



Carolina Region/USAV Professional Officials Certification Upgrade Information

The Carolina Region Officials Program currently provides certification at the following levels:

- Junior
- Junior Regional
- Adult Team
- Provisional 1
- Provisional 2
- Regional 1
- Regional 2

For a listing of criteria and annual requirements needed to obtain each certification, go here:

<http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/certifications-and-standards/>

This document outlines the process for obtaining each of the certifications as well as additional criteria and information for upgrading to Regional 1 or 2 certifications.

Junior Referee and Adult Team Referee:

- Certification obtained by completing the applicable Referee clinic as published online annually.

Junior Regional Referee:

- Complete the applicable Referee clinic as published online annually.
- Receive and pass two unique practical ratings as a First Referee and Second Referee from a Regional 2 or higher Carolina Region referee.
- Ratings may occur as part of the New official training at an early season training/rating session or during regular Carolina Region tournaments if approved raters available to observe the referee.
- Keep score for one match and submit to Score Chair for approval.

Provisional 1 and 2 Referee:

- Complete the applicable Referee clinic as published online annually.
- Provisional 1 - Notify Ref Chair (refchair@carolinaregionvb.org) and Officials Program Director (officials@carolinaregionvb.org) of interest in obtaining Provisional 1. Provisional 1 certifications will be awarded to all new officials at an early season training/rating session (rating session will be unpaid for new officials).
- Provisional 2 – Submit Referee Certification Upgrade Application by January 15. Referee must work two Carolina Region certified tournaments (with one of them being a one-day tournament) during the season of the upgrade request to be considered for an upgrade.
- Officials Program staff will arrange rating sessions as needed during the season with primary ratings coming during Regional Championship weekends each season.
- A Provisional 1 Referee needs to pass ONE Practical Rating as a First Referee by an approved member of the Carolina Region Rating Team. A Provisional 2 Referee needs to pass TWO Practical Ratings as a First Referee and ONE Practical Rating as a Second Referee by at least two approved members of the Carolina Region Rating Team.
- Keep score for one match and submit to Score Chair for approval.
- A Provisional 1 candidate must also pass managing a court by themselves during the training session.



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- Provisional 2 officials will be expected to demonstrate competence in the following at a minimum:
 - Match Tempo
 - Signal Tempo
 - Confident Presence on Stand
 - More consistent scanning after each play/Subs/TO
 - Correct Signals
 - Communication with Officiating Team and Match Participants
 - After Transition - No Tunnel Vision – Watch play develop

Regional 1 or 2 Referee:

- Complete the applicable Referee clinic as published online annually.
- Keep score for one match and submit to Score Chair for approval.
- Complete the Referee Certification Upgrade Application Form and submit to the Carolina Region Referee Chair (refchair@carolinaregionvb.org) by January 15 to be considered for an upgrade during the current USAV indoor season. Application must be signed by a member of the Regional Recommendation Signees list [found here](#). Referee must work two Carolina Region certified tournaments (with one of them being a one-day tournament) during the season of the upgrade request to be considered for an upgrade.
- The Carolina Region will form a committee of 2-3 National-level officials to review all applications for upgrade and rank the candidates for possible inclusion into the pool of referees to be rated during the current indoor season.
- All applicants will be notified by February 15 of their status.
- All applicants that are notified of their inclusion in the pool of referees to be rated must agree to make themselves available to work both Saturday and Sunday of the Regional Championship tournament weekends. Accepted officials may work on Saturday to prepare for their ratings. If possible based on the availabilities of raters and the number of officials needed, the Carolina Region will attempt to assign members of the rating team to sites where the candidates are assigned on the Saturday Regional Championships to provide initial feedback and preparation for their rating sessions. Depending on rater availability, ratings may occur on either Saturday or Sunday at a rating location assigned by the Carolina Region.
- Regional 1 Referees will be expected to demonstrate competence in the following at a minimum (in addition to the Provisional 2 criteria above):
 - Recognize Rotational faults
 - Recognize Back-Row fault situations
 - Go through R2 progressions at net
 - Working on consistent transitions
- Regional 2 Referees will be expected to demonstrate competence in the following at a minimum (in addition to Provisional 2 and Regional 1 criteria above):
 - Consistently recognize potential Rotational Faults
 - Consistently recognize Back Row fault situations
 - Consistently maintain focus on net play until players transition away
 - R2 transitions must be consistent and correct
 - Match and bench control
- A Regional 1 Referee needs to pass TWO Practical Ratings as a First Referee and Second Referee by at least two approved members of the Carolina Region Rating Team. A Regional 2 Referee needs to pass TWO Practical Ratings as a First Referee and Second Referee by at least two approved members of the Carolina Region Rating Team.