

**ASSESSMENTS
&
UPGRADE**

Upgrade Requirements

Criteria	8-7	7-6	6-5
Experience (Cumulative)	Referee: 75 AR: 25	Referee: 100 AR: 25	Referee: 150 AR: 50
Game Level (USSF Affiliated)	Any USSF Games	U18 Competitive League Games	50 of the 150 on adult Division 1 or higher*
Time in Present Grade	12 months prior to application	12 months prior to application	12 months prior to application
Training	5 hours Intermediate	19 hours State Referee Training Course	7 hours Advanced in- service
Assessment	1 Referee on U17 or higher	1 Referee & 1 AR on U17 competitive league & 1 Referee on adult Div 2 or higher	2 Referee and 1 AR on adult Division 1 league or higher*

Annual Renewal Requirements

Criteria	7	6	5
In-Service Training	5 hours during the preceding 12 months	5 hours during the preceding 12 months	5 hours during the preceding 12 months
Time in Present Grade	12 months prior to application	12 months prior to application	12 months prior to application
Physical Fitness Test	Required (with passing score)	Required (with passing score)	Required (with passing score)
Assessment	None	1 Referee assessment on adult Division 2 or higher*	1 Referee assessment on adult Division 1 or higher*

Registration (Grade 7 & above)

Submit copies of the following documents to the State Referee Administrator:

- Registration form (obtained at www.cnra.net)
- Game Log (if upgrading) – form can be obtained at www.cnra.net
- Assessment(s)
- Written Test
- Physical Test
- Training dates and locations (or certificates)

NOTE: If you register online, you will automatically be downgraded to referee grade 8!

Sufficient Test Criteria

Definition: Sufficient Challenge or Ratable Game

*Overall, it is the competitive nature of the “Game” that determines if a game is “Ratable” and **not** the referee’s performance. The referee’s performance determines the grade or rating or assessment score.*

- The “Game” must be a “Sufficient Challenge” whereby the “Game” presents a referee with the opportunity to exhibit/display the characteristics provided below as they relate to the level they are recertifying for or upgrading to. **If a majority of the opportunities exist, the game is therefore a “Sufficient Challenge” and Ratable.**
- The “Game” must present the referee with the opportunity to deal with a majority of the situations noted below. If the situations do not exist, the game cannot be rated. If the situations exist but the referee fails to deal with them, then the referee’s overall performance rating or grade should reflect the failure to address the challenge appropriately.
- **The “Game” must provide the referee the stage to exhibit and demonstrate skills necessary to succeed at the level for which they are being assessed.**

Performance Expectations – Grade 7

Grade 7: Referee – Intermediate level

Referee is expected to demonstrate the following skills *in addition* to those found in a Grade 8:

- Demonstrates fitness to run a flexible diagonal for the entire game and always keep the AR in view.
- Has a work rate that varies from a jog, to light sprint, to a full out sprint when the game demands it.
- Has a firm grasp of the Laws of the Game and understands when to invoke the Spirit of the Game vs. the Letter of the Law while managing the game and the players.
- Demonstrates some personality in managing players and uses some preventative mechanics to avoid problems during the match.
- Demonstrates self confidence in decisions and is willing to be approached by players who have questions.
- Demonstrates a strong presence with the use of the whistle, appearance, and body English.
- Demonstrates the proper use of advantage.
- Demonstrates foul recognition and foul discrimination.
- Makes good use of cards for game control and demonstrates good card mechanics.
- Makes effective use of assistance given by AR's on offside, and misconduct.
- Often ignores dissent rather than deal with it.

Performance Expectations – Grade 6

Grade 6: Referee – Adult Level Games

Referee demonstrates all the previous grade skills plus the addition of higher level skills in managing the game and players:

- Demonstrates an understanding of subtle and tactical fouls.
- Demonstrates a high level of fitness and dynamic positioning to ensure a proper view of challenges.
- Demonstrates proper mechanics and positioning for static restarts.
- Uses personality to help defuse flash points and to manage players.
- Demonstrated consistency in fouls recognition, foul discrimination and use of cards.
- Demonstrates the ability to read play and anticipate rather than react to game situations.
- Demonstrates good eye contact with AR's on all dead ball situations and makes good use of their assistance on offside decisions and fouls, as appropriate.
- Demonstrates knowledge of the Laws of the Game, proper mechanics and procedures, knowledge of recent memoranda, and proper restarts for all situations. Is beginning to develop a solid and thorough understanding of the most recent teachings and directives from U.S. Soccer.
- Demonstrates some preventive refereeing skills.

Performance Expectations – Grade 5

Grade 5: Referee – Advanced Level Adult Games

Referee demonstrates all the requirements for the lower grade levels as well as:

- Capable of refereeing the highest level amateur games within the state and in regional and national tournaments. AR on higher level games including some professional games.
- Demonstrates pre-game planning and game preparation skills.
- Recognizes tactical play, player roles, and tactics the teams are employing to achieve their goals.
- Demonstrates good fitness and a flexible diagonal to stay close to critical play without interfering with player's options and always having the AR in view.
- Exhibits regular good physical presence, strength of whistle, body language and presence when making/selling decisions.
- Makes use of his/her personality to manage the game with calculated risk taking, 100% enforcement of misconduct and good game control.
- Demonstrates the ability to distinguish between trifling fouls and fouls that need to be called based upon the skill level of the players.
- Recognizes fouls that are reckless and meant to injure players and issues the appropriate cards in response to those actions.
- Demonstrates the use of advantage when appropriate and allows teams to take the quick free kick when they wish to do so.
- When cards are given, always gets something in return that results in player behavior modification.
- Demonstrates management of the game techniques in recognizing gamesmanship tactics, simulations, delaying tactics, etc., which results in maximum playing time for both teams.
- Demonstrates a thorough verbal and relatively consistent application of U.S. Soccer teachings and directives on the field and during off-field discussions.

Assessment Criteria

Criteria 1 – Personality and Communication

- 1.1 Personality and Presence
- 1.2 Communication

Criteria 2 – Game Control and Flow

- 2.1 Misconduct
- 2.2 Big Picture approach in Game Context
- 2.3 Allowed Game Flow
- 2.4 Foul Recognition/Discrimination
- 2.5 Tactical Approach

Assessment Criteria

Criteria 3 – Teamwork

Criteria 4 – Points of Emphasis

- 4.1 Tackles/Elbows/Contact above shoulders
- 4.2 Dissent/Mass Confrontation

Criteria 5 – Managing the Technical Area

Criteria 6 – Fitness/Work Rate/Movement

- 6.1 Fitness/Agility/Stamina/Work Rate
- 6.2 Positioning/Movement

How to Obtain an Assessment

- Obtain an assignment to an appropriate level match
- Contact the District Director of Assessment (Ken Geisler) at least one week, preferably 2 weeks, prior to the match
- Submit the appropriate assessment request form, including the assessment fees, to the District Director of Assessment prior to the match
- Relax and have a great match

Entry Level Assessor Clinic

1st Quarter 2012

- Minimum 5 years experience as a referee
- Minimum referee grade – 7 at some point during your referee career
- Minimum 1 year as a mentor in a local league or in the district
- Observation/evaluation at a Development and Guidance session by the DDA
- Observation/evaluation at a Development and Guidance session by the SDA
- SDA invitation to attend the Entry Level Assessor Clinic
- Successfully complete the Entry Level Assessor Clinic

Possible Future USSF Policies

- ⊙ Entry Level Referee Grade
- ⊙ Grade 8 D&G
- ⊙ Grade 7 Maintenance Assessment
- ⊙ State Grade Maintenance Assessments
 - ✓ 1 arranged/paid by the referee
 - ✓ 1, preferably 2, arranged/paid by the State

USSF Publications

- ✓ Advice to Referees
- ✓ Guide to Procedures
- ✓ Referee Administrative Handbook
- ✓ Laws of the Game

Laws of the Game

www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Laws-of-the-Game.aspx



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