



OHIO SOUTH STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

OSSRC Referee Program

Referee Upgrade Requirements	Revision	Revised	Page No.	Adopted	Policy No.
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A. GRADE 8 UPGRADE TO GRADE 7 REFEREE

The purpose of the Grade 7 Referee training is to prepare officials for the adult amateur game.

1. Must be a minimum of 17 years of age on July 1 for year of upgrade.
2. Must have been a current Grade 8 referee for 12 months prior to application.
3. Must have a cumulative record of officiating a minimum of twenty (20) USSF affiliated games as the Referee in U16 or higher level games.
4. Must complete an OSSRC Intermediate Level Academy (Academy team, consensus of coordinator and mentors, will recommend if member is prepared for upgrade).
5. Must attend and complete the OSSRC Grade 7 Referee Recertification Clinic.
6. Must complete online USSF and OSSRC Grade 7 training.
7. Must pass the OSSRC Grade 7 Referee written test with a minimum score of 80%.
8. Must request, by accessing the ossrc.com website, and pass one (1) formal evaluation which meets the sufficient test criteria as referee on a U16 or older match (from USSF affiliate games with a minimum of 40 minute halves).
 - a) Upgrade evaluations may not be completed at OSSRC academies.
 - b) Only one (1) evaluation is permitted per day.
 - c) The referee is accountable for payment to the assessor if the referee is paid for the game.
9. Must **take** the U.S. Soccer sprint and interval test consisting of:
 - a) Six (6) consecutive forty (40) meter sprints in a maximum of 6.4 seconds per sprint. Note: A participant failing one (1) attempt will be given one additional attempt immediately after the sixth sprint. If a participant fails two (2) sprints, they fail the test.
 - b) Ten (10) consecutive laps (40 intervals): Run 75 meters in 17 seconds, walk 25 meters in 20 seconds. Note: A participant failing to reach the walking zone once (1) in the prescribed time will be issued a warning. If a participant fails to reach the walking zone a second time, they fail the test.
10. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO WORK ADULT FIRST DIVISION MEN GAMES AS REFEREE:**

Must take and **pass** the U.S. Soccer sprint and interval test consisting of:

 - a) Six (6) consecutive forty (40) meter sprints in a maximum of 6.4 seconds per sprint. Note: A participant failing one (1) attempt will be given one additional attempt immediately after the sixth sprint. If a participant fails two (2) sprints, they fail the test.
 - b) Ten (10) consecutive laps (40 intervals): Run 75 meters in 17 seconds, walk 25 meters in 20 seconds. Note: A participant failing to reach the walking zone once (1) in the prescribed time will be issued a warning. If a participant fails to reach the walking zone a second time, they fail the test.
11. *The referee must formally request an upgrade on their registration form, as well as including documentation of appropriate game count.*

B. GRADE 7 UPGRADE TO GRADE 6 STATE REFEREE

The purpose of the Grade 6 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the most competitive matches in their state and region.

1. Must be a minimum of 18 years of age on July 1 for year of upgrade.
2. Must have been a current Grade 7 referee for 12 months prior to application.
3. Must have a cumulative record of officiating a minimum of twenty five (25) USSF affiliated Adult games as the Referee. Of these twenty five (25) games a minimum of five (5) must be in the Men's First Division as the Referee.
4. Must complete an OSSRC Advanced Referee Academy (Academy team, consensus of coordinator and mentors, will recommend if member is prepared for upgrade).
5. Must attend and complete the OSSRC Grade 6 State Referee Recertification Clinic.
6. Must complete online USSF and OSSRC Grade 6 training.
7. Must pass the OSSRC Grade 6 State Referee written test with a minimum score of 80%.
8. Must pass the U.S. Soccer sprint and interval test consisting of:
 - a) Six (6) consecutive forty (40) meter sprints in a maximum of 6.4 seconds per sprint. Note: A participant failing one (1) attempt will be given one additional attempt immediately after the sixth sprint. If a participant fails two (2) sprints, they fail the test.
 - b) Ten (10) consecutive laps (40 intervals): Run 75 meters in 17 seconds, walk 25 meters in 20 seconds. Note: A participant failing to reach the walking zone once (1) in the prescribed time will be issued a warning. If a participant fails to reach the walking zone a second time, they fail the test.
9. Must request, by accessing the ossrc.com website, and pass a minimum of two (2) formal evaluations which meet 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 evaluations 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) The referee is accountable for payment to the assessor if the referee is paid for the game.
10. The referee must formally request an upgrade on their registration form, as well as including documentation of appropriate game count and completed maintenance/upgrade form.

C. GRADE 6 UPGRADE TO GRADE 5

1. Must be a minimum of 19 years of age on July 1 for year of upgrade.
2. Must have been a current Grade 6 referee for 12 months prior to application.
3. Must have a cumulative record of officiating a minimum of thirty five (35) USSF affiliated Adult games as the Referee. Of these thirty five (35) games a minimum of five (5) must be in the Men's First Division as the Referee.
4. Must attend and complete the OSSRC State Referee Recertification Clinic.
5. Must be an active member of the OSSRC Pro Academy.
6. Must pass the National Referee written and fitness test (conducted at Pro Academy meeting).
7. Must pass a minimum of two (2) formal evaluations on a PDL/NPSL or higher level game and one (1) formal evaluation on a USSF Developmental Academy U17/U18 by three different National Referee Coaches. **These evaluations will be documented on gameofficials.net. Only one (1) evaluation is permitted per day.**
8. The referee must formally request an upgrade on their registration form, as well as including documentation of appropriate game count and completed maintenance/upgrade form.

D. REVISION RECORD:

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