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## OFFICIALS ADVANCEMENT CLINICS - December 8th

More information about the clinic can be found [HERE](#)

The National and Advancement Referee Clinics are designed to help you enhance your refereeing skills and improve your performance in every match you officiate.

The National Referee Clinic is an in-depth clinic specifically for USAV National and Junior National referees. All national-level referees must attend the National Referee Clinic every season, either online or in person.

The Advancement Referee Clinic will bolster the knowledge of veteran referees and complement the training of new referees.

**UPDATED LOCATION:** 7800 Normandale Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55439 - Doubletree / Hilton - Bloomington-Minneapolis South

**ADVANCEMENT CLINIC START:** 3:00 PM

**NATIONAL CLINIC START:** 5:00 PM

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** December 4, 2019

**CONTACT:** Travis Karlin, North Country Region Officials Chair

**REGISTRATION :** [CLICK HERE](#)



**OFFICIALS TRAINING CAMP  
FEBRUARY 7 - 9, 2020**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR IN REGION and OUT of REGION OFFICIALS  
-CLICK HERE FOR INFO**

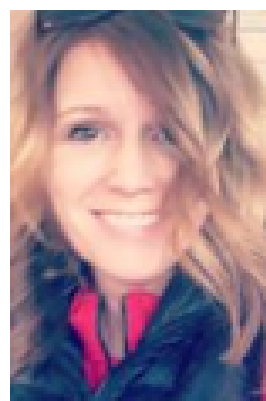
In line with the 2019 -2020 strategic plan to Grow the Officials, North Country Region is hosting the Region's **FIRST EVER** Officials Clinic run by the **USA Volleyball Officials National Training Team**. REGISTER SOON - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO OFFICIALS OF ANY USA VOLLEYBALL REGION.



## North Country Region Events OFFICIALS PAY SCALE

NCR-USAV OFFICIALS 2020 PER MATCH PAY SCALE			
Official Level	SmackFest Weeks 1 & 2	NCR Region Rank Tournaments*	Other
New	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Provisional	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Regional	\$45.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Jr. National/National	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00

## BETH MODAFF JOINS NORTH COUNTRY REGION



North Country Region announces the hire of Bethany Modaff as the Region's Officials Coordinator. Mrs. Modaff will begin her role with the Region on Monday, December 2nd. She will oversee the Region's online officiating, assist with the

development of Officials' education, provide support for in Region Officials, collaborate with the Region's Official Chair to advance the growth and support of all officiating initiatives, and other Region support duties. Read more about Beth Modaff [HERE](#).

## How to Be a USA Volleyball NCR Paid Official

OFFICIAL'S CHECKLIST	
MEMBERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FULL ADULT MEMBERSHIP</li> <li>WEBPOINT REGISTRATION</li> <li>CLAIM NCR ARBITER ACCOUNT FOR ASSIGNMENTS &amp; PAYMENTS</li> </ul>
REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USA VOLLEYBALL APPROVED BACKGROUND SCREEN</li> <li>SAFESPORT TRAINING</li> <li>UNIFORM &amp; EQUIPMENT</li> </ul>
TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ONLINE OFFICIATING TRAINING</li> <li>ON-COURT TRAINING - RATERS WILL BE ASSIGNED BY NORTH COUNTRY REGION</li> <li>WORK NCR - USAV EVENTS</li> </ul>

For returning and new officials, please review the Officials' Checklist to ensure that your Path to the Podium is made simple. North Country Region also encourages junior players who are interested in officiating to sign up for training and work North Country Region Events.



**Events to Work**



# 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

### How to be a Better Court Leader



#### Leading Others Starts from Within

Looking to take a bigger role on your team this season? Some of the top coaches and players from USA Volleyball have some advice on how to become a stronger leader on and off the court. It's not just about on-court performance, but how you carry yourself and present yourself to the team.

### CULTIVATING CONFIDENCE by NICOLE DAVIS USA Volleyball Olympian



One of the best gifts I've ever been given has been this idea: everything you need is already within you. If you can anchor to this thought, "I have what it takes,...**READ MORE -**

## FOR ATHLETES AND PARENTS

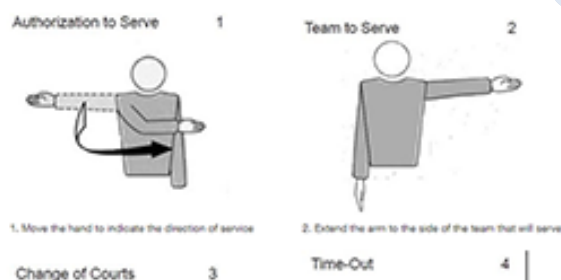


FREE Online Parent Toolkits give you the necessary SafeSport information for your young athlete. Separated by age group or combined for all ages, these Toolkits help parents understand SafeSport best practices and how to respond to signs of abuse.

- For Parents of Preschool Children
- For Parents of School-Age Children
- For Parents of Middle School Youth
- For Parents of High School Aged Adolescents
- Parent Toolkit – All Ages

### OFFICIATING 101 - PARENTS GUIDE

Officiating 101 Information - [CLICK HERE](#)



### Know the Signs

Do volleyball refs' signals leave you lost and wondering what happened? Fret not, there's a method to the motion madness! Here's a list of official referee hand signals.

**Your kid's success or lack of success in sports does not indicate what kind of parent you are... But having an athlete that is coachable, respectful, a great teammate, mentally tough, resilient and who tries their best is a direct reflection of your parenting - from Pro-Active Coaching**



## Junior Club Director HUB



**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](#)

### 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...

### 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 on North Country Region Club Directory](#)  
[Tournament Sanctioning](#)  
[Tournaments Registration and Information](#)  
[Region Rank Tournament Information](#)  
[Certificate of Insurance Request](#)  
[Incident - Injury Report](#)  
[Junior Medical Release Form - coaches keep](#)  
[Background Screen - How to Register](#)  
[Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy Information](#)  
[Team Codes](#)  
[Officiating - Request In Person Clinic](#)  
[Officiating - Online Training Instructions](#)  
[Junior Club Directory Information](#)  
[Junior Players Wanted - Request Form](#)  
[Roster Requirements](#)  
[Tryout Sanctioning Form - List your Tryout](#)

## Art of Coaching Subscription How To Be Eligible for the offer



Art of Coaching will **directly email** the North Country Region Art of Coaching offer to **ELIGIBLE** North Country Region coaches. Only 120 Art of Coaching subscriptions are available - First Come First Serve.

Once the 120 subscription threshold has been met, Art of Coaching has provided NCR with a deeply discounted subscription price for North Country Region members.

**CHECK EMAIL STARTING DECEMBER 16, 2019**

- CURRENT USA VOLLEYBALL - NORTH COUNTRY REGION MEMBER
- COACH - selected as role in USA Volleyball Webpoint profile
- CLEAR USA VOLLEYBALL APPROVED BACKGROUND SCREEN
- IMPACT TRAINING COMPLETED
- SAFESPORT TRAINED and CURRENT

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



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.

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