



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

### **AN OVERVIEW OF USAWP REFEREE CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES**

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

1. Register with USA Water Polo as a “Referee” or “Referee/Coach” Member.
2. Register for and pass the “Introductory Refereeing” Course at [www.waterpoloacademy.com](http://www.waterpoloacademy.com)
3. Contact your Zone ODP Head Referee (contact information listed on this website) to complete the required “on-deck” observation and training.
4. You are then certified as a “Level 1 – Provisional” Referee and subject to the assignment criteria and limits set forth by your Zone.
5. To achieve “full certification” status you must register for and pass the “Minor Fouls” and “Major Fouls” courses at [www.waterpoloacademy.com](http://www.waterpoloacademy.com) within the current “certification period” (Please see the “Referee Rating and Certification Criteria” on this website for more information.)

#### **Returning Referees:**

1. Register with USA Water Polo as a “Referee” or “Referee/Coach” Member.
2. Register for and pass either the “Review of Fouls” course or the next course in sequence at [www.waterpoloacademy.com](http://www.waterpoloacademy.com).
3. Contact your Zone ODP Head Referee to complete the required “practical” portion of your certification. (Please see the “Referee Rating and Certification Criteria” for details as to the “practical” requirement(s) for each level of Certification.