



USA Pickleball Line Judge Program Statement

Line Judges are an integral part of the tournament officiating team. The objective of the Line Judge Program is to develop Registered and Certified Line Judges who competently make line calls during pickleball matches. A formal training clinic teaches proper line judge procedures.

Registered Line Judges are qualified to serve as needed on officiating teams for medal matches. Certified Line Judges are qualified to officiate medal matches for all skill levels including pro level.

Prerequisites for all line judge training candidates desiring registration or certification:

1. Be a current USA Pickleball member.
2. Complete a Line Judge Training clinic conducted by a [Registered Referee Trainer or Certified Referee](#) or complete the [self-training curriculum](#).
3. Complete the Self-Rating column on the [Line Judge Rating Form](#).

Additional post-training requirements to become a Registered Line Judge:

- Pass the online [Player Test](#) ($\geq 90\%$).
- Pass the online [Line Judge Test](#) ($\geq 90\%$).
- Line judge at least one organized play event under the supervision of a Registered Referee Trainer or Certified Referee.
- Meet the Registered Line Judge rating requirements during an on-court assessment.

Additional post-training requirements to become a Certified Line Judge:

- Pass the online [Player Test](#) ($>95\%$).
- Pass the online [Line Judge Test](#) ($>95\%$).
- Line judge at least two organized play events the under supervision of a Registered Referee Trainer or Certified Referee.
- Provide [visual acuity documentation](#) dated within the past 12 months attesting that the candidate has at least 20/30 vision (corrected or uncorrected) using both eyes.
- Meet the Certified Line Judge rating requirements during an on-court assessment.

Certified Line Judges will receive a USA Pickleball credential.