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Welcome to *Pregame!*

Welcome to the 2025-26 season! The NCAA Women's Volleyball Pregame Central Hub provides a common national platform where we can gather for mutual growth and improvement as we strive to improve the great game of collegiate women's volleyball. Below you will find eligibility requirements and important dates for the 2025-26 season.

If you received this letter via email, then you have successfully registered for the NCAA central hub. If you are viewing this letter on refquest.com and have not yet registered, you may do so in one of two ways. If you are a PAVO member, please register on the PAVO website (www.pavo.org). By doing so, you will automatically be registered on the NCAA central hub. If you are not a PAVO member, you can click Register in the top right corner when on refquest.com. Then, click [here](#) for information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program.

Pregame has been established and designed to demonstrate the NCAA's commitment to volleyball officials. It is accessible by all officials who are currently registered with NCAA women's volleyball, which includes all current PAVO members. By completing your registration with NCAA women's volleyball, you have satisfied the first postseason eligibility requirement for NCAA Divisions I, II and III. Congratulations!

Pregame is your access point to the latest news in NCAA volleyball officiating. The central hub will continue to be the only access point for the NCAA/PAVO Form A/B Referee Exam, current year NCAA rules interpretations, national coordinator messages, VolleyCasts, the Line Judge Corner and other new and timely training tools. The NCAA volleyball national coordinators (DI, DII and DIII), secretary-rules editor, regional advisors and PAVO help to develop content delivered on the volleyball central hub, which includes vital information for anyone who officiates volleyball matches using NCAA rules.

I am happy you have chosen to register with the NCAA and PAVO. Thank you for being an integral part of women's volleyball officiating. If you have ideas or suggestions for improvement, please email the NCAA National Coordinator of Women's Volleyball Officials, Ryan MacDowell, at ncaacoordinator.vbofficials@gmail.com.

The NCAA/PAVO testing and in-person clinic seasons are just around the corner. I look forward to you participating in the NCAA/PAVO Women's Volleyball In-Person Clinics and using the other training materials throughout the season. When the officiating community is on the same page, it is good for the game!



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Thank you for your diligence in preparing for the upcoming season!

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NCAA National Coordinator of Volleyball Officials

Eligibility Requirements*:

Eligibility Requirements for NCAA Postseason Consideration: To be eligible to be considered for NCAA postseason assignment, officials must complete the following criteria:

- Register with NCAA/PAVO by September 1, or prior to your first scheduled match.
 - PAVO members (www.pavo.org)
 - Non-PAVO members (www.refquest.com)
- Attend an annual (in-person) NCAA/PAVO clinic.
 - Dates and Locations: <https://pavo.org/Training/NCAA-PAVO-Clinics>
- Take and pass the Form A (or Form B, if necessary) exam by September 1, or prior to your first scheduled match, with a score of 90% or better within the allotted 90 minutes.
- View all the current season VolleyCasts “eligibility versions” within one week of posting.
- Consent to and satisfy the NCAA background check.
- View the NCAA sports wagering video

Additional eligibility criteria:

- For NCAA Division I, a referee must have worked a minimum of ten (10) Division I matches in the current season. At least four (4) of these matches must have been for the nominating Division I conference coordinator.
- For Division II, a referee must have worked a minimum of ten (10) Division I/Division II matches in the current season, with at least one (1) match in Division II.

*Note: NCAA women’s volleyball leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items throughout the season.

Important Dates:

For all other officials, non-postseason consideration:

- Clinic dates/locations – Visit the clinics page on the PAVO Website at (<https://pavo.org/Training/NCAA-PAVO-Clinics/Dates-and-Locations>)
- NCAA/PAVO Form A/B Referee Exam open date – Thursday, July 25
- NCAA/PAVO Form A/B Referee Exam close date – Tuesday, October 15
- Registration close date – Sunday, December 29
- Follow your assignors’ requirements for conference eligibility



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Welcome packet:

To reduce the cost of registration for those officials who register directly on RQ+, an official may “opt out” of receiving hard copies of the rules book. If you choose to receive a hard copy of the rules book, it will be shipped via USPS.

Per the agreement between PAVO and RQ+, the current edition of the NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules Book will be accessible to PAVO-registered officials in digital format only for 2025-26. A hard copy is available for purchase at ncaapublications.com.

Digital versions of the rules book will be available under “Publications” on the Volleyball Central Hub.

The PAVO Women's Volleyball Officiating Manual for Referees, Line Judges and Scorers will be available in digital format only for 2025-26. Access to this essential volleyball officiating resource is available to PAVO member officials who completed the NCAA registration process through the PAVO member registration process on pavo.org.

General and Professional Liability Insurance:

PAVO members:

Registered PAVO member officials will receive general and professional liability insurance coverage through PAVO's insurance package (details at <https://pavo.org/Membership/Member-Benefits>).

Non-PAVO members:

For those officials who are not PAVO members, as a part of your RQ registration, insurance is included for all intercollegiate contests. The program provides insurance for contests officiated from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2026. All returning officials must register by July 31, 2025 or within two weeks of their sport's registration open date to keep continuous coverage.

- General Liability: \$6,000,000 per occurrence (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess Liability per occurrence)
 - The program has total insured limits of \$34,000,000.
 - Coverage intended to protect an official against claims of damages or injury caused to a third party while officiating a contest. Coverage includes personal/advertising injury, damage to a third party's premises, abuse and molestation.
 - Coverage extends to international contests if a suit is brought in the US.



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- Professional Liability: \$1,000,000
 - Professional Liability claims are generally rooted in allegations of an act, error, or omission in executing an official's professional work that causes financial loss to a third party.

There is an option to extend GL and PL coverage to non-intercollegiate contests, such as High School and other sanctioned events.
- Accident/Medical: \$15,000
 - Pays for out-of-pocket expenses for injuries sustained by an official during an intercollegiate contest.
- Option to purchase increased game fee replacement insurance.
 - This insurance offering is intended to cover instances where an injury or other medical event sustained from a covered accident, renders you totally disabled and unable to work intercollegiate games you had been assigned. The coverage can pay fees for missed intercollegiate games, up to \$500 a week (for as many as 52 weeks). Note this coverage is only available to those who purchased this offering.

Registration Fees:

The 2025-26 registration fees for PAVO members are as follows:

- PAVO Referee (Standard) members for all Divisions: \$90.00
- PAVO Line Judge/Scorer (Associate) members for all Divisions: \$40.00
- Additional fees will also be added by your local PAVO Board

The 2025-26 registration fees for non-PAVO members are as follows:

- Division I: \$250
- Division II/III: \$150
- No Conference Affiliation: \$150

Accessing the NCAA Central Hub

To access RQ, please navigate to plus.refquest.com. Once you have navigated to this page, please type the email you used during registration and either type your password or select "Set / Forgot Password". This will trigger an email notification to your designated email with a link to set your password.



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NCAA Background Check Information

Only those officials who consent to and satisfy the background check requirement will be considered for selection to work an NCAA championship. Information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program is available [here](#). Your background check will be conducted by Sterling Volunteers, the official background check provider for the NCAA. Per the NCAA, RQ+ does not display the result of your background check. If you have questions regarding the **result** of your background check, please reach out to Sterling Volunteers at ncaasupport@sterlingvolunteers.com.

The cost of this background check is included in your registration with the NCAA volleyball Pregame central hub. To consent to your background check, please follow the steps below:

- From your RQHQ Home page, select **Background Check**
- When you are ready to consent, toggle on "I agree to begin the background check process." and click **Submit** (screenshot below):

This will automatically take you to the consent screen where you will supply your legal name, date of birth and social security number.

Once you complete the background check consent process, you will be able to track the status of your consent by choosing **Background Check** from the RQHQ Home screen.