



Referee Advisory Council Charter

Purpose

The USA Pickleball Referee Advisory Council (RAC) is an advisory body to the National Officiating Committee. The functions of RAC include the following:

1. Providing advice to the NOC based on their own experiences and input received from active USA Pickleball credentialed referees.
2. Making sure the NOC is appraised of the latest referee and/or tournament trends, referee concerns, and potential solutions to issues of importance to credentialed referees.
3. Helping communicate why projects or programs benefit credentialed referees.
4. Assessing the efficacy of projects or programs developed inside or outside the USA Pickleball Referee population. To this end, the RAC provides the NOC with fresh perspectives on programmatic issues.
5. Advocating on behalf of credentialed referees. To this end, the RAC may function as an ombudsman for credentialed referees and as the 'eyes and ears' of the referee community to the NOC.

While the RAC is expected to provide advice to the NOC, it does not participate in NOC decision-making; i.e., it does not vote on NOC matters.

Membership

The RAC membership is as follows:

1. No more than a total of seven active credentialed referees, divided between the East, Central, and West Sections of the USA Pickleball Referee Organization.
2. The RAC will decide on what criteria will be used to add members to the RAC and how replacements will be selected.
3. At least one RAC member must be from each of the three sections, East, Central, and West.
4. Members can be any level of credentialed referee.
5. Referee Advisory Council members' length of term will be split to provide closure for any open or carryover items. The Chairperson plus one member will remain on the committee for 24 months. The other members

are eligible to resign at 18 months provided they have given 4 months' notice to the chairperson. Members are eligible to remain for additional terms pending vote approval by the existing committee members. If a committee member resigns the replacement candidate will be selected from a list of applicants from the region prior represented or a previously unrepresented region. Applications will be announced at the 4-month mark when a member gives notice. The committee will vote to approve new candidates.

The RAC has the authority to remove a member for cause.

Authority

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

Governance

The RAC will vote and select their own chairperson.

Each member of the RAC is considered a voting member. A quorum is required to pass RAC recommendations. Meetings may be held without a quorum present.

A voting member may opt to use a fellow RAC member as their proxy if, for any reason, they are unable to vote. The voting member shall notify the chairperson before any vote who they have selected as their proxy.

A quorum is defined as four of the five current members. As more members are added the ratio will stay the same. (4/5, 5/6, 6/7) Voting can be via in person, email or video call. All votes must be completed within 7 days of the issue of the vote in order to be counted.

Meetings

Referee Advisory Council meetings are scheduled at the discretion of the Chairperson and may be conducted either in person or remotely.

The RAC will be invited to NOC meetings at least twice a calendar year and at other times the Chairperson of the RAC and NOC deem necessary. The NOC chairperson will be responsible for scheduling the meetings.