

## VISOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Basic Eligibility Requirements: Must be at least 18 years of age and have officiated at the varsity high school level, USSF State level, or demonstrated proficient refereeing skills, as judged by assessors, named references, and Area Reps.

### Application Requirements:

Interested applicants must contact the respective Area Rep to discuss qualifications and express an intent to join VISOA. See [www.visoa.org](http://www.visoa.org) for names and contact info for VISOA Area Reps. After initial screening from Area Rep, applicants must Submit

- a current VISOA application form (see VISOA website for form)
- along with a nonrefundable \$25 application fee (check payable to VISOA), which must be sent to the applicable Area Rep-see dates below.
- Applications must provide 2 assessments (from within the last two calendar years), as well as provide 3 references, one of which must be from a current VISOA referee or assessor (the reference cannot be from a current board member).

### Application Timeline:

January 1 – March 1 – Notify Area Rep to discuss qualifications and intent to submit application.

**April 1 -Application deadline (Form and \$25 Fee submitted to Area rep)**

May 1 – Applicants notified of acceptance.

Applicant Expectations: College officiating requires a high level of commitment. VISOA is a regional organization with various customers in and around Virginia. As such, every member is expected to travel outside their home area for games.

Each applicant is encouraged to participate in at least one high level youth tournament in March, such as the Annandale Premier Cup ([www.alliancecup.com](http://www.alliancecup.com)) and/or Jefferson Cup ([www.cvsra.com](http://www.cvsra.com)), or a college spring festival in March or April. Applicants will be evaluated by USSF/VISOA assessors and/or senior VISOA referees. If unable to attend any tournament, applicants should advise the Area Rep.

Successful applicants must complete the NISOA physical fitness test at a regional site in May or June and attend the VISOA annual training clinic in July-see VISOA Website for CAMP DATES. Talk to the area rep about current VISOA dues.

Those meeting the certification requirements including passing the physical and written tests will become probationary VISOA members.

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