

Arizona Region of USA Volleyball Officials Code of Conduct

The Arizona Region is committed to creating and upholding traditions of excellence through volleyball, focusing on responsibility and accountability. Everyone involved in the sport of volleyball is responsible for his or her own behavior whether on the court, the bench or in the stands.

The primary role of the official is to assure opportunity and fair play for all participants. The official serves as an arbitrator who controls the tone of the match by demonstrating an attitude of impartiality and creating a positive environment for competition. It is the responsibility of the official to provide judgments that are within the spirit and intent of the rules, maintain the quality of the competitive experience, and protect the health and welfare of each participant. An official's decision is free from bias and is based on a thorough knowledge of the rules and officiating techniques used within USA Volleyball.

The official plays a significant role for the Arizona Region/USA Volleyball in competitive athletic contests. The official represents the ultimate integrity of any competition. Through actions on and off the court, each official must earn the respect and confidence of players, coaches and others.

The confidence and respect is not earned by works, but by unquestioned honesty, demonstrated ability, obvious devotion to and a full understanding of volleyball as a whole.

An official must be gifted with a strong desire to continually improve, a desire to be more than just an average official and a desire to be the best.

Official's Code of Conduct

As part of the officiating team (first referee, second referee, scorekeeper, line judge), I will:

- Maintain a professional attitude and appearance at all times
- Maintain responsible association with USA Volleyball, its national programs and member organizations
- Devote time, thought and study to the rules and mechanics to carry out the assignment effectively
- Maintain the appropriate credentialing as part of the officiating team
- Display knowledgeable, impartial, consistent and courteous officiating behavior
- Will refrain from using alcohol within 12 hours of an officiating assignment
- Avoid any drug, tobacco or alcohol use while in the presence of athletes and will remain at all times within the limits of the law with regard to legal substances. I will avoid illegal ones entirely
- Enforce rule modifications for those with special needs
- Work with other officiating personnel as an officiating team
- Accept rating and training feedback positively so as to improve my ability as an official

Signed _____ Date _____