

GSVO Tier Ratings

Apprentice: Officials who are in their first year with GSVO. An official who is cleared to officiate in their first year will be either a Tier I or Tier II, with an apprentice label. This label will be removed after their first season.



Tier I: Certified WOA volleyball officials who have completed GSVO training sessions, been released for assignments as a line judge, scorekeeper, and/or libero tracker and understand the fee structure of GSVO and WOA. Attend in-sport meetings as scheduled.

Tier II: Certified WOA volleyball officials who have been observed as both an R1 and R2 in a high school setting and have been released to work both as an R1 and R2. These officials are available and appropriately trained to handle sub-varsity matches on their own if need be. They are also able to handle R2 duties with a seasoned veteran as an R1 at lower-level varsity matches. Skills at this level should include application of the basic rules of volleyball and game management with assistance from the veteran official on-site. Attend in-sport meetings as scheduled.

Tier III: Tier II (without Apprentice label) for at least one full season. Officials must be a member in good standing from the previous season, complete and pass the notebook provided by the Ratings and Observations Chair, R1/R2 10 varsity matches from the previous season, and pass the volleyball rules test with 75% or greater on the first attempt. They must also pass an on-court rating session with an assigned partner and one other official rating them for one match as the R2 (JV) and another match as the R1 (Varsity). A fee must be paid for the rating before the matches. Once this tier is achieved, it is expected that these officials will continue to improve their game management skills. Officials at this level should be proficient in the application of volleyball rules and be able to handle most situations that may occur at a high school match. These officials are eligible to attend the state tournament at assignor discretion, if needed. Attend in-sport meetings as scheduled.

Tier IV: Tier III for at least one full season. Officials must be a member in good standing from the previous season, R1/R2 10 varsity matches from the previous season, and pass the volleyball rules test with an 85% or greater on their first attempt. Officials must have an on-court observation with matches as both an R2 (JV) and R1 (Varsity) to determine readiness for the on-court rating session. A fee must be paid for the observation before the match. Upon receiving a recommendation to continue with the process, the official will also have an on-court rating session with an assigned partner and two raters. A fee must be paid for the rating before the match. Officials at this level must be proficient in

application of volleyball rules at all levels of high school and below. Game management is paramount as a Tier IV and a collaborative attitude is a must. Tier IV officials are expected to help train, evaluate, and be mentors to apprentices and Tier I, II, and III officials. This must be done with a positive, successful outcome in mind and in cooperation with the officials wanting to move up in GSVO. Selected Tier IV officials have priority to accept state tournament allotments from the WOA as R1/R2. Tier IV officials are expected to be available to be assigned post season. Selected Tier IV officials are expected to officiate at the state tournament at least once every three years (if asked). Tier IV officials need to R1/R2 10 varsity matches, be a member in good standing and pass the volleyball rules exam the first time with an 85% or higher for the current season to be considered to R1/R2 the state tournament. These officials are expected to represent GSVO positively and ensure their collaboration with officials from other boards. Attend in-sport meetings as scheduled.