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Welcome to *Pregame!*

Welcome to the 2026-27 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 2026-27 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.

Welcome to the NCAA/PAVO Officiating Community

Pregame has been developed to demonstrate the NCAA's commitment to supporting volleyball officials. Accessible to all officials who are currently registered with NCAA Women's Volleyball, Pregame serves as your comprehensive resource for NCAA volleyball officiating. 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!

Your Centralized Officiating Resource

Pregame is your gateway to the latest NCAA volleyball officiating information and will continue to serve as the exclusive access point for:

- The NCAA/PAVO Form A/B Referee Exam
- Current-year NCAA rules interpretations
- National Coordinator messages
- VolleyCasts
- The Line Judge Corner
- Other timely training and educational resources

The NCAA volleyball national coordinators, conference coordinators, secretary-rules editor, regional advisors, coordinator of line judge training, and PAVO have collaborated to create a centralized officiating hub that provides valuable information and resources for everyone involved in NCAA volleyball officiating.



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Thank You for Your Commitment

I am pleased that you have chosen to register with both the NCAA and PAVO. Thank you for the important role you play in women's volleyball officiating.

If you have ideas, suggestions, or feedback regarding Pregame, please contact the NCAA National Coordinator of Women's Volleyball Officials, Ryan MacDowell, at ncaacoordinator.vbofficials@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

The NCAA/PAVO testing season and in-person clinic season are just around the corner. The NCAA secretary-rules editor, coordinator of line judge training, and I look forward to sharing valuable training materials and resources through Pregame throughout the year.

Thank you for your diligence in preparing for the upcoming season! When the officiating community is connected, informed, and learning together, it benefits everyone—and it is good for the game.

I look forward to seeing you all on the court!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan MacDowell".

Ryan MacDowell
NCAA National Coordinator of Volleyball Officials



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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 – Monday, July 20 (subject to adjustment, if necessary)
- NCAA/PAVO Form A/B Referee Exam close date – Thursday, October 15
- Registration close date – Tuesday, December 22
- Follow your assignors’ requirements for conference eligibility

Welcome packet:

To reduce the cost of registration, 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.

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



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The PAVO Women's Volleyball Officiating Manual for Referees, Line Judges and Scorers will be available in digital format only for 2026-27. 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:

RQ+ has developed an insurance program for the benefit of officials in all sports at all collegiate levels. This insurance is intended to meet the known insurance requirements of certain governing bodies, conferences, and individual institutions.

The program provides the following limits of insurance for contests officiated from August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027. All returning officials must register by July 31, 2026 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)*
 - Program has total aggregate limit per official of \$14,000,000.
 - 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 suit is brought in the US.

- *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 cause financial loss to a third party.

There are options to extend the GL coverage to non-intercollegiate contests, such as High School and other sanctioned events, as well as to increase the Accident Indemnity.

- *Accident/Medical: \$15,000*
 - Pays for out-of-pockets expenses for injuries sustained by an official during an intercollegiate contest.



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- *Weekly Accident Indemnity (Game Fee Replacement)*
 - This insurance 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 contests you had been assigned. The coverage can pay fees for missed intercollegiate contests. Officials have four options for game fee replacement insurance.

Max Weekly Benefit	Max Coverage Duration	Plan Cost
\$250	52 weeks	\$49
\$500	52 weeks	\$59
\$2,500	52 weeks	\$129
\$4,700	16 weeks	\$139

Registration Fees:

Non-PAVO members:

- Division I: \$250
- Divisions II and III and NJCAA: \$125

PAVO members (registered via pavo.org):

- Referee Member (Standard) \$100 | Line Judge or Scorer Member (Associate) \$45

NEW in 2026–27: PAVO & RQ+ are introducing complimentary registration for eligible Student Members (22 & under) (registered via pavo.org). This joint initiative is designed to support the recruitment and retention of the next generation of volleyball officials.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Age: Must be 22 or younger at the time of registration and payment
- Enrollment: Must be a fulltime student
- Email: Must register using a valid *.edu* email address
- Verification: Must provide a current student ID upon request

Exclusive Benefit: PAVO Associate Members who meet the criteria listed above will receive a waiver of the NCAA Central Hub fee, providing full access at no cost. Those interested in applying for complimentary registration, **must register on the PAVO website (pavo.org)**. Those registering directly on RQ+ will not be eligible for complimentary registration.



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.

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 VVCSE_ST@fadv.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):

Background Checks

2026-27 Standard Background Check 2025-26 Standard Background Check 2024-25 Standard Background Check 2023-24 Standard Background Check

Proceed with your background check consent here.

I agree to begin the background check process.

I DO NOT agree to begin the background check process and will be redirected to the NCAA Central Hub.

Submit

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**.