

Volleyball New Zealand Referee Framework Dec 2021

NZ Referee Framework

Introduction

Philosophy – Alignment to FIVB Philosophy of Refereeing

“It is quite untrue that refereeing consists of no more than conducting a match by using the Rules of the Game as the basis for all the decisions, because refereeing cannot be the mechanical or automatic application of the Rules. Great competence is required. Such competence is acquired through individual, personal experience, by participation in volleyball events over the years, with the referee realizing that he/she is not an outsider but an integral part of the game. Therefore, he/she cannot carry out his/her tasks by just looking for faults in teams’ and players’ techniques or behavior and applying the corresponding sanction. This would be a very incorrect way of refereeing. On the contrary, he/she must be an expert and a friend, working for the game and with the players. Only if it is absolutely necessary, will he/she make a negative decision.”

– FIVB Refereeing Guidelines and Instructions 2017.

Volleyball New Zealand Referees Committee

The Volleyball New Zealand Referee Committee (VNZRC) is an authorised administration body of Volleyball New Zealand. Its role is to provide leadership and direction to Volleyball New Zealand’s officials and programs through the following three (3) pillars:

- Pathways
- Technical
- Education

The Volleyball NZ Referee Committee Terms of Reference is currently being developed.

Philosophy of Accreditation Framework

Volleyball NZ’s philosophy has been formulated in terms of ‘technical’, ‘interpersonal’, and ‘conceptual’ abilities.

a. Technical Ability

Technical ability in the context of officiating includes developing knowledge of the Rules of the Game (inc. Rules of the Game, Refereeing Guidelines and Casebook) and then applying that knowledge, taking into account other elements. This includes the Referee Code of Conduct and the use of equipment and operating procedures related to the sport.

b. Interpersonal Ability

The ability of an official to work effectively as a member of a team and to make a concerted effort as part of the team. Officials should create an atmosphere of cooperation, which translates into a positive attitude towards players, coaches, and administrators. This attitude will be demonstrated through the way the individual sees themselves, the participants, and others active in their environment and in their subsequent conduct.

c. Conceptual Ability

The ability to see officiating as a whole and to recognize how its various functions are interdependent, also understand how changes in any one part will affect others. It is also the ability to appreciate the relationship of officiating with the sport, the refereeing committee, and the political, social, and economic aspects of Volleyball Australia as a whole. Comprehend the skills required to participate in the game to see the game best facilitated in the spirit of the competition and the respective skill levels of the participants.

An official who recognizes the relationships and sees the important elements in every situation should be a position to advance the general cause of officiating.

VNZ Beach Volleyball Accreditation Framework

Accreditation Level	A referee is accredited as a Volleyball NZ Referee when they successfully complete the following requirements	Officiating Events Targeted
VNZ Local Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Intro to Beach online course • Registered to VNZ/ Assoc • Completed code behaviour • The candidate must be at least 12 years old to be eligible for this accreditation 	Local Schools, 1 *, 2 *, North Island/ South Island Junior Championships. Association Age Groups Tournaments. NZ Secondary Schools Championships. IPC U15/U17
VNZ Regional Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Regional beach online course • The candidate must be at least 14 years old to be eligible for this accreditation • The candidate must have a Volleyball NZ Local Beach Referee Accreditation • Registered to VNZ/ Assoc • Agree and sign the VNZ referee code of behaviour • Completed Workshop with practical content/ online • Observed refereeing Local/ National Schools events, 1*/2*/3* Events • Attend the VNZ Regional Beach face-to-face Referee course. This course is currently run via the associations, please contact your association to find out when the next course is being run near you. • Complete the Community Officiating General Principles Course (Sport NZL?) • Meet the required competencies for a VNZ Regional Referee - The minimum number of games required are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 games as a 1st Referee (1x assessment for competency) 	3*, 4*, 5* Events. NZ Secondary Schools Championships. IPC U15/U17/ U19/U21s. NZ National Tour

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 games as a 2nd Referee (1x assessment for competency) • 2 games as a Scorer • 2 games as a Line Referee • Agree and sign the VA Officials' Code of Behaviour • VNZ Regional Referee Log Sheet & Assessment Form • This accreditation is valid for a period of 4 years as long as the individual remains a member of their state association. 	
VNZ National Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Regional Beach Online Course • To achieve NZ National Beach accreditation, a referee can be nominated by their I Association, Volleyball NZ Referee Committee, or themselves, in all cases, the nomination must be accompanied by a letter of endorsement from the association. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A referee is accredited as a Volleyball NZ National Referee when they successfully complete the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The candidate must be at least 16 years old to be eligible for this accreditation • The candidate must have a Volleyball NZ Regional Referee accreditation • Completed the Sport NZ Modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child Protection – 18+ years old only • Be a registered member of your Association • Meet the required competencies for an Volleyball NZ National Referee. • Agree and sign the VNZ Officials' Code of Behaviour • Created Individual Development Plan • Accreditation Upgrade Application Form completed • This accreditation is valid for a period of 4 years as long as the individual remains a member of their association. This accreditation is currently managed by Volleyball NZ in conjunction with Volleyball NZ Referee Committee. 	<p>3*, 4*, 5* Events. NZ Secondary Schools Championships. IPC U15/U17/ U19/U21s. NZ National Tour. International Events in New Zealand.</p> <p>Referees wanting to progress to Oceania, AVC Status and eventually FIVB international status</p>
VNZ International Candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Beach Referee for 3 years minimum • Seek international experience as a scorer, linesjudge, and referee 	<p>NZ National Tour. International Events in New Zealand.</p> <p>International Events accessible to</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referee/ Linejudge/ Scorer at local International events, Oceania Events • Completed up to date Individual Development Plan • Complete Online Assessment Submission • A mature individual development plan with activities incorporating the development and mentorship of other officials. 	
International Beach Referee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed AVC/ FIVB requirements 	

Policies and Procedures

- Official’s Code of Behaviour
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) / Recognition of Current Competencies (RCC)
- Records
- Time Frames
- Accreditation Renewal

Competency and Learning Outcomes

- Local Beach Referee
- Regional Beach Volleyball referee
- National Beach Referees
- International Candidate Referee

Quality Control

- Training programme quality control
- Complaints process
- Training programmes evaluation and Review Process