

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, the stand or in the bleachers.

The primary role of the official is to assure opportunity of 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, apply behavioral control measures, where they are called for, 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. Confidence and respect are not earned by works, but by unquestioned honesty, unbiased integrity, demonstrated ability, obvious devotion to and a full understanding of volleyball as a whole - by rule and in spirit.

Official's Code of Conduct

- As a member of the Officials Division of the Arizona Region, I assure my conduct will be exemplary and above reproach, both on and off the court. I will not act in a manner contrary to normal acceptable behavior, nor will I place the reputation of the Arizona Region or its officiating corps in jeopardy. I am mindful that the majority of the USA Volleyball and Arizona Region volleyball work is with and involves players and other officials that are under the age of 18.

In addition, I will:

- Adhere to all rules, policies and procedures of the SafeSport Program.
- Maintain a professional attitude, comportment, and appearance during all assignments.
- Take control of my own health and safety by complying with or exceeding all public health guidelines as required by the State of Arizona and the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball.
- Maintain responsible association with USA Volleyball, its national programs and member organizations.
- Devote time, thought and study to the rules, procedures, and mechanics of the sport of volleyball in order to carry out my officiating assignment effectively.
- Display knowledgeable, impartial, consistent and courteous officiating behavior.
- Refrain from consuming alcohol or using marijuana within 12 hours of an officiating assignment.
- Refrain from consuming any tobacco (includes vaping and e-cigarettes), illegal drugs, marijuana products or alcohol at the event venue(s) of any USAV/AZ Region sanctioned event.
- Remain within the limits of the law, at all times, with regard to the use of legal substances. I will abstain from any illegal substance use.
- Enforce Code of Conduct regulations, on and off the court, as authorized by the USAV Rule Book or Arizona Region policies.
- Encourage and support other officiating personnel in promoting officiating team unity and rapport.
- Accept rating and training feedback positively to improve my ability as an official.

I agree to comply with the Officials Code of Conduct. If I disagree with any portion of the Officials' Code of Conduct, I will not mark myself as available to work in the official's assignment program. I understand that violations of this policy may result in removal from further work opportunity and/or disciplinary action in accordance with the Arizona Region Due Process Policy.

Signed _____ Date _____