



USARS ROLLER DERBY OFFICIALS PROGRAM

CERTIFICATION LEVELS

The certification program will have four levels:

***RECOGNIZED OFFICIAL:** A SO or NSO that a club has determined to have shown established knowledge and skill of the rules and procedures, as well as dedication to the growth of the sport of roller derby.

LEVEL 1: Official has demonstrated sufficient competency to officiate sanctioned USARS games.

LEVEL 2: Official has demonstrated advanced competency sufficient to officiate sanctioned USARS tournament games.

LEVEL 3: Official has demonstrated advanced competency sufficient to be a head official in sanctioned USARS tournament games.

LEVEL 4: Official that has shown the knowledge and ability to be able to be a tournament head, as well as officiate on the International level.

CERTIFICATION PERIODS AND ADVANCEMENT

Certification will last for two years. Officials may petition to advance their certification level yearly.

Officials may apply for Level 1 and then work their way up. Certified officials must submit applications to recertify before their term expires, or they will have to start at Level 1 again.

To maintain or advance to a higher-level certification, all requirements must be met when recertifying.

Otherwise, the official may be recertified at a lower level or not at all. USARS membership must be maintained in order for certification to remain active.

Applications will be reviewed monthly by the officials committee.

Certified officials will be **announced via email, website, and Facebook.**

Please direct questions to the USARS National Office at 402-483-7551 ext. 6 or derby@usarollersports.org or bbenson@usarollersports.org

CERTIFICATION POINTS

Points are cumulative within a two-year period and will expire after applied towards a certification.

Points are awarded as follows:

1 point for sanctioned USARS rules game

2 points for sanctioned USARS tournament game

5 points for attendance at a sanctioned USARS officiating clinic (may be applied once per certification)

TO BE A RECOGNIZED OFFICIAL *Must be a registered USARS member*Must sign a code of conduct

SKATING OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

Criteria for Level 1 Skating Official

Must be a registered USARS member.

Must pass a background check and complete the Safe Sport training, through USARS online registration

Must pass basic rules test.

Must pass minimum skills skating requirements.

Must earn 5 points as a skating official.

Must receive positive assessment from HR

Criteria for Level 2 Skating Official

Complete all the above requirements in addition to-

Must pass advanced rules test.

Must earn 10 points as a skating official, including at least 2 points each in two different positions (IPR, OPR, or SR).

Must receive three positive assessments from HR that have participated in games with candidate.

Criteria for Level 3 Skating Official

Must complete the above requirements in addition to--

Must earn 15 points as a skating official, including at least 2 points each in every position (HR, IPR, OPR, SR)

Must get positive assessments from three officials and two coaches or captains that have participated in a game with the candidate.

NON-SKATING OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

Criteria for Level 1 Non-Skating Official

Must be a registered USARS member.

Must pass a background check and complete the Safe Sport training, through USARS online registration

Must sign a code of conduct.

Must pass a position paperwork test.

Must pass the referee hand signals test

Must earn 5 points as a non-skating official.

Must receive a positive assessment from HNSO.

Criteria for Level 2 Non-Skating Official

Must complete above requirements in addition to--

Must earn 10 points as a non-skating official, including at least 2 points each in two different positions (penalty board keeper, scorekeeper, penalty tracker, jam timer, penalty timer).

Must get positive assessments from three officials that have participated in a game with the candidate.

Criteria for Level 3 Non-Skating Official

Must complete the above requirements, in addition to--

Must earn 15 points as a non-skating official, including at least 2 points each in every position (penalty board keeper, scorekeeper, penalty tracker, jam timer, penalty timer).

Must get positive assessments from three officials and two coaches or captains that have participated in a game with the candidate.