



National Officiating Committee Charter

Purpose

The USA Pickleball National Officiating Committee (NOC) provides overall direction to the USA Pickleball referee program. Specifically, it provides and maintains active training, assessment and evaluative programs to meet the credentialed referee needs of Tournament Directors of sanctioned tournaments, with first priority for National Level Tournaments, followed by National Championship Series (NCS) Tournaments, and then all other sanctioned tournaments.

It performs its overall function through programs, policies and procedures that:

1. Establish and approve changes to certified referee evaluation standards
2. Administer the Compliance Program as outlined in the USA Pickleball Compliance Policy and Procedure for Credentialed Officials
3. Review and approve changes to the Officiating Handbook
4. Administer the Certified Referee Renewal Program
5. Approve and maintain the Credentialed Referee Tiered Referee Training Program (TRR and Advanced Training Session (ATS) policies and methods)
6. Recruit, staff and oversee the Certified Referee Coordinator and Referee Training Coordinator regional positions
7. Meet the ongoing needs of referees to maintain their proficiency
8. Allow for appropriate input from referees on matters that affect them

Membership

The NOC membership includes the:

Managing Director of Officiating

The three Section Leaders of Officiating for the East, Central, and West Sections.
All section leader members of the NOC will be Certified Referee Evaluators

In addition, there is a non-voting USA Pickleball Board member who acts as a USA Pickleball Board liaison and an oversight function

Authority

The NOC has no expressed or implied power or authority other than that permitted elsewhere or referenced in this Charter.

Governance

Each Section Leader of Officiating is a voting member. The result of each vote constitutes a recommendation to the Managing Director of Officiating, who has final decision-making authority and is considered the NOC Chair. To that end, the NOC acts much like a staff to the Managing Director.

Meetings

National Officiating Committee meetings are scheduled at the discretion of the Managing Director of Officiating and may be conducted either in person or remotely.

Meetings may be held without all members present.

History

The NOC used to be known as the National Certified Referee Evaluation Committee (NCREC). Established back in 2017, its primary function was to provide direction and oversight to the evaluation program. Later, it expanded to oversee the growth of the referee training program and administer the Compliance Program. In 2019, its responsibilities were expanded yet again to include the items listed above.