

## USA VOLLEYBALL OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

### *Christina Fiebich selected as the USA Volleyball Official of the Year*

North Country Region Official, Christina Fiebich, received yet another prestigious award this season when she was selected as the USA Volleyball Official of the Year. Fiebich was honored at the USA Volleyball 2022 Hall of Fame ceremony at the Dorothy C. Boyce Banquet on May 25th in Orlando, Florida. Earlier this season, Fiebich received the Breaking Barriers Award on National Girls and Women In Sports Day in Minnesota. Last summer, Fiebich became the first female referee from the United States to officiate Sitting Volleyball at the Paralympics in Tokyo.

Not only could Christina be found officiating and mentoring up-and-coming officials at multiple USA Volleyball and North Country Region events during the 2021-2022 club season, Christina also invested in the local volleyball community during the boys' high school season in Minnesota. The boys' teams and coaches looked forward to having Christina officiate their matches, and her patience and willingness to teach and help the players and coaches learn in the midst of her officiating was noted by many.

Congratulations, Christina - we are proud of you and your accomplishments!



*Christina Fiebich & husband Glen, at the USA Volleyball Hall of Fame ceremony*

## USA VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT TEAM UPDATES

*... the latest news for our NCR-USAV Officials!*

USA Volleyball has updated the design of the Referee Patches! **National & Junior National Referee/Scorer Patches** • New patches can be requested by emailing [officials@usav.org](mailto:officials@usav.org).

**Regional & Provisional Referee/Scorer Patches** • NCR has ordered these and will make them available to our officials as soon as we have them in hand.

**Region Advancement Clinic** • The 2022-2023 Region Advancement Clinic will take place on Monday, December 5th at Hope Fieldhouse in Rosemount. Register [HERE!](#)

**USAV Officials National Training Camp** • Mark your calendars for February 10-12, 2023 to attend! The USAV Officials National Training Team will be on site during NCR's Ace of Clubs Volleyball Festival at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Register [HERE!](#)

**Membership Registration** • NCR-USAV membership registration is OPEN! [NCR-USAV Certified Official Membership](#)

**Safety Credentials** • Background screening is now completed yearly, so be sure to purchase your NCR-USAV membership early and initiate that background screening right away. SafeSport certification also needs to be renewed each year.



## JUNIOR NATIONAL OFFICIALS PROMOTED



### *Alan Oberg (SD) & Lynnae Howe (MN) promoted to Junior National*

North Country Region sent two Regional officials to the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships in Indianapolis in June, and both came home as JUNIOR NATIONAL OFFICIALS! The dedication of NCR-USAV officials like Alan & Lynnae adds tremendous value to USAV-sanctioned events. Both officiated at nearly every North Country Region hosted event, even when that meant traveling significant distances to be a part of the event - demonstrating a commitment that did not go unnoticed by players, coaches, and Region staff. A big congratulations to Alan Oberg (South Dakota) and Lynnae Howe (Minnesota), who represented our Region well and received this well-deserved promotion. We look forward to what the future holds for each of you as you continue to grow your officiating career!

## NORTH COUNTRY REGION INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS CLINIC

NCR hosted our first ever International Officials Clinic in early July during our NCR High Performance Selection Camp. Two NCR officials who attended that camp then went on to officiate at the USA Volleyball All-Star Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our Region had outstanding representation by Regional Official Darci Meyer & Junior National Official Andrea Cervena. National Official Christina Fiebich also served as an officiating mentor at the event, and NCR Officials Chair, Travis Karlin, was at the same venue working as an International Scorer for the U19 Pan American Cup featuring the USA Volleyball U19 team.

NCR is always looking for opportunities for officials to learn and grow while expanding your career opportunities, and the Region plans to continue the International Officials Clinic again next summer!



Andrea Cervena

Darci Meyer

Travis Karlin

## CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES!

TWO BRAND NEW NCR EVENTS AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER!



FEBRUARY 11-12, 2023  
REGISTER IN AES  
SEARCH "ACE OF CLUBS"



APRIL 29-30, 2023  
REGISTER IN AES  
SEARCH "RIVER RUMBLE"

## USAV OFFICIALS NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

The USAV Officials National Training Team is coming back to North Country Region this February. Do not miss out on this incredible hands-on training with some of the best officials in the nation during the Ace of Clubs Volleyball Festival!



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING AN NCR CLINICIAN?



In-Person Officiating Clinics are right around the corner, and the Region is updating our list of NCR Clinicians. Region clubs, whose teams are all members of NCR-USAV, have the option to request an In-Person Officiating Clinic. NCR Clinicians facilitate these clinics, teaching the junior players and coaches on-site. A lesson plan & slide presentation are provided to our clinicians to use at approved NCR In-Person Officiating Clinics.

If you would like to remain in or join our pool of NCR Clinicians, please complete the [NCR In-Person Clinician Application](#).