

To: USAV National & Junior National Referees

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It is hard to believe that another USAV season is almost upon us, especially since we are also starting a brand new collegiate season. Most people probably don't realize how much the seasons overlap at this time of the year, except for those of us who continue to work hard to improve not only the number of available referees, but the quality of the existing referees.



Michelle Prater
Director, RVA Development

With that in mind, the Referee Sub-Commission is pleased to announce the new Director, RVA Referee Development – Michelle Prater from the Southern Region. Michelle is a USAV National Referee, along with a member of the national rating and training teams for USA Volleyball. She is excited about taking on the myriad of responsibilities that go along with the position, and working with all of the regions in the development of training materials for referees.

She will dig right in with the re-tooling of the basic clinic that was developed by her predecessor, Glenn Reid. This clinic will again be on the referee training site for use by all referees by October 1, at the latest. Remember that if your region would like to add any region-specific content to the presentation of the basic clinic for your region, contact Steve Webster (steve@srwebster.com). You will need to write the PowerPoint material, but Steve can ensure your region referees get the information. Questions? Contact Steve, and he will walk you through it!!

Michelle will also be working with both Steve Webster and Kathy Ferraraccio to develop a clinic for second referees. This is a huge task, but one which we hope to accomplish by mid-season. So watch for new materials to begin appearing at VolleyballRefTraining.com during the months of September and October!

Please congratulate Michelle when you see her during the upcoming season – or drop her a note at praterm00@yahoo.com to wish her luck!!! We are excited to have her on board as a Director on our Commission, and we know she has a lot to offer to all of us as we begin our new season.

As always, if there is anything the referee sub-commission can do to assist you; please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

Happy Whistling!

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