

PAVO LINE JUDGE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION



Becoming a *Nationally-certified* Line Judge -

1. Meet all current requirements of a Certified Line Judge in the prior year to candidacy:

- 1.1. To be PAVO-certified, line judges must join a PAVO-affiliated local association (called a “board”). A list of PAVO-affiliated boards is available on the PAVO website (www.pavo.org, click on “LOCAL CHAPTERS”). Annual dues of \$20 are charged to Line Judge members, although local boards may charge a small additional fee for local programs. All PAVO members, including Line Judge members, must sign the PAVO *Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct, Conditions of Membership, General Waiver, and Media Release*. These documents can be signed and submitted during the online dues-payment process, or by contacting the PAVO central office (pavo@pavo.org).
- 1.2. Attend a training session where current-year materials developed by PAVO are used, conducted by an approved PAVO instructor. Approved PAVO instructors include any PAVO State or National referee, a PAVO Nationally-certified line judge, any NCAA Division I conference assignor/coordinator, and any individual who has been assigned as a line judge to an NCAA Division I Regional or Championship event in the last five years. Additional approved instructors may be listed on the PAVO website (www.PAVO.org).
- 1.3. Submit the following to the Chair of the PAVO-affiliated board that you choose to join:
 - 1.3.1. The current-year written Line Judge examination, corrected to 100% and signed by the PAVO training-session instructor.
 - 1.3.2. Three recommendation signatures from any approved PAVO instructor. Signatures must be obtained from at least two different individuals, and be based on at least one 25-point set. Recommendations may be based on observations at any women’s or men’s collegiate match, or any other PAVO, USAV or high school match officiated by referees certified by PAVO or USAV within 90 days of the start date of the certification. Recommendation forms can be obtained from the PAVO central office (www.PAVO.org or 888-791-2074).

NOTE: PAVO Referee-members or Scorekeeper-members who have already joined through a local PAVO board do not have to submit the \$20 additional dues for Line Judge certification.

2. In addition, meet one of the following criteria:

- 2.1. Work as a line judge at one of the following events in the last three years, and submit the signature of an NCAA Official Observer or NAIA Head Referee to confirm your participation and proficiency:
 - 2.1.1. NCAA Women’s Division I Regional or Championship (Final round)
 - 2.1.2. NCAA Women’s Division II or III Championship (Final round)
 - 2.1.3. NCAA Women’s Division I, II or III 1st/2nd round (at least two matches required)
 - 2.1.4. NAIA Women’s Volleyball Championships (at least two matches required)
- 2.2. Work at least two matches as a line judge at a Division I Conference Championship in the last three years, and submit the signature of the Conference Coordinator to confirm your participation and proficiency.
- 2.3. Work at least two matches as a line judge at an NCAA Men’s Conference Championship in the last three years, and submit the signature of the Supervisor/Conference Coordinator to confirm your participation and proficiency. In addition, work as a line judge at a minimum of four NCAA women’s collegiate matches in the year of certification and submit a list identifying those assignments.
- 2.4. Work at least two matches as a line judge at the NCAA Men’s NCAA Championships (Final round) in the last three years, and submit the signature of a member of the Championship committee to confirm your participation and proficiency. In addition, work as a line judge at a minimum of four NCAA women’s collegiate matches in the year of certification and submit a list identifying those assignments.
- 2.5. Attend a PAVO National Rating Team Site and be evaluated by the PAVO National Rating Team. An application to be a candidate must be received in the PAVO central office by June 30.

3. Term:

- 3.1. National Line Judge certification expires on June 1, four years after the year in which the rating is awarded.

4. Acceptance:

- 4.1. All applications will be evaluated by the NRT Director, who will make the final determination of qualifications submitted.



Maintaining National Line Judge Certification:

Each year within the term, National Line Judges are required to:

- Attend an annual Line Judge training session as described above, or instruct a Line Judge training session.
- Take the current written examination and correct to 100%. The examination must be signed by the training session instructor, and submitted to Mara Wager, NRT Director (address below). The exam must be submitted annually by October 15.
- If the above criteria is met by instructing a Line Judge training session, submit a statement/form describing the location and date of the clinic and the administrator/sponsor (PAVO Board, conference, institution, etc.).
- If a National Line Judge fails to meet any of the above requirements once in a term, the referee is ineligible to receive renewal points for that season. Two failures to meet this requirement during one renewal term will result in loss of National Line Judge certification.
- Continued PAVO membership through a local board is required.

Renewing National Line Judge Certification:

National Line Judge Certification may be renewed through continued demonstration of excellence as a line judge. The following Point Renewal System may be used in lieu of renewing by repeating the original criteria above. A renewal fee of \$25 is charged to renew using the point system.

- Six (6) points must be earned during the four-year term of the rating.
- A minimum of three (3) of the six total points must be earned in Category I.
- The remaining points can be earned from any combination of the three categories.
- Positions such as referee, scorekeeper, or alternate official, etc. do not qualify for renewal points.

One point is awarded for the each item in the following categories, as a line judge or line judge trainer:

Category I - Women's Intercollegiate Volleyball

- Semifinals or finals of a women's NCAA conference championship, any division (1 pt maximum per event)
- Women's NCAA Tournament play-in match
- Women's NCAA First/Second Round
- Women's NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA Regionals
- Women's NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA National Championships (any division)
- Line judge at least four (4) women's collegiate conference matches in one NCAA Division I conference. Only one Category I point can be earned per season using this criterion.

Category II - Training, Rating, Educating

- Conduct a line judge clinic using current PAVO training materials (maximum one point per year)
- Actively rate line judges at a PAVO National Rating Site

Category III - Other Volleyball Competition

- Semifinals or finals of a WOMEN'S NAIA or NJCAA conference championship, any division (1 pt maximum per event)
- Women's state junior college championship tournaments in states that are not affiliated with NJCAA
- National Small College Athletic Association Championship
- Line judge the final matches at the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships in the following divisions:
 - Open division
 - Gold division of AA, A, BB, B
 - Gold division of men's age divisions younger than 50
 - Gold division of women's age divisions younger than 40

- Line judge Finals of the Gold 16, 17, or 18 divisions at the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships for Girls or Boys
- Any Gold Finals of the Collegiate Club Championships (NIRSA/NCVF)
- NCAA Men's Division I or Division III National Championships
- NAIA Men's National Championships
- International tours, exhibitions, or tournaments
- Line judge at least four (4) women's collegiate conference matches in one NCAA Division I conference. Only one Category III point can be earned per season using this criterion, and the matches must be different from the matches used for a renewal point in Category I.

**PAVO NATIONAL LINE JUDGE CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION FOR INITIAL NATIONAL CERTIFICATION
FORM A – APPLICATION BASED ON POST-SEASON ASSIGNMENT(S)**

Complete FORM A only if you are applying for National Line Judge certification based on post-season assignments. A \$50 application fee must be included, which will be refunded if the application is denied. Qualifying events after October 1 will be applied to a term that begins in the following season. Submit the completed form and fee to: Mara Wager, 8 Werner Avenue, Delmar NY 12054.

Applicant Name _____

Email _____

Recommendation:

This is to certify that I have observed (candidate's name) _____ as a line judge at the event designated, and that I feel this individual demonstrated superior skills and judgment as a line judge.

Date Observed: _____

Event (check one and obtain signature if required for that event):

- _____ A. NCAA Women's Division I Regional or Championship (Final round)
- _____ B. NCAA Women's Division II or III Championship (Final round)
- _____ C. NCAA Men's NCAA Championship (Final round, also submit list of at least 4 women's collegiate matches you worked as a line judge in the year of certification)
- _____ D. NCAA Women's Division I, II or III 1st/2nd round (two matches required)
- _____ E. NAIA Women's Volleyball Championships (at least two matches required)

Signature of NCAA-women Official Observer, NCAA-men Committee member or
NAIA Head Referee

Email

- _____ F. NCAA Women's Division I Conference Championship (two matches required)

Signature of Conference Coordinator/Supervisor

Email

- _____ G. Men's Conference Championship (two matches required)

Signature of Conference Coordinator/Supervisor

Email

Date

Applicant Signature

