

USA Pickleball Officiating Policy OP-003A

International Official Credential Application

This form is to be completed by the referee applying for a USA Pickleball International Official Credential. Complete all information available to you and follow the submission instructions below.

Pickleball Canada Applicants:

Submit Attachment A to Referee Data Staff at usaparefdata@gmail.com and the Managing Director of Officiating at ttadler@usapickleball.org.

A1. Applicant Information

Full Legal Name _____	Email Address _____
Mobile Phone with Country Code _____	Country of Permanent Residence _____

A2. Membership Verification

USA Pickleball Membership Number _____	USA Pickleball Membership Expiration Date <i>Must be at least 4 months from application date</i> _____
Affiliate Officiating Organization _____	Affiliate Membership Number _____
Affiliate Membership Expiration Date <i>Must be at least 4 months from application date</i> _____	Current Affiliate Credential Level _____
Affiliate Credential Expiration Date <i>Must be at least 4 months from application date</i> _____	USA Pickleball Background Check Confirmation Number (CRs Only) _____

A3. Permanent Mailing Address

Street Address _____	City _____
State/Province _____	Postal Code _____
Country _____	

A4. Digital Picture Submission

Photograph Requirements

A current digital headshot photograph must accompany the application.

Photographs must:

- Be high-resolution and in colour.
- Be current and taken within the past six months.
- Be submitted in JPG or PNG format.
- Display head and shoulders only.
- Use a neutral background.
- Show the referee wearing a white, blue, or black shirt for contrast.
- Not include hats or sunglasses.
- Not display a non-USA Pickleball uniform.
- Not display logos other than an official USA Pickleball uniform logo.
- Not display commercial or affiliate branding.

USA Pickleball reserves the right to reject photographs that do not meet credential production standards.

A5. Applicant Acknowledgment

By digitally signing below, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- The credential remains the property of USA Pickleball.
- USA Pickleball may revoke or recall the credential at any time for cause.
- The credential must be carried while performing officiating duties and presented upon request by authorized USA Pickleball personnel.
- The credential or uniform will not be worn internationally, including at GPF events, unless specifically authorized in writing by USA Pickleball.
- The credential must be surrendered immediately upon revocation or recall as directed by USA Pickleball.
- Loss of the credential may result in administrative service and replacement fees as determined by USA Pickleball.
- The owner agrees to comply with all USA Pickleball rules, policies, and officiating standards while carrying or using the credential.

Referee Digital Signature 	Date
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A6. Affiliate Officiating Organization Approval

The authorized representative of the Affiliate Officiating Organization certifies that the applicant is a member in good standing and is qualified to officiate at the credential level identified in Section A2. The completed and signed application shall be returned to USA Pickleball in accordance with the applicable process in Section 8 of OP-003.

Authorized Representative Name _____	Title _____
Affiliate Officiating Organization _____	Digital Signature _____
Date _____	Representative Email _____

A7. USA Pickleball Approval Section

Referee Data Staff Name _____	Received Date _____
Documentation Verified By _____	Managing Director of Officiating Name _____
Digital Signature _____	Final Approval Date _____
Credential Number Issued, if required _____	Verified by Credential Administrator _____

Routing:

Pickleball Canada: Referee → USA Pickleball Verification → Pickleball Canada → USA Pickleball → Credential Issuance
 Other Affiliates: Referee → Affiliate Verification/Approval → USA Pickleball → Credential Issuance

Pickleball Canada: USA Pickleball will return the initial application to Pickleball Canada within 15 business days. USA Pickleball will issue the credential within 30 business days after receiving the signed and completed application from Pickleball Canada. Other Affiliates: USA Pickleball will issue the credential within 15 business days after receiving the completed application. Expedited processing is not available. The credential will be emailed directly to the referee.