

OFFICIATING CAREER PATHS

On Court Officiating

Provisional Official – An inexperienced umpire who has passed the written test.

Sectional Official – An umpire who has met at least the minimum criteria to be a roving line and/or chair umpire, has attended an approved school, and has passed the written test.

USTA Official – A line and/or chair umpire who has met the appropriate experience and evaluation criteria established under Article IX by the National Officials Committee, has attended an approved school, and has passed the written test.

National Official – A line and/or chair umpire who has made the more stringent experience and evaluation criteria established under Article IX by the National Officials Committee, has attended an approved school, and has passed the written test.

Professional Official – A line and/or chair umpire who has met the most stringent experience requirements established under Article IX, has attended an approved school, and has passed the written test.

Administrative

Sectional Referee – An official who has met at least the minimum criteria to be a referee, has attended an approved school, and has passed a written test.

USTA Referee – A referee who has met the appropriate experience criteria established under Article IX by the National Officials Committee, has attended an approved school, and has passed the written test.

USTA Chief Umpire – A USTA certified line or chair umpire who has met the appropriate experience criteria established under Article IX.

National Referee – A referee who has met the more stringent experience criteria established under Article IX, has attended an approved school, and has passed a written test.

Professional Referee – A referee who has met the most stringent experience criteria established under Article IX, has attended an approved school, and has passed the written test.

Professional Chief Umpire – A USTA certified line or chair umpire who has met the most stringent experience criteria established under Article IX.

Trainer Evaluator

Sectional Trainer-Evaluator – An umpire certified as a USTA National or Professional chair umpire, who has been nominated by his Sectional Chairman, and attended a Trainer-Evaluator school.

National Trainer – Evaluator – An umpire certified as a USTA, National or Professional chair umpire or referee, named by the National Chairman, and attended a Trainer-Evaluator school.

Trainer-Evaluators (T/Es) teach approved umpire schools and work with officials at tournament sites to improve the overall quality of officiating, as well as to correct specific deficiencies noted in individual umpires.

T/Es are also responsible for preparing written evaluations for umpires which are required to be certified as a USTA or National chair or line umpire.