

## **New OVA Referees FAQ**

### **1. Do I have to be a former player to be a referee?**

No, you do not need to be a former OVA player in order to be a referee and we encourage everyone to try it!

### **2. How much does refereeing pay?**

The match fee for indoor referees varies between \$25.00 and \$85.00 depending on the level of competition (OVA, OFSAA, OUA etc.) and the match format (2 straight, best 2/3, best 3/5).

OVA beach referees receive a flat rate fee of \$175/per day + \$10 per adult match.

### **3. What is the method of payment and how often do I get paid?**

Referees will receive a direct deposit at the end of each payment timespan for the events they worked. The indoor season consists of 5 pay periods, approximately, 6-8 weeks per period and the beach season has 2 pay periods (July and September).

### **4. How old do I have to be to referee?**

In order to become a referee, you have to be at least 15 years old.

### **5. Am I required to work every weekend?**

No, referees are not required to work every weekend and can submit their availability to their regional assignors. A referee's schedule is based on their own flexibility and they can work as much as or as little as they like.

## 6. How far am I expected to travel?

Travel depends on location of tournaments and availability of referees on that day. New referees are more likely to be assigned locally, until they become more experienced. Once they become more experienced, travel might be necessary in order to referee quality volleyball.

## 7. How do I get a uniform and do I have to pay for it?

New referees will need to purchase a uniforms and can order them from Volleyball Canada at the following website:

<https://store.volleyball.ca/collections/frontpage>

All levels of referees are expected to be in the Volleyball Canada approved uniform. It is realized that the cost to new local referees can be substantial. In light of this, the expectation is that for the first year of officiating, the navy-blue VC referee shirt is sufficient with navy blue dress slacks. By the start of the 2nd year, it is expected that the Level 1 local referee would be in full VC uniform.

## 8. How do I get assignments?

The OVA has assignors that schedule referees for their events. A list of assignors can be found here: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/referees-assignments> We encourage all referees to reach out to their respective assignors directly, to introduce themselves and to let them know that they're available so that they are on the assignors' radars.

## 9. What level of volleyball can I referee as a Level 1 - Local Referee?

Level 1 – Local Referees can generally referee at any of the following levels:

Scorer and line judge for OUA, OCAA. first referee junior high school, second referee senior high school, first referee for 12U – 16U OVA competitions, second Referee for 17U & 18U OVA competitions.

**10. How do you advance to the next level of certification? Are there courses/tests to move up a level?**

All registered Local referees can upgrade their certification level by registering for a Provincial Upgrade Pre-Evaluation free of charge to express their interest in the Provincial Upgrade Program (PUP). Once registration closes, the OVA staff will forward the name(s) of Local referees that wish to be upgraded to the Regional Referees Chair (RRC). These referees will then be evaluated at the earliest convenience for entry into the PUP for the current season.

**11. I have been away from refereeing for several years. How do I get back in?**

Depending on the number of years you have been away from refereeing and your previous level, returning referees might have to complete the course again. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

**12. How much does it cost to become a referee?**

The online theory course is \$20+HST and the practical evaluation is \$35+HST. In addition, there is also an annual membership fee that all referees need to maintain. The price of the annual membership fee depends on the level of the referee and usually goes up by \$1 each year; the fee for first year referees in 2022 was \$120.14. Please note that this is only the cost of the membership fee and does not include the cost of the uniform.