



## **“WANNA REF?” – HOW DO I GET STARTED?**

### **AN OVERVIEW OF USAWP REFEREE CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES (01.01.2011)**

#### **Brand New Referees:**

1. Register with USA Water Polo as a “Referee” or “Referee/Coach” Member for the current calendar year and with the USA Water Referees” Association (USAWPRA.org). Registration with USAWPRA is FREE and is mandatory for consideration to USA Water Polo Sanctioned Event Assignments.
2. Register for and pass the “Introductory Refereeing” Course at [www.waterpoloacademy.com](http://www.waterpoloacademy.com) or the “NEW REFEREE” class (available starting January 15, 2011) at USAWPRA.org. (You will have access to the “NEW REFEREE” class once you register with USAWPRA.)
3. Contact your Zone ODP Head Referee, (contact information listed on the USAWATERPOLO.ORG and the USAWPRA.ORG websites) to complete the required “on-deck” observation and training.
4. You are then certified as a “Rookie-Level 1” Referee and subject to the assignment criteria and limits set forth by your Zone.
5. To achieve “Full Level 1 certification” status you must register for and pass the “Minor Fouls” and “Major Fouls” courses at [www.waterpoloacademy.com](http://www.waterpoloacademy.com) OR the “Application of Advantage and Classification of Fouls” class, (available starting March 1, 2011), at USAWPRA.ORG. within the current “certification period” (Please see the “Referee Rating and Certification Criteria” on the USAWPRA.ORG and USAWATERPLO.ORG websites for more information.)

#### **Returning Referees:**

1. Register with USA Water Polo as a “Referee” or “Referee/Coach” Member for the current calendar year.
2. Register for and pass the “Review of Fouls” course or the next course in sequence at [www.waterpoloacademy.com](http://www.waterpoloacademy.com) OR the “Recertification/Review” class, (available starting March 1, 2011), at USAWPRA.ORG.

OR

Attend and successfully complete a USAWPRA Referee School. These schools will be offered in conjunction with USAWP events throughout the country. A schedule of USAWPRA Referee Schools will be posted on the USWPRA.ORG website.

3. Contact your Zone ODP Head Referee to complete the required “practical” portion of your certification and advancement requirements. Certification criteria are posted on the USAWATERPOLO.ORG and the USAWPRA.ORG websites.