -2020 season, USA Volleyball introduced Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP). These policies outline training requirements and limit



one-on-one interactions with minor athletes. The policies were effective June 23.

The policy covers six areas:

- Limiting one-on-one interactions, including meetings and individual training sessions
- Massages and rubdowns/athlete training modalities
- Locker rooms and changing areas
- Social media and electronic communication
- Local travel
- Team travel

Any violation of MAAPP is reportable. For more information on MAAPP click anywhere on the article.

ART of COACHING

OFFER - December 16, 2019

To support North Country Region coach education advancement, North Country Region is, again, offering Art of Coaching subscriptions to a limited number of eligible North Country Region coaches. Coaches who are eligible for this offer are current USA Volleyball - North Country Region members, IMPACT trained, current with a clear USA Volleyball approved background screen, and are current in SafeSport Training.



During the week of December 16th, Art of Coaching will directly email NCR eligible coaches with directions on how to access the offer. With only 120 subscriptions available, it will be first come first served. Once all subscriptions have been utilized during the season, NCR has secured a reduced Art of Coaching subscription rate for NCR eligible coaches. GET ELIGIBLE and CHECK YOUR EMAIL

OFFICIALS TRAINING CAMP FEBRUARY 7 - 9, 2020



In line with the 2019 -2020 strategic plan to Grow the Officials, North Country Region is hosting the Region's **FIRST EVER** Officials Clinic run by the **USA Volleyball Officials National Training Team**. **REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE January 7, 2020**. Register early to reserve your spot in this training. Limited spots available.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR ALL INTERESTED OFFICIALS
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



The Car Ride Home



A PLACE FOR VOLLEYBALL PARENTS

North Country Region's website has a section dedicated to **YOU**, the parent! With the assistance of local sports psychologists, leaders in sports, USA Volleyball and club directors, the North Country Region staff collects, updates and provides resources to better serve the entire membership.

Twelve Ways to Be A Great Teammate

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Encourage Teammates



Respect The Team



Lead By Example



Solve Problems
With the Team



Support The Team



Put The Team First



Be Honest



Treat Everyone Equally



Build Positive Relationships



Listen To Your Team



Be Postive



Keep Learning

Junior Online Officiating - Explained

DIRECTIONS

- Login into your **USA Volleyball Webpoint** Profile
- Click **Region Clinics** - left side, blue menu
- Select Region **Ref/Score Clinics**
- Scroll to find **Junior Officiating Training**
- Click **Participant Registration**
- Complete information and register for the course
- Once registered for the clinic, click the **red USAV Academy button** on your Webpoint profile
- On "My Account" page in USAV Academy click on the courses that have **GO**
- Upon completion of this course, players earn an **R2 badge**, and all USAV officiating training requirements for juniors to participate in events are met.

WHAT COURSES ARE IN JUNIOR ONLINE OFFICIATING TRAINING

- NO19 North Country Region Officiating Overview NO20_999
- Junior Second Referee (w/quiz) US20_102q
- Junior Signals (w/quiz) US20_103q
- Scoring Basics Non-deciding Set (w/quiz)
- WHEN ALL COURSES ARE COMPLETED AN **R2 BADGE IS EARNED**
- EXPIRES FALL 2021

SYSTEM OVERLOAD

USA Volleyball Academy can become bogged down when many members are utilizing the training courses at the same time (Sundays or long holiday breaks). It has been known to happen that courses become frozen, the system shuts down, or courses cannot be added to your Academy. We know it is frustrating. USA Volleyball Staff is adding more space on its server to accommodate this overload. Just know ALL of us (USA Volleyball and Region Staffs) work diligently to provide solutions as

quickly as we are able. When we have a solution and the slow down is fixed, we hustle to reload courses and communicate to all those HelpDesk tickets. Take a break. Enjoy your day while waiting!

				BG Status: N/A BG Exp: N/A Badges: 2	
North Country Region Membership Card 2020 Season					
Name: Joe Awesome Member #: NO555555FJ20 Member Dates: 11/13/2019 - 10/31/2020 Club Name: JVB Rush		LOP: J4		Commissioner: Laura Bush	



Junior Club Director HUB



2020 - USA Volleyball Background Screen Upgrades

To better ensure safety of all USA Volleyball participants, USA Volleyball has upgraded its background screen used to vet adults who will be working with minor age athletes. In August, North Country Region shared with membership and posted on the North Country Region website of upcoming changes with USA Volleyball background screens. The exact cost of the background screen had not been secured when the announcement was posted. Beginning January 1, 2020

- USA Volleyball background screens will be **more extensive**
- Background screen will expire every two years
- **Full screen will occur each initial year of the two year screen cycle with an automatic less extensive screen in the off year.**
- A two year annual background screen is \$17.50 a year for a total of \$35 every two years.



WHAT IS A GRADE TEAM?

A "Club" that has a Junior Player, whose date of birth places them in an age division older than their current grade (USAV Age Definitions). If all team members are in the same grade or younger, the team can be made a "grade team" to accommodate the player who is older but in the same grade.

For more information about grade teams, requesting an age waiver, and rostering a grade team, [CLICK HERE](#).



WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BE ON A USAV - NCR WEBPOINT ROSTER?

- Minimum of 6 Junior Players
- Minimum of 1 Head Coach (cleared USA Volleyball approved background screen, IMPACT trained, completion of SafeSport training)
- Junior Age Coach - 17 and under (complete IMPACT, complete "Core" Center for SafeSport Training, adult - head coach present at practices and tournaments)
- Uniform Numbers of all Junior Players
- NEW Athletes 18 years of age or turning 18 during the club season (required to complete "Core" Center for SafeSport training) [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



Quick Links for Clubs How-To...

[Officiating - Online Training Instructions](#)
[Grade Teams Information](#)
[SafeSport - Parent Consent Form for 17 under training](#)
[Membership Directions and Registration](#)
[Membership Benefits Chart](#)
[Webpoint - Club Admin Manual](#)
[Webpoint - How to Print Membership Card](#)
[Webpoint - Roster Information](#)
[Webpoint - Add or Edit a Team](#)
[Letter of Commitment](#)
[Activate Club/Edit Info on Club Directory](#)
[Team Codes](#)
[Tournament Sanctioning](#)
[Tournaments Registration and Information](#)
[Tryout Sanctioning Form - List your Tryout](#)
[Transfer Policy and Procedure](#)
[Background Screen - How to Register](#)
[Certificate of Insurance Request](#)
[Incident - Injury Report](#)
[Junior Club Directory Information](#)
[Junior Medical Release Form - coaches keep](#)
[Junior Players Wanted - Request Form](#)
[Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy Information](#)
[Officiating - Request In Person Clinic](#)
[Region Rank Tournament Information](#)
[Roster Requirements](#)



NEW Athletes 18 years of age or turning 18 during the club season are **required to complete "Core" Center for SafeSport training (per USOPC and U.S.Center for SafeSport policies)**. No Cost to Members

Parents of minors must complete Junior Athlete SafeSport Consent Form to have access to the training through USAV Academy. Recommend to have all 17s complete the free training so no issues with adding player to a roster.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS CONSENT FORM](#)

Recommend

- All 17 year olds in club complete training to avoid potential roster issues during club season
- Complete training **EARLY** - 90 minutes on line
- Directions on how to access SafeSport through USAV Academy - [CLICK HERE](#)



REMINDER - North Country Region discontinued TEAM FEES starting the 2019 - 2020 season.

USA Volleyball - North Country Region takes eligibility very seriously. Safety and Integrity of the competition arena are the intentions for roster management and verification. Do your part to ensure safety and honesty so that everyone has a great experience.

2020 Tournaments - GET RANKED



Each year, USA Volleyball's North Country Region sanctions some of the most prestigious and successful volleyball tournaments in the nation. These sanctioned events are designated as **NCR GOLD MEDAL** tournaments. These tournaments are hosted by NCR-USAV member clubs and meet all Region sanctioning requirements including current membership affiliation, verification of all safety and training compliance and use of USAV tournament registration and roster verification resources.

Teams participating in a North Country Region **GOLD MEDAL** competition can rest assured that the event will be of the highest quality and value.



Like **GOLD MEDAL** events, **NCR PODIUM** tournaments are premier volleyball events; but **PODIUM** events also have important region rank implications. **PODIUM** tournaments offer NCR teams the opportunity to receive **"REGION RANK"** points awarded for both competition and finish.

Beginning in January 2020, cumulative region rank points will be updated weekly on NCRUSAV.org; then following the 2020 junior volleyball season, NCR will announce the top ranked teams in each age division! Because of the ranking opportunities involved, R1 officials are utilized at **PODIUM** events. **REGION RANK INFO HERE**



What does it mean when a tournament is sanctioned by NCR - USA Volleyball?

It means.....

- the host club is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for participants both on and off the court
- ... teams are playing in a tournament where ALL adults working regularly in ANY capacity with minors (coaches, club directors, chaperones, tournament directors, officials, etc.) have passed a rigorous USA Volleyball approved background screen and participate in ongoing SafeSport and IMPACT training
- ... the host club and its tournament are insured by USAV and supported and assisted locally by the North Country Region in-house staff
- ... athletes are playing at their appropriate age level and are following the eligibility rules set forth for the sport of volleyball by USAV
- ... paid officials, as well as scorers and youth work teams, are trained properly on the rules of volleyball as provided by USAV
- ... all events including PODIUM and GOLD MEDAL tournaments are promoted through valuable NCR-USAV marketing resources to over 400 member clubs and over 18,000 individual members

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"Thanks Sandy! You seriously are the best to work with! I appreciate your help. North Country has made tournament directing a breeze!"



Safe Zone Environment, USA Volleyball Sanctioned, Rosters Validated, North Country Region Staff On Site, Awards, Reasonable Entry Fees & REGION RANK POINTS!

HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHES WANTED

USA Volleyball HP Coaches in the
NCAA Tournament

"I am frequently asked by coaching colleagues for advice on how to move up in the coaching ranks, and I always suggest becoming a part of the USA Volleyball High Performance coaching pipeline," Reynaud said. "It is a great chance to network with other coaches and is a real bonus to put that on your resume. When college coaches take time to be involved in USA Volleyball's pipeline, we see lots of benefits later in their collegiate program and with their athletes." [Read More HERE](https://go.teamusa.org/33RvXQ5)
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North Country Region will be launching a Region High Performance program in 2020. The mission of the initiative is to identify, train, and develop athletes and coaches to build a sustainable pathway to reach the elite levels of our sport.

North Country Region will have indoor tryouts at collegiate facilities for junior girls and boys located around the region. Through the tryout process, we will select athletes and coaches to attend the North Country Region High Performance Camp in July.

The dates and locations of the tryouts will be announced before the start of the season. For more information and proposed locations, please visit the High Performance page on our website by clicking any of the links connected to this article.