

**USA**

Joe Campbell

I began as a referee in regular volleyball in Misawa, Japan in 1979 while working for the US Air Force. In 1989 while living in Las Vegas, Nevada I received a phone call from the Mayor of Las Vegas asking if I would referee an International competition that would be played at the Las Vegas Hilton. I soon found out it was the ISOD (International Sports Federation for Disabled) World Championships (sitting and standing). At the completion of this competition, Mr. Radu Rosenthal, Chairman of WOVD Referee Commission, asked if I would like to become more involved with their organization. I replied “yes” because I was utterly amazed at the athleticism of the athletes. In 1992 I received my invitation to attend an international referee course that was held in Great Britain, and so my career began with standing volleyball.

I have 3 people to thank for their influence on me as a referee.

Moke Taipiano as he conducted my first referee clinic in Japan in 1979.

Pete Velasco a player for team USA in the 1960's (now in the International Volleyball Hall of Fame) was a collegiate coach in California, and he guided me and provided great feedback on my performances as a referee while I was a young referee.

Gaby Lotan as he always gave me exceptionally good feedback on my performance as a referee for ISOD/WOVD/WPV. He gave me good training and worked with me to improve my skills as a referee with physically challenged athletes.

Standing events in which I was involved included):

1989 (Referee) World Championships – Las Vegas, Nevada USA

1992 (Referee) Paralympic Games – Barcelona, Spain

1994 (Referee) Standing World Championships – Bottrop, Germany

1996 (Referee Course Instructor) Denver, Colorado

1996 (Referee & Observer) Paralympic Games – Atlanta, Georgia USA

1998 (Referee & Observer) Standing World Championships – Olsztyn, Poland

1999 (Referee Delegate) PANAM OPEN/World Cup – Laval, Quebec, Canada

2000 (Referee) Paralympic Games – Sydney, Australia

Official posts held:

1994 – 2012: PVPA Referee Commissioner

2012 – Present: PVPA President & WPV Board Member

