

Carolina Region/USAV
July 24, 2024 Officials Advisory Board meeting
Online Meeting



Attendees: Oen Perkins; Jeff Hutcherson; Stephen Shepherd; Tony Hill; Rick Laskey; Brian Jones; Amber Fulk; Chanel Davis; Kelly Moose; Leann Madtes, Ronnie Mutter; Sean DeZurik

Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director; Callie Davis, Officials Program Director

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions –Meeting opened with introductions of Callie Davis, Officials Program Director; Stephen Shepherd, Referee Chair; Ronnie Mutter, Beach Referee Chair, Tony Hill, Officials Rep to Board of Directors, Amber Fulk, Scorer Chair, and Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director.
- II. 2024 Season Review.
 - A. Certified 79 new officials
 - B. 225 total active Professional officials
 - C. 11 Officials received a certification upgrade in 2024.
 - D. Had 15 Officials in the OAAP (3 upgrades; 3 graduated out of program)
 - E. 21 Junior Regional Referees – 16 qualified for scholarships
 - F. We had two new National Referees
 - i. Leann Madtes
 - ii. Kennedey Paine
 - G. We had four new Junior National Referees:
 - i. De Batchelor
 - ii. Michael Holder
 - iii. Jeff Hutcherson
 - iv. Dusty Rhodes
- III. Lessons from the 2024 Season – Callie Davis
 - A. 912 assignments made for all our one-day tournaments
 - B. All but five tournaments were fully staffed
 - C. Staff has 12 site visits/pop-ins
 - D. Identified a Head Official at all sites and utilized for feedback and improvements
 - E. Declines/Turnbacks is biggest hindrance in assigning. Officials need to be sure to complete their blocks at the beginning of the season and update their mileage preferences.
- IV. Score Chair/Score Clinic updates
 - A. Reminder given that every other year, each Junior Regional, Provisional and Regional Referee must submit a completed scoresheet from a match done during the season to the Scorer Chair.
 - B. Amber reviewed a couple examples of incorrect scoresheets submitted this past season.

- C. Our goal is to develop an in-person Scorer clinic for clubs to give at their local level primarily for the younger age groups. Callie is working on the outline and presentation now. The training will include scoring protests and how to find mistakes on scoresheets.
- V. Beach Referees – Ronnie Mutter
 - A. Beach Referee clinic held June 28-29, 2024
 - B. Four new Beach certified referees in 2024
 - C. Current Beach Referees
 - i. 4 National
 - ii. 7 Zonal
 - iii. 7 Local
 - D. Next camp is in Huntsville, AL Nov. 14-16.
- VI. Kevin reviewed items discussed and approved at the recent Carolina Region Board of Director meeting that are of interest to officials:
 - A. Board met May 13, 2024
 - B. Approved the 2025 Junior Boys’ & Girls’ Junior Schedules. It is available on the website now. Be sure to update your Arbiter blocks for all Saturdays and Sundays beginning December, 2024 through April, 2025.
- VII. Registration Updates – Kevin
 - A. 2025 Registrations will be available September 1.
 - B. Individuals will go through the quizzard which will guide them to the correct membership. There is a dedicated membership for Professional officials. Once you select that, it will include all requirements you need to complete (SafeSport, Background Screen, Independent Contractor Agreement).
 - C. The Background Screen is now \$14. Wait for our email with instructions before registering for the 2025 season (Background Screen code included in the email). Please get all your requirements done early.
 - D. We will be making all officials inactive in Arbiter and will reinstate once all requirements are completed.
 - E. SafeSport is required for all Referees annually. Link to take the course will be provided after you purchase your membership.
 - F. Your membership status will be “ineligible” until you complete SafeSport and clear the USAV Background Screen.
- VIII. Training Clinics:
 - A. Our New official information clinic and training is an online presentation to ease the burden on staff and officials. The training will be available as another module to complete in the New Officials USAV Academy curriculum.

- B. All annual clinics will be available in the USAV Academy. Region staff will enroll all officials in their applicable clinics once they register for the season. Officials should not enroll in the clinics themselves as we had several choose the wrong clinics last season. Once the region enrolls you in your clinics, you can then choose other modules that interest you to supplement your training. Officials must complete all their clinics before they are eligible to be assigned to tournaments.
 - C. The goal is to train and rate as many New Officials as possible before the season this year. We are approaching clubs around the state to hold multi-club scrimmages where we can provide the referees and do our training in conjunction with these events. Our new officials and our rating cadre will then be available to work much earlier than in the past. We may still do some training during the season as needed. We will announce sites and make assignments once everything is confirmed.
- IX. Gift Program Update – We are continuing our annual appreciation gifts for Officials this year.
- A. Officials will still receive a small CR-logo gift when completing their registration and clinic requirements.
 - B. Officials that work 7 one-day weekends may choose a CR Polo shirt; ¼ zip pullover, or other CR Logo gift of their choice (in addition to the existing \$10 additional in base pay)
 - C. Officials that work 10 one-day weekends may choose a CR Jacket or other CR logo gift of their choice (in addition to the existing \$15 additional in base pay)
 - D. All participation gifts will be sent after the season once we have all participation totals in.
- X. Junior Scholarship Opportunity – Continuing our Scholarship opportunity for Junior referees as an additional recruiting tool for that population.
- A. Available to 16-18 year old high school students
 - B. Must become certified as a Junior Regional Professional Referee
 - C. Work at least 1 tournament on 3 separate weekends of the CR one-day tournament schedule
 - D. Earn a \$500 college scholarship (in addition to normal pay)
 - E. Can earn a maximum of \$1000 towards college across multiple seasons.
 - F. Scholarships will be paid directly to the enrolled school.
- XI. Facebook Groups:
- A. All officials were encouraged to join our Carolina Region Officials Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarolinaRegionVolleyballOfficials>). We use this private group for announcements, accomplishments, and instruction/interpretations.
 - B. Leann spoke about her Facebook Group for Female Officials under 30
 - C. Owen spoke about his Facebook Group for Male Officials under 30

- XII. 2025 Key Dates:
- A. OAAP Application – November 1
 - B. Jn/National Application – November 1 (JN with OAAP app)
 - C. Certification upgrade requests – January 15
 - D. Scoring a match – April 30 (if required)
 - E. Stephen spoke about OAAP plans – will use City of Oaks and Queen City. MAPL is no longer in a convention center so looking at changing. Will be contact CR-sanctioned Rocky Mount hosts to see if can use their event as possible concluding OAAP event.

- XIII. Officials Rep Election
- A. Tony Hill is willing to run again. He has indicated this would be his last term of service. Motion by Ronnie M; second by Owen P. to:

Motion 1: close the nominations for the Officials Rep position. MSA

Motion by Brian J., second by Stephen S. to:

Motion 2: elect Tony Hill as Officials Rep by acclimation. MSA

- XIV. Additional Items/New Business:
- A. Question asked of Stephen if trainings would begin in December. Stephen reiterated that we're looking for clubs to host in December so we could train some new officials. We need them to run an event with at least six matches. Rise has committed to holding an event.

- XV. Adjournment – Motion by Stephen S., second by Brian J. to:

Motion 3: adjourn the July 24, 2024 meeting of the Carolina Region Officials' Advisory Board at 8:05 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

June - August, 2025 – Online meeting - TBA