



Registration and Recertification Requirements

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Grassroots Referee (formerly Grade 7, 8, 9) New Referee Certification Requirements		
Criteria	CNRA	USSF
Age	13	13
Previous Game Experience	N/A	N/A
Previous Certification Experience	N/A	N/A
Training	U.S. Soccer Standard *Field session will be virtual due to COVID-19	Online + In-Person Grassroots Modules
Safety and Compliance	U.S. Soccer Standard	SafeSport Trained
Laws of the Game Test	U.S. Soccer Standard	Online – Grassroots Test
Fitness Test	N/A	N/A – Determined by Competition
Practical Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Existing Referee Recertification Requirements		
Previous Certification	U.S. Soccer Standard	Grassroots Referee
Training	N/A	N/A
Safety and Compliance	U.S. Soccer Standard	SafeSport Trained
Laws of the Game Test	U.S. Soccer Standard	Online – Grassroots Test
Fitness Test	N/A	N/A – Determined by Competition
Practical Evaluation	N/A	N/A
Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any additional requirements mandated by CNRA must be made public. • All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the CNRA. 		



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Regional Referee (formerly Grade 5, 6) Upgrade Requirements		
Criteria	CNRA	USSF
Age	U.S. Soccer Standard	18 Years of Age and Older
Previous Game Experience	U.S. Soccer Standard	50 Games as a Referee and 25 games as an Assistant Referee at the Local Adult Amateur Level
Previous Certification Experience	U.S. Soccer Standard	Minimum of three (3) years as Grassroots Referee
Training	U.S. Soccer Standard *Training will be virtual due to COVID-19	Regional Referee Course – In person
Safety and Compliance	U.S. Soccer Standard	SafeSport Trained
Laws of the Game Test	U.S. Soccer Standard	Online – Regional Test
Fitness Test	U.S. Soccer Standard *Fitness testing will be delayed due to COVID-19. Registrations will be processed after test is completed.	Sprint / Interval Tests (USSF Regional Referee Standard)
Practical Evaluation	U.S. Soccer Standard	Minimum of two (2) passing evaluations as a Referee at the Adult Amateur level. One (1) passing evaluation as an assistant referee at the Adult Amateur level. One Referee evaluation can be at the highest youth level (U19 or U18 only).
Annual Recertification Requirements		
Previous Certification	U.S. Soccer Standard	Grassroots Referee
Training	U.S. Soccer Standard	Online or SRC Training
Safety and Compliance	U.S. Soccer Standard	SafeSport Trained
Laws of the Game Test	U.S. Soccer Standard	Online – Grassroots Test
Fitness Test	U.S. Soccer Standard *Waived due to COVID-19	Sprint / Interval Tests (USSF Regional Referee Standard)
Practical Evaluation	U.S. Soccer Standard *Subject to change if more competition is canceled due to COVID-19	Minimum of one (1) passing evaluation as a Referee at the Adult Amateur level. One Referee evaluation can be at the highest youth level (U19 or U18 only).



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Regional Fitness Requirements

Sprint Test

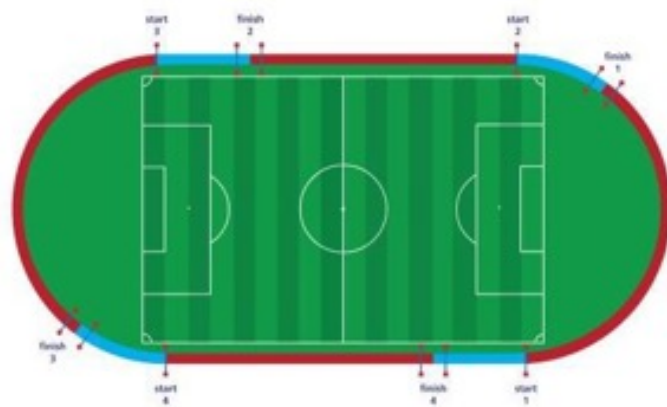
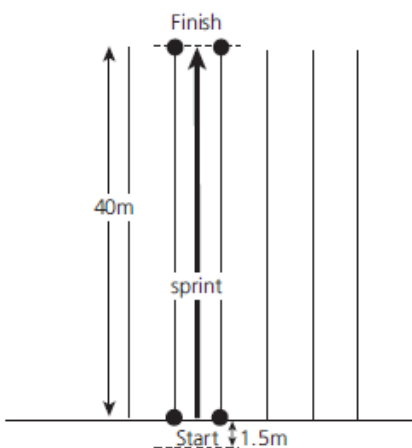
- Participants run six consecutive 40 meter sprints followed by a recovery period after each sprint (while walking back to the start line)
- Dynamic start with the front foot on a line that is 1.5 meters away from the electronic timing gates at the starting position
- If a participant falls or trips, they are allowed another attempt at that specific sprint
- If a participant fails one sprint out of the six, they are given one more attempt immediately after the sixth sprint
- If a participant fails two sprints, they fail the test

Interval Test

- Participants run a total of ten consecutive laps
- A lap consists of four 75 meter runs with four 25 meter recovery walks.
 - Starts with running 75 meters in the prescribed time.
 - Followed by walking 25 meters in the prescribed time.
 - This process is repeated to complete one lap.
- Walking area is marked by cones 3 meters on each side of the 75 meter marks.
- If a participant fails to reach the walking area in the prescribed time, they are issued a warning.
- If a participant fails to reach the walking area for a second time, they fail the test.

Notes

- The time between the sprint test and interval test should be approximately 10 minutes





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Region Referee Fitness Test Standards

Criteria	CNRA	USSF
Sprint Test	U.S. Soccer Standard	Male – Category 1 • 6.4 seconds Female – Category 3 • 6.6 seconds
Interval Test	U.S. Soccer Standard	Male – Category 1 • 17 seconds per 75 meter run • 20 seconds per 25 meter walk Female – Category 3 • 17 seconds per 75 meter run • 24 seconds per 25 meter walk



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Emeritus Referees		
USSF Description	The purpose of the Emeritus grades is to allow officials to retire from the game at the highest referee grade they attained. It may not be used to circumvent any registration, certification or recertification requirements mandated by U.S. Soccer or the State Referee Association.	
Criteria	CNRA	USSF
Age	None	None
Previous Game Experience	None	None
Previous Grade Experience	None	None
Training	Per USSF	Emeritus Referees looking to remain active must meet the established re-certification requirements each year for the level they want to officiate at and adhere to all registration requirements for that grade.
Laws of the Game Test	Per USSF	See above
Fitness Test	None	None
Practical Evaluation	None	None
Annual Renewal Requirements		
Training	Per USSF	For those Emeritus Referees looking to remain active, they must meet the established re-certification requirements each year for the level they want to officiate at and adhere to all registration requirements for that grade.
Laws of the Game Test	Per USSF	See Above
Fitness Test	None	None
Practical Evaluation	None	None
Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any additional requirements mandated by the CNRA must be made public. • All requirements listed are minimums provided by U.S. Soccer. • All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association and there is no minimum number of hours associated with either requirement. • The minimum passing test score is 80% and all testing requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association. 		



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- To become an Emeritus Referee, the official must submit a personal letter of intent to the State Referee Administrator who will then initiate the appropriate paperwork. The official must have held the referee grade in question for a minimum of three years prior to the request. The three years do not have to be consecutive or immediately preceding the request for emeritus status.
- For those Emeritus Referees looking to remain active, they must meet the established re-certification requirements each year for the level they want to officiate at and adhere to all registration requirements for that grade.
- An Emeritus Referee may become reinstated as a referee so long as they meet the established certification requirements and adhere to all registration requirements for that grade.



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Referee Coach (formerly Grade 7 Instructor and Assessor) Certification Requirements		
Criteria	CNRA	USSF
Age	N/A	N/A
Previous Game Experience	N/A	N/A
Previous Certification Experience	N/A	N/A
Training	Referee Coach Course – in person	TBD
Safety and Compliance	U.S. Soccer Standard	SafeSport Trained
Laws of the Game Test	Regional Referee Test – 90%	TBD
Practical Evaluation	Acceptable match evaluation on match provided by CNRA	N/A
Annual Recertification Requirements		
Previous Certification	Referee Coach	Referee Coach
Training	Attendance at the annual Referee Coach Seminar hosted by CNRA; and participation in a minimum of 3 monthly State Referee webinars offered by CNRA -- OR -- Participation in a minimum of 3 monthly State Referee webinars offered by CNRA; and Participation in a web-based make up seminar	Online or SRC Training
Safety and Compliance	U.S. Soccer Standard	SafeSport Trained
Laws of the Game Test	Regional Referee Test – 90%	TBD
Practical Evaluation	Minimum of three assessments completed in the previous registration year *Subject to change if more competition is canceled due to COVID-19	N/A



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Regional Referee Coach (formerly Grade 5 Instructor and Assessor) Certification Requirements		
Criteria	CNRA	USSF
Age	N/A	N/A
Previous Game Experience	N/A	N/A
Previous Certification Experience	N/A	N/A
Training	U.S. Soccer Course required	TBD – New Course
Safety and Compliance	U.S. Soccer Standard	SafeSport Trained
Laws of the Game Test	U.S. Soccer Standard	TBD – New Course
Practical Evaluation	U.S. Soccer Standard	TBD – New Course
Annual Recertification Requirements		
Previous Certification	Regional Referee Coach	Regional Referee Coach
Training	Attendance at the annual Referee Coach Seminar hosted by CNRA; and participation in a minimum of 3 monthly State Referee webinars offered by CNRA -- OR -- Participation in a minimum of 3 monthly State Referee webinars offered by CNRA; and Participation in a web-based make up seminar	Online or SRC Training
Safety and Compliance	U.S. Soccer Standard	SafeSport Trained
Laws of the Game Test	Regional Referee Test – 90%	TBD
Practical Evaluation	Minimum of three assessments completed in the previous registration year *Subject to change if more competition is canceled due to COVID-19	TBD



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Referee - Late, Lapsed & Returning Recertification Criteria	
Categories	<p>Any referee who has not registered for the next calendar year with the U.S. Soccer Federation through the California North Referee Administration (CNRA) before January 01 is considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Late - registered for the previous calendar year but not the current calendar year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Late referees cannot be assigned to or work any games until they have recertified based on the CNRA published current year recertification requirement. ○ Late referees have until June 30 to complete the recertification requirements. ○ The CNRA may add “late” administrative fees in addition to the normal CNRA and USSF recertification fees. ○ Late recertifying referees will be registered for the current calendar year only. Starting after 7/1 they may start the recertification process for the next calendar year and are expected to have the recertification requirements complete by 12/31 of the current calendar year. ○ Late referees not recertified by 7/1 move to the category – Late & Lapsed. 2. Lapsed – not registered for the previous calendar year, perhaps as far back as the four (4) previous calendar years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lapsed referees cannot be assigned to or work any games until they have recertified based on the CNRA published current year recertification requirement. ○ Lapsed referees have until June 30 to complete the recertification requirements. ○ Lapsed recertifying referees will be registered for the current calendar year only. Starting after 7/1 they may start the recertification process for the next calendar year and are expected to have the recertification requirements complete by 12/31 of the current calendar year. ○ Lapsed referees not recertified by 7/1 move to the next category – Late & Lapsed. 3. Late & Lapsed – same as Lapsed above but has an extended window to complete the recertification requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Late & Lapsed may still recertify between 7/1 and 12/31 but will incur additional fees. ○ Late & Lapsed will pay the current calendar fees and “late” fees, plus the CNRA may add additional processing fees. ○ Late & Lapsed will pay the next calendar normal registration fees ○ Late & Lapsed will be registered to referee immediately and though the next calendar year. ○ Late & Lapsed has a hard cutoff of 10/31. After this date it is not possible to recertify until the following calendar year. 4. Returning – not registered for five (5) or more calendar years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must meet all the CNRA published requirements of a New Referee. ○ Will be badged for the current calendar year (1/1- 6/30) or the next calendar year (7/1 -12/31). ○ Can be assigned and work any games upon successful completion of all the CNRA published New Referee requirements.
Process - Late and Lapsed (1-4 Years)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grassroots and Emeritus Referees - Referees will be registered at the level previously held after successfully fulfilling all of the level specific CNRA published recertification requirements published for that year. 2. Regional Referees - Referees can only be initially registered as Grassroots or Emeritus [if qualified] after successfully fulfilling all of the level-specific CNRA published



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	<p>recertification requirements published for that year. Once registered as a Grassroots referee, they may then regain Regional status after successfully fulfilling all the appropriate CNRA published recertification requirements published for that year for Regional Referees. There will be additional fees for this process.</p>
Process – Returning (5+ Years)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Referees in all Grades - Referees will initially be registered as Grassroots Referees after meeting all the CNRA published requirements for New Referee certification.2. Regional and Emeritus Referees - Referees can only be initially registered as Grassroots Referees after successfully meeting all the CNRA published requirements for New Referee certification. Once registered at this level, they may then regain their Regional or Emeritus status after successfully fulfilling all the appropriate CNRA published recertification requirements published for that year for the previously held level. There may be additional fees for this process.