

# Sun Country Volleyball Region Association (SURVA)

## Good Standing Policy for Volleyball Officials

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This document outlines and defines SURVA's "Good Standing" policy and requirements for our officials. This document will be used to determine an official's eligibility for participation in SURVA sanctioned events and USA Volleyball (USAV) sanctioned events held outside and within the SURVA area.

As our region grows, so does the demand for quality trained officials. Thus, this policy will be reviewed for adequacy, fairness and when necessary modified by the SURVA Official's Chair (SURVAOC), the SURVA Official's Representative (SURVAOR), and the SURVA Assignor (SURVAA) to best serve all officials. The SURVA Commissioner (SURVAC) will be included in the modifications for continuity purposes. Any SURVA official desiring advancement must meet the minimum standards below.

This policy will determine an official's good standing within the SURVA from the previous season's activities. Example: When an official meets the minimum requirement for the current season, they will begin the following season "in good standing".

When an official has not met the requirements below for the current season, they will be deemed "Not in Good Standing" and ineligible for the final SURVA championship tournament for that year. Also, they will begin the next season not in good standing and will retain that status until they complete their requirements. An official that is not in good standing within SURVA will be restricted from any USAV sanctioned tournament that requires them to be in regional good standing. Each official has the opportunity to appeal their "Not in Good Standing" status in accordance with due process as provided in the SURVA Region Handbook. The official shall remain "not in good standing" until such time that all requirements are satisfied or due process restores their "good standing" status.

**NOTE** – *Once this document has been revised by the SURVA Officials Commission, it will be reviewed by the SURVAC for quality and presented to the SURVA Board of Director (BoD) for final approval.*

### **All Officials Shall:**

1. Establish and maintain a current regular membership with SURVA and USAV.
2. Have a current background check through USAV.
3. Be current with SafeSport in accordance with USAV.
4. Have a current IRS Form W-9 on file with SURVA.
5. Have a current signed Independent Contractor's Agreement on file with SURVA.
6. Submit current banking information to the SURVAC to ensure on-line payment.

7. Submit and maintain a current season referee forecast (RefCast) with their availability in accordance with the RefCast guidelines provided by the SURVAA.
8. Show consistent monthly officiating activity in accordance with the RefCast guidelines.
9. Officiate a minimum of three (3) SURVA Preliminary Tournaments each season, two of which must be out of area. (SURVA championship tournaments are not considered a qualifying tournament)
10. Officiate in a Region Championship Tournament (SUCH) at least once every two seasons.<sup>1</sup>
11. Complete required on-line training as established by the SURVAOC for their current Rating.

**National Referees/Scorers and Jr. National Referees Shall:**

1. Complete the National level Referee and Scorer clinics as established by the USAV Officials Development Team.
2. Complete all exams in accordance with the guidelines established by the USAV Officials Development Team.
3. Fulfill all national obligations as established by the USAV Officials Development Team.

**Regional and Provisional Referees Shall:**

1. Complete an officiating rules exam and submit the results to the SURVAOC by March 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.<sup>2</sup> Or, submit their results to a designated individual and that individual will send the results to the SURVAOC for annotation.  
\*\* The exam may be taken either on-line or hard copy as determined by the SURVAOC. There is no time limit and no minimum score.

**Recommended Options:**

1. Attend the Annual SURVA Officials Clinic/Business Meeting and National Clinic (if scheduled)
2. Assist in the mentoring and training of region officials as requested by the SURVAOC
3. When practical, sponsor or participate in local area official's meetings<sup>3</sup>
4. Regional and Provisional officials only - The exam may be taken individually, or in a group setting
5. Assist in region/area rules and scoring clinics when requested

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<sup>1</sup> Unless working as an additional staff member hired by the SURVA BoD

<sup>2</sup> All National level candidates will complete the applicable exam IAW USAV guidelines for their candidacy

<sup>3</sup> Although these meetings are not mandatory, their participation is highly recommended

**Special Circumstances:**

1. National level officials may request (in writing) a sabbatical from the Officials Development Team, i.e. Pati Rolf for the year's exemption of Good Standing within USAV. When a sabbatical is requested, the National level official must include the SURVAOC and SURVAA in the communication. SURVA will honor USAV's approval of the sabbatical. During a sabbatical from USAV, officials can continue to officiate within the region.
2. Any official may request a sabbatical from SURVA with a brief explanation of their circumstance(s). The sabbatical request will then be considered by the SURVAOC and SURVAA. During the sabbatical period from SURVA, officials cannot officiate at USAV sanctioned tournaments.
3. Participation at SURVA tournaments during any sabbatical period must be approved and coordinated by the SURVAA.

**THIS DOCUMENT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL REVISED BY THE SURVA OFFICIALS COMMISSION OR REVOKED BY THE SURVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**