

GEVA JUNIOR OFFICIATING TEAM EDUCATION 2016-17

Clinic attendance is required for all new and recertifying Junior Scorer and Second referees. These may be done at either an in-person or online clinic.

There is a “pre-quiz” feature as a part of the online clinics. Offered at the beginning of the clinic, recertifying officials may test-out of the clinic and final quiz requirement by passing this pre-quiz. New candidates may also take the pre-quiz or they may go directly to the clinic, but they must view the entire clinic.

Quizzes for both new and renewing candidates must be completed online. This is true even if the clinic is completed in person.

The clinic, test, and practical evaluation are the three steps required to complete a certification.

Each team must certify a Second Referee and Scorer, prior to March 1st to be eligible for and participate in Regional play. Teams will be required to have certified Second Referees and Scorers participate in the Regionals.

Practical evaluations will be based on information contained on the score sheets which will be submitted by the tournament Site Directors to Junior Officiating Education Coordinator for review.

Second Referee Certification:

A checkbox on the scoresheet will be used by the First Referee (R-1) to indicate whether the Second Referee (R-2) has passed the on-court practical match evaluation.

Two successful evaluations, each for a complete match, are required for a Second Referee to complete the practical portion of their certification. Work teams should be vigilant in assuring the names on the scoresheet are legible and are the name used in registration (not nicknames, initials, or abbreviations) and that the first referee has checked one of the pass/fail boxes.

The “postcard method” for both Second Referee may be employed only at out of Region tournaments. That form can be found at www.GEVA.org.

Scorers:

To complete their certification, Scorers must complete two acceptable regular set score sheets from the same match, and one deciding set (does not have to be the same match).

The Remarks section on the scoresheet will be used by the First Referee to offer comments to the Junior Officiating Education Coordinator about the Scorer’s performance. Comments may be entered on the score sheet if some factor during the match led the First referee to feel the Scorer candidate should not be certified (receiving excessive help, inability to offer information when requested, excessive time to record information, etc).

Score sheets may be copied at out of Region tournaments and submitted to the Junior Officiating Education Coordinator for review.

To Facilitate Scorer Certification

- Multiple players can score one match.
- If a player needs to score a deciding set to complete certification requirements, notify the first referee that the player needs to score a non-deciding set. The PLAYER will switch sides at the mid-point of a set. The referee will pause momentarily while the player repositions and the set will continue as though the TEAMS had switched sides.
- If a player needs to score a deciding set to complete certification requirements, when teams play 3-set matches, teams will switch sides in the third set, when one team reaches the scoreboard score of 15 (possibly the 11th point of a 21 point set).

Suggestions:

- Coaches should complete **GE17_110 Junior Coach Officiating Team Training** for the background to assist their players in the performance of their officiating duties.
- Only players who have completed clinics should serve as Scorers or Second Referees.
- Only one player should serve in each roll until s/he has received a certification.
- Club Directors can check certification status of players and staff on their Webpoint record.

Clinics, In-Person and Online:

Clubs may schedule in-person clinics with the GEVA Junior Officiating Education Coordinator, Babs Stead (pegvb@aol.com). You may have the clinics delivered to your location on the schedule of your choosing, for any number of candidates that your facility practically permits. Your candidates will have the advantage of interact with the instructor, and each other to enhance their learning experience. Club Directors will know who has attended their clinic without having to check their players' individual Webpoint member records.

Clubs are encouraged to share clinics (and expense) with nearby clubs.

Reminder the testing portion needs to be completed online.

As an alternative, Junior clubs may opt to have their players obtain required online training, by registering for the appropriate clinic (see below) at <http://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/>, the same website used for membership registration.

Tracking Certification Progress:

Once a candidate has registered, their Webpoint record will show "in progress". When the candidate has completed the test they will receive a certificate from USA Volleyball via e-mail. The candidate should print this certificate and provide it to their Coach or Club Director as evidence that they completed the online training.

The candidate's Webpoint record will be updated when their first score sheet (for Scorer) or checkbox (for Second Referee) is approved by the Junior Officiating Education Coordinator. This can be found in the "First Rating Date" field. When the second score sheet is approved, and the candidate has completed the clinic and test, their record will be updated to show "Current".

To find this information, go to the candidate's Webpoint record and select the "Coaching/Officiating" tab. Select the red "Officials Info" tab, and the candidate's "Official Certifications" data will appear below. Clicking on the name of the clinic will show candidate's current status.

Without regard to whether a player takes a clinic in person or online, all candidates must register for the online clinic on Webpoint. If you attend an in-person clinic, the Coordinator will mark the clinic portion of the curriculum as complete, leaving only the quiz remaining to be taken. All candidates' record will be updated in Webpoint as they meet their criteria including practical review.

Other Considerations:

There are also optional curricula for Lines Judges and Libero Tracker. Certification is not required but we strongly suggest that Clubs direct all of their players to these online clinics. One of the chief objections of players to work team duties is unfamiliarity with the jobs they are asked to perform, and fear of failure in a public setting. Encourage them to be prepared. Each of these clinics is only about 20 minutes in length, and any of your players may be called upon to fill these roles during the season. They shouldn't be put in a position which is uncomfortable to them. Instruction in the performance of these duties is vital, but it is impractical to expect a referee to provide the 20 minutes of instruction found in these videos with only six minutes allotted between matches prior to a work assignment.

Players' participation in work team duties has many benefits, including building self-confidence, and giving them a broader perspective of the game. But this can only occur when they have received proper instruction and feel comfortable with the job.

Think about this. A team's certified officials are not required to be Junior players! They maybe coaches or even parents, as long as they are properly registered and background screened. Consider this option. It could give chaperones who want to be more involved with the team an outlet to participate, add credibility to your work team performance, while giving your players downtime before their next match.

Junior Education Curricula:

Junior Scorer (GE17_103 Junior Scorer Clinic): required for new and recertifying Junior Scorer candidates. Includes: Scorer's Clinic and quiz, and Libero Control.

Junior Second Referee (GE17_104 Junior Second Referee Clinic): required for new and recertifying Junior Second Referee candidates. Includes: the Junior Second Referee Clinic and quiz, and signals. This certification becomes complete upon successful practical evaluation.

Lines Judge (GE17_101 Lines Judge Clinic): suggested for all players. Includes: Junior Lines Judge clinic and quiz.

Libero Tracking (GE17_102 Libero Tracking Clinic): Highly recommended for all players. Includes: Libero Control clinic and quiz.

Junior First Referee (GE17_105 Junior First Referee Clinic): for Junior Players who want to officiate GEVA tournaments as first referee for pay. Includes: Junior First Referee, Junior Second Referee, Scoring Basics Non-deciding Set, Scoring Basics Deciding Set, Libero Control, Junior Lines Judge, Junior Signals.

Any of these modules completed for other certifications this season will be credited to this curriculum, they do not need to be repeated for this certification.

Transportation will be required to attend a practical evaluation and paid tournaments.

Candidates should notify the Officials' Chair at Tim.Countryman@GEVA.org prior to beginning the curriculum. When the clinic is complete, the candidate should again notify the Region Officials' Chair to schedule practical evaluation.

This certification becomes complete upon successful practical evaluation.

FAQ:

Q: Where do I find the online clinics and how do I register for them?

A: Go to <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/>

- Log in. There is a forgot user name and/or password function if you need it.
- Go to Event Registration (menu on the left side) → Region Ref/Score Clinic → Register Now for the clinic desired.
- Complete the requested registration information, and click submit.
- Once registered, return to Webpoint every time you want to take a clinic, and click either of the red USA Volleyball Academy buttons.

Q: Why do I have to register for the online clinic when I will be attending an in-person clinic with my club?

A: This is the first step, and creates a record of your intent to pursue a certification. If you take your clinic in person, the Junior Coordinator will mark the clinic portion of your requirements as complete.

Q: Where do I go to take my quiz?

A: The quiz is part of the online clinic. You must take the quiz online regardless of whether you take an online or in-person clinic.

Q: What if the same module is in more than one clinic I have to take, do I have to take it over again?

A: No. When you finish a module in one curriculum, it will show as completed in all curricula that have that same module (you only have to take it once).

Q: Can I access the material on an iPad or iPhone?

A: Yes!

Q: Do I have to take the modules in the order they appear in the clinic?

A: No, but all modules, including the quiz, must be completed before you receive credit for completing the clinic, without regard to the order completed.

Q: May I take these clinics before I register as a member?

A: Yes, but only if you were previously a member. If you have never registered as a USAV member using Webpoint, you must do so before you can access clinic registration. That is the website that records your clinic progress and attaches it to your records.

Q. Can a coach use the same ID for referee and IMPACT training?

A. Yes! The two learning systems are integrated.

Q: How can I verify which clinics I have enrolled in and completed?

A: Webpoint → My Information → Registrations tab. It might be a good idea to print the certificate you receive after completing your clinic, and give it to your coach or club director for his or her records.

Q: Who is the Junior Officiating Education Coordinator?

A: Babs Stead: pegvb@aol.com

