



USA Pickleball National Academy for Referee Training Beta Test: L1 to L2 / Registered Referee Trainer Boot Camp

Program Summary:

The L1 to L2 / Registered Referee Training Boot Camp is an accelerated training program designed to prepare selected USA Pickleball Level 1 credentialed referees for a successful assessment as a Level 2 credentialed referee while also training them to become Registered Referee Trainers.

Level 1 USA Pickleball credentialed referees will be invited to apply to the Boot Camp Program by their [Regional Referee Training Coordinator](#) beginning March 10, 2023.

Applications must be submitted by the Level 1 referees no later than 9 pm Eastern (6 pm Pacific time), April 2, 2023. Those selected to advance to the pre-Boot Camp online Zoom sessions will be notified by April 11, 2023.

Because the Level 1 referees, those conducting the training, and USA Pickleball have significant time and financial investment in this pilot program, it is highly competitive. All applicants may not be invited to participate in the pre-Boot Camp online Zoom sessions. Once accepted into the pre-Boot Camp Zoom training sessions, candidates must actively engage in the bi-weekly Zoom sessions and complete assignments in a timely manner.

Pre-work:

The bi-weekly pre-Boot Camp Zoom sessions will be led by Randi Levenbaum, Certified Referee, and Mountain Region Referee Trainer Coordinator, who, along with several co-instructors will guide Boot Camp candidates through a series of training sessions that will help prepare those selected for the in-person Boot Camp to be held September 8-14, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Candidates will receive instruction and undergo continuous evaluation through the bi-weekly pre-Boot Camp Zoom sessions that begin on April 13, 2023 (4:30 pm PT / 7:30 pm ET) and conclude on August 31, 2023.

Selection as Participants:

The final participant selection criteria for the in-person Las Vegas Boot Camp includes:

1. Submission of application
2. Pre-Boot Camp Zoom session attendance and/or review of session recordings
3. Active participation in pre-Boot Camp Zoom sessions
4. Timely completion of all assignments
5. Additional contributing factors such as references, previous experience teaching/training, temperament, demeanor and attitude, etc.

The final selection of in-person Boot Camp participants (and alternates) will be announced by August 2, 2023.

All finalists invited to participate in the in-person Boot Camp September 8-14, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada, will be designated as a Participant (or alternate). The first six selected participants will receive a travel allowance of no less than \$750 to defray expenses related to attending the in-person Boot Camp. Some finalists may be accepted as an alternate should any of the first six participants withdraw/be unable to attend/become ineligible.

Participants will become ineligible to attend should they:

1. Earn their Level 2 credential prior to the beginning of the in-person Boot Camp in Las Vegas, Nevada.
2. Be sanctioned for conduct or disciplinary review.
3. No longer choose to attend/review the Zoom sessions and/or do not complete assignments.
4. Ask to be withdrawn from consideration.

Boot Camp Activities:

During the seven-day in-person Boot Camp, participants will be initially assessed on their current referee knowledge, skills and adherence to the USA Pickleball [2023 Officiating Handbook](#) "best practices" through questioning and on-court observation. Over the week they will receive both referee training as well as training in how to become a success referee trainer through discussions, demonstrations, exercises, and on-court practice leading up to their on-court [Tiered Referee Rating \(TRR\)](#) assessment.

On the final day of the Boot Camp, Mark Peifer, USA Pickleball Managing Director of Officiating will present all successful participants with their Level 2 referee credentials as well confer their Registered Referee Trainer designations.

At the conclusion of the in-person Boot Camp, all successful participants will be tasked with recruiting, implementing, and sustaining the USA Pickleball Referee Training Program in their respective geographic locations. Participants also agree to engage in ongoing development through post Boot Camp program evaluation, meetings, and opportunities to work with program co-instructors, mentors, and other USA Pickleball credentialed officials.

Immediately following the Boot Camp, all instructors in attendance will meet to discuss the effectiveness of the program and make recommendations for changes and other improvements going forward.

Definitions:

Applicant - A credentialed Level 1 (L1) Referee who submits an application as a part of the application process for the L1 to L2 / Registered Referee Trainer Boot Camp Program.

Candidate - A credentialed Level 1 (L1) Referee who has been accepted to participate in the bi-weekly pre-Boot Camp Zoom sessions.

Boot Camp - In-person training sessions in Las Vegas, Nevada from September 8 - 14, 2023 where participants will receive additional training, undergo a Tiered Referee Rating

Assessment (TRR) in order to earn their Level 2 credential and be taught and asked to demonstrate Registered Referee Trainer competencies.

Participant - A credentialed Level 1 (L1) Referee who has been accepted (as a finalist or alternate) into the Boot Camp program.

Pre-Boot Camp - bi-weekly Zoom sessions for candidates who have applied to the L1 to L2 / Registered Referee Trainer Boot Camp Program

