



OHIO SOUTH STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

OSSRC Referee Program

Annual Referee Re-Certification and Registration	Revision	Revised	Page No.	Adopted	Policy No.
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A. Clinics

1. The dates, times, locations, and format of the annual re-certification clinics will be established by the State Referee Administrator (SRA) or the District Referee Administrators (DRA).
2. The recertification clinics for Grade 6 State Referees, Grade 7 Referees and referees upgrading to either Grades 6 or Grade 7 will be scheduled by the State Referee Administrator (SRA) in conjunction with the State Director of Instruction (SDI).
3. Recertification clinics for Grade 8 Referees will be scheduled to take place in each district between August 1 and the end of April by the District Referee Administrator (DRA) in conjunction with the District Director of Instruction (DDI). Recertification clinics will be composed of in-service sessions coupled with pre-clinic online training.

B. Grade 8 Referee Recertification Requirements with three (3) years or less experience

1. Must complete the Module "A" online training.
2. Must complete Grade 8 in-service training.
3. Must pass an OSSRC refresher exam.

C. Grade 8 Referee Recertification Requirements with more than three (3) years of experience

1. Must complete the Module "C" online training.
2. Must complete Grade 8 in-service training.
3. Must pass an OSSRC refresher exam.

D. Grade 7 Referee Recertification Requirements

1. Must complete the Grade 7 online training.
2. Must complete the Grade 7 in-service training.
3. Must pass an OSSRC Grade 7 refresher exam with a minimum score of 80%.
4. Must work a minimum of five (5) adult games annually.
5. Must be formally evaluated every two (2) years as a referee on a U16 or older match from affiliated games with a minimum of 40 minutes halves.
6. Must **take** the U.S. Soccer sprint and interval test per policy 2.3. If working Adult Men's First Division must **pass** the U.S. Soccer sprint and interval test per policy 2.3.

Note: Any referee not meeting all of the recertification requirements will be downgraded to a Grade 8 for a minimum of 1 year before being eligible to upgrade to a Grade 7.

E. Grade 6 Referee Recertification Requirements

1. Must complete the Grade 6 online training.
2. Must complete the Grade 6 State Referee in-service training.
3. Must pass an OSSRC Grade 6 State Referee refresher exam with a minimum score of 80%.
4. Must work a minimum of five (5) adult games annually.
5. Must pass the U.S. Soccer sprint and interval test for State Referees per policy 2.3.
6. Must request, by accessing the ossrc.com website, and pass a minimum of one (1) formal maintenance evaluation which meets the sufficient test criteria as referee on an adult match from U.S. Soccer affiliated games with a minimum of 40 minute halves. **This assessment will be documented on gameofficials.net.**

- a) The referee is accountable for payment to the assessor if the referee is paid for the game.
- b) The Assessor for the match shall be assigned or formally approved by the State Director of Assessment (SDA) or the District Director of Assessment (DDA).

Note: Any referee not meeting all of the recertification requirements will be downgraded to a Grade 7 for a minimum of 1 year before being eligible to upgrade to a Grade 6.

F. Grade 6 PRO and Upgrading Referee Recertification Requirements

- 1. Must complete the Grade 6 online training.
- 2. Must complete the Grade 6 State Referee in-service training.
- 3. Must pass an OSSRC Grade 6 State Referee refresher exam with a minimum score of 80%.
- 4. Must work a minimum of five (5) adult games annually.
- 5. Must pass the U.S. Soccer sprint and interval test for Grade 5 Referees per policy 2.3.
- 6. Must request, by accessing the ossrc.com website, and pass a minimum of two (2) evaluations which meets the sufficient test criteria as referee on a U16 or older match from USSF affiliated games with a minimum of 40 minute halves completed by two (2) different State Assessors. One evaluation must be on a Men's Adult First Division game. These assessments will be documented on GameOfficials.net.
 - a) Upgrade evaluations may not be completed at OSSRC academies.
 - b) Only one (1) evaluation is permitted per day.
 - c) ALL requirements need to be completed within 12 months prior to registration.
 - d) The referee is accountable for payment to the assessor if the referee is paid for the game.
 - e) The Assessor for the match shall be assigned or formally approved by the State Director of Assessment (SDA) or the District Director of Assessment (DDA) of the Referee's given district.

G. Grade 5 Referee Recertification Requirements

- 1. Must complete the Grade 5 online training.
- 2. Must complete the Grade 5 State Referee in-service training.
- 3. Must pass the National Referee test (conducted at the Pro Academy meeting).
- 4. Must work a minimum of five (5) adult games annually.
- 5. Must pass the U.S. Soccer sprint and interval test for Grade 5 Referees per policy 2.3.
- 6. Must pass a minimum of three (3) formal maintenance evaluations per policy 2.3. **This assessment will be documented on gameofficials.net. Only one (1) evaluation is permitted per day.**

Note: Any referee not meeting all of the recertification requirements will be downgraded to a Grade 6 for a minimum of 1 year before being eligible to upgrade to a Grade 5.

H. FEES AND REGISTRATION

- 1. All re-registrants must bring to the clinic they will be attending:
 - a) A completed pre-printed registration form downloaded from OSSRC.com.
 - b) A current Risk Management form.
 - c) A current Concussion form.
 - d) All Grade 6 and those Grade 7 referees working Adult Men's First Division must include a signed Maintenance-Upgrade form.
- 2. Annual recertification fees for each referee grade level are set annually by the Ohio South State Referee Committee (OSSRC) and are as posted in the **OSSRC Schedule "A"**.
 - a) The recertification fee will be collected along with the re-registration form, which is to be verified and initialed by the DRA or their designated appointee.
 - b) All checks shall be made payable to Ohio South State Referee Committee (OSSRC).
- 3. All referees who fulfill all of their re-registration requirements will be issued their appropriate referee badge upon completion of the clinic.

- a) The referee badges will not be mailed to the referee by the USSF or the OSSRC.
- b) A referee must display the current year's badge.
- 4. All re-certification requirements (i.e. forms, fees, test, assessment, attendance) for the New Year must be completed by the end of February; otherwise it will be considered a late re-registration.
 - a) Referees not completing all of their re-registration requirements until after the end of February deadline may be charged an additional late fee, as determined annually by the OSSRC and posted in the **OSSRC Schedule "A"**.
- 5. Late re-registrants will not be considered to be duly registered with USSF (and therefore are ineligible to officiate matches) until all of the re-registration criteria have been successfully completed and verified, and that the re-registration forms and fees have been accepted by either the DRA or the SRA.
- 6. All re-registrations must be completed by June 1 of the current year.
 - a) Any referee who misses completing any of the requirements by the June 1st re-registration deadline will be ineligible to re-register for that current year and will not be eligible to work any USSF games during that calendar year.
 - b) The referee can be reinstated for the following year by attending one of the scheduled re-registration clinics and completing all of the registration requirements for the upcoming year.

I. REVISION RECORD:

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