



To: National Referees
National Referee Candidates
Grade 5 Referees
State Referee Administrators
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Re: New National Referee Assessment Requirements

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Earlier this year the National Referee Committee met with the U.S. Soccer technical staff and discussed the need to review the "List of Approved Games" and our approach to the assessment requirements for National Referees. It was determined that the current "List of Approved Games" no longer adequately meets the referee development needs of U.S. Soccer. To that end, after several months of work, a new method of placing games into "Categories" has been reviewed and approved by U.S. Soccer.

Games are now placed into three specific categories and referees will be required to be assessed at different categories based on Referee Grade. The "List of Approved Games" will no longer be used and will not apply to any future assessments. The new method is effective December 1, 2009 thru November 30, 2010 and applies to all existing National Referees and National Candidates. Attached is a chart outlining the new method. Please review it carefully as it will affect anyone wishing to remain or become a U.S. Soccer National Referee.

Please contact Adrian Garibay at agaribay@ussoccer.org or 312/528-1258 should you have any questions.

Thank you

