

AAU Volleyball Officials Manual

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MISSION STATEMENT

The AAU Volleyball Officials Training and Certification Program will provide education, training and evaluation opportunities for members, increasing the number of officials involved, their understanding of the rules and associated techniques, and ultimately their level of performance.

SCOPE AND ELIGIBILITY

The AAU Volleyball Officials Training and Certification Program is applicable for officials within the entire United States, and those in International Countries, who obtain, and continue to hold, a current Non-Athlete membership with AAU.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CERTIFICATION COMPONENTS

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THEORETICAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
PRACTICAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
TESTING REQUIREMENTS

LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION, TERM LENGTH AND RECIPROCITY

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DISTRICT
REGIONAL
NATIONAL

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UNIFORM
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CERTIFICATION COMPONENTS

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Officials shall have a current Non-Athlete membership with AAU.

This membership must include passing the appropriate background screen administered through AAU.

THEORETICAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Officials shall complete the applicable online training courses for the desired level of certification.

Courses may vary in how often they must be complete. Some may be required every season while others may during each certification term or a “one-time” completion.

PRACTICAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Officials shall complete on-court evaluation(s) with an approved observer during a rating/training session. It is possible to meet this requirement through reciprocity if the AAU official is also a current member (with a current certification) through either USAV or PAVO. More information on reciprocity can be found in the Levels of Certification section.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Officials shall successfully complete a “written test” available on the AAU Volleyball Officials website every season. This requirement applies for all levels of certification.

WEBSITE FOR ONLINE TRAINING IS: AAUVOLLEYBALLOFFICIALS.COM
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LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION, TERM LENGTH AND RECIPROCITY

IN-PROCESS

This level applies to officials that meet the AAU Membership Requirement, but are still in the process of completing and of the Theoretical, Practical or Testing requirements.

OFFICIALS AT THIS LEVEL ARE NOT CONSIDERED CERTIFIED.

QUALIFIED

This level applies to officials that meet the AAU Membership Requirement and have completed the appropriate theoretical training course(s) and testing requirements online.

OFFICIALS AT THIS LEVEL ARE NOT CONSIDERED CERTIFIED.

THIS DESIGNATION EXPIRES JULY 31ST OF THE SEASON IT WAS EARNED.

DISTRICT

This level applies to officials that meet the Qualified requirements AND have successfully completed a practical (on-court) rating session. The practical training requirement MAY be waived if the official is also currently a member with a current certification in USAV (of Provisional or higher) or PAVO (Local or higher). This needs to be verified by the AAU Training and Certification Coordinator and requires the official to complete the appropriate request form.

OFFICIALS AT THIS LEVEL ARE FULLY CERTIFIED.

THE RATING IS GOOD FOR BOTH THE SEASON EARNED AND THE NEXT SEASON, EXPIRING ON JULY 31ST.

REGIONAL

This level applies to officials that meet the Qualified requirements AND have successfully completed a practical (on-court) rating session. The performance and professionalism expectations at this level are higher than District. The practical training requirement MAY be waived if the officials is also currently a member with a current certification in USAV (of Regional or higher) or PAVO (State or higher). This needs to be verified by the AAU Training and Certification Coordinator and requires the official to complete the appropriate request form.

OFFICIALS AT THE LEVEL ARE FULLY CERTIFIED.

THE RATING IS GOOD FOR BOTH THE SEASON EARNED AND THE NEXT 2 SEASONS, EXPIRING ON JULY 31ST.

NATIONAL

This level applies to officials that meet the Qualified requirements AND have successfully completed a practical (on-court) rating session. The performance and professionalism expectations at this level are higher than Regional. The practical training requirement MAY be waived if the officials is also currently a member with a current certification in USAV (of Jr National or higher) or a PAVO National. This needs to be verified by the AAU Training and Certification Coordinator and requires the official to complete the appropriate request form.

OFFICIALS AT THE LEVEL ARE FULLY CERTIFIED.

THE RATING IS GOOD FOR BOTH THE SEASON EARNED AND THE NEXT 4 SEASONS, EXPIRING ON JULY 31ST.

UNIFORM AND OFFICIALS EQUIPMENT

UNIFORM

Polo – certified polo in white, grey or blue. NOTE: Plain white polo acceptable at entry level
Pants – navy (dress) slacks. NOTE: Black slacks may be allowed at entry level by certain assignors
Shoes – plain white, athletic type. NOTE: If black slacks are worn, black shoes may be worn
Socks – plain white in crew length or higher
Belt – navy or black belt preferred if slacks have belt loops

EQUIPMENT

- Whistle with lanyard
- Flipping coin
- Yellow/Red cards
- Watch/Timing device
- Chain for measuring net height
- Line judge flags
- Rule book
- Ball pump/Pressure gauge

PLAYING RULES, DOCUMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS

RULES

The USAV Rule Book will apply to all events. There is an **exception regarding the Libero designations** allowed for both AAU and JVA event, mentioned below. Any other modifications should be covered under an event handbook or communicated by the tournament director.

SCORING TABLE DOCUMENTS

AAU has a score sheet, line-up sheets and libero tracking sheet with the AAU logo.
These are the preferred documents to be used at any of their licensed events

EXCEPTIONS

Libero Designation – a coach will designate 0, 1 or 2 players at the libero position prior to EACH SET.

NOTE: The libero(s) can be changed EVERY SET, even if team is using 2 liberos!

SELECTION OF TRAINER/RATER PERSONNEL

LOCAL EVENTS AND LEAGUES

Selection of Trainers/Raters will aim to utilize geographically local people if event does not provide/pay lodging for those members. AAU Training and Evaluation Coordinator will approve training/rating members for the event and arrange stipend and travel payments after funds from event are received.

DISTRICT AND REGIONAL EVENTS

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GRAND PRIX AND SUPER REGIONAL EVENTS

Selection of Trainers/Raters will aim to be a mix of both local (if possible) and regional/national area people. Events will be expected to provide/pay lodging and also assist with some traveling costs. AAU Training and Evaluation Coordinator will work AAU Executive VB Committee, staff members and other appointed individuals to identify/approve those conducting training at this level. Stipend and travel payments will be made after funds from the event are received.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Selection of Trainers/Raters will aim to represent as much of the country as possible. Priority may be given to those already planning to be in attendance (officials, head refs, assignors, staff, etc.) at the National Championship. Lodging will be provided and travel assistance will be evaluated on individual basis. AAU Training and Evaluation Coordinator will work AAU Executive VB Committee, staff members and other appointed individuals to identify/approve those conducting training at this level. Stipend and (if applicable) travel payments will be made after funds from the event are received.