

GSVO Tier Ratings



Greater Seattle Volleyball Officials

Apprentice: new officials who have registered and are certified as a WOA volleyball official within the online eligibility center, but have yet to attend a GSVO training session(s) to be released for assignments.

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 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 for JV and another match as the R1 for varsity. A fee must be paid for the rating before the match. 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. If no additional Tier IV officials are available or eligible to attend the state tournament as an R1/R2, Tier III officials may be asked to attend. 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 and R1 to determine readiness for the on-court rating session. A fee must be paid for the observation before the match. Upon passing the official will also have an on-court rating session with two raters observing the official in the stands. 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. Tier IV officials have priority to accept those state tournament allotments from the WOA as R1/R2. Tier IV officials are available to be assigned post season and especially to the State tournament at least once every 3 years. 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 for the current season. These officials are expected to represent GSVO positively and ensure their collaboration with officials from other boards. Attend in-sport meetings as scheduled.