

# SURVA Guidelines for National, Junior National Referee and National Scorer Candidacy

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Preface: All candidates both Referee and Scorer will be selected based on the following (but not limited to): their previous commitment to the region, good standing status, their officiating/scoring ability and their ability to facilitate any level match with little or no difficulty. All guidelines are flexible and depending on specific circumstances can be waived with the concurrence of the Official's Chair (OC) and Officials Representative.

1. Submit a letter of intent for candidacy in writing to the OC, the Assignor, and copy (Cc) to the Official's Representative at least two seasons before the planned rating session. *Example: If an official wishes to be a national level candidate at a Junior National Championship in June/July 2022, they need to submit a letter of intent no later than December 1, 2020. This will allow at least two complete seasons of club volleyball before the rating session. The letter of intent does not guarantee approval for selection or attendance.*
2. Throughout the season, candidates will be observed by multiple region National level referees/scorers and ranked by number based on performance - 1, 2, 3, etc.. The recommended ranking of each candidate will be based on agreement of the National level referees/scorers and the candidate's Sponsor/Mentor; the candidate's ranking will be forwarded to the OC. Each candidate will be advised of their ranking as changes occur.
3. Individual rankings will be determined on input and feedback from all observers. Feedback will be annotated and sent to the candidate, their Sponsor/Mentor and OC.
4. The candidate must have a Sponsor/Mentor as a focal point to confer officiating/scoring issues with, as well as point of contact for other officials to relay pertinent information through. The Sponsor/Mentor should also assist in submitting the proper paperwork for candidacy to the OC. Per USAV guidance, all final candidacy paperwork will be submitted by the OC.
5. Discuss a training plan with the Sponsor/Mentor and OC; depending on the specific level of volleyball knowledge, a one or two-year program will be developed. Discuss a list of challenges faced when officiating and how the listed items can be addressed throughout the year. This information should be shared between all National level referees/scorers (respectively).
6. Be in good standing with the Region. The Good standing policy for all officials is posted on the Sun Country website.
7. Attend at least two officiating camps, (if feasible) within a two-year period. Acceptable camps would include, but not be limited to, PAVO Camps, NCVF Camp or any other USA Volleyball Camp. Scorer candidates are exempt from attending camps, but if they do attend a camp, make an attempt to score.
8. Officiate at the 18s, 17s and Region's Championships the year (or two years) prior to attending a National Rating session. Non-attendance at this tournament will be by-exception.

9. Prior to attending a National Rating session, referee candidates will pass both an R1 and R2 rating from a minimum of two different National Referees from within the region; preferably at the 18s, 17s championship or Regional championships.

Scorer candidates must score at least two matches, to include two deciding/third sets and receive a vote of approval from two different National Scorers from within the region; preferably at the 18s, 17s championship or Regional championships.

10. Referee candidates will display competency of scoring and submit a minimum of two scoresheets (in pen) to a National Scorer for their feedback. The submitted scoresheets will include a deciding/third set. All feedback will be submitted to the OC for annotation. National Scorers are exempt.

11. Any candidate must commit to attending at least 3 of 5 Bid Qualifiers as well as the 18s/17s Bid Championships. Non-attendance to these tournaments will be by-exception.

12. Complete all USA Volleyball and SURVA requirements for candidacy.

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1. Submit a letter of intent for candidacy in writing to the [Official's Chair \(OC\)](#), Assignor and copy (Cc) the Official's Representative at least two seasons before planned rating session. Normally this training will take at least one year. *Example: If an official wishes to be a national level candidate at a Junior National Championship in June/July 2018, they need to submit a letter of intent no later than December 1, 2016. This will allow at least two complete seasons of club volleyball before the rating session. The letter of intent does not guarantee approval for attendance.*
2. Throughout the season, candidates will be observed by multiple National Scorers and ranked by number based on performance (1, 2, 3, etc.). The recommended ranking of each candidate will be based on agreement of the National Scorers and the candidate's Sponsor/Mentor; the candidate's ranking will be forwarded to the OC. Each candidate will be advised of their ranking as changes occur.
3. Individual rankings will be determined on input and feedback from all observers. Feedback will be annotated and sent to the candidate, their Sponsor/Mentor and OC.
2. The candidate must have a Sponsor/Mentor as a focal point to confer scoring issues with, as well as point of contact for other [National Scorers](#) to relay pertinent information through. The Sponsor/Mentor should also assist in submitting the proper paperwork for candidacy [to the OC](#). [Per USAV guidance, all final candidacy paperwork will be submitted by the OC.](#)
3. Discuss a training plan with the [Sponsor/Mentor and OC](#); depending on the specific level of [scoring proficiency](#), a one [or](#) two-year program will be developed. Within the plan, [discuss a](#) list of challenges faced when scoring and how the listed items will be addressed throughout the year.
4. After scoring any match present the scoresheet [or a copy](#), to a National scorer (preferably outside of your area) for their feedback. When possible, the scoresheet should be reviewed by at least two National scorers for their feedback. Feedback will be sent to the [candidate's Sponsor/Mentor and OC](#).
5. Be in good standing with the Region. The Good standing policy for all officials is posted on the Sun Country website.
6. Score at the Region's Championships the year (or two years) prior to attending a National Rating session. When the opportunity arises, also score at any SURVA Bid Qualifier (see item 4). Non-attendance at this tournament will be by-exception.
7. Prior to attending a National Rating session, pass a rating from two different National Scorers from within the region and have their written approvals submitted to the [OC](#) prior to the SURVA Regional Championship.
8. Any candidate must commit to attending at least 3 of 5 Bid Qualifiers as well as the 18s/17s Bid Championships. Non-attendance to these tournaments will be by-exception.
9. It will be highly recommended the scorer candidate be a Referee within the region.
10. Complete all USA Volleyball and SURVA requirements for candidacy.