



OHIO SOUTH STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

OSSRC Assessment Program

Assessor Qualification and Re-Certification Requirements	Revision	Revised	Page No.	Adopted	Policy No.
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A. ASSESSOR GRADES

1. Referee Assessor (Grade 7):
 - a) Minimum Requirements
 - 1) Twenty-five (25) years of age,
 - 2) Three (3) years of experience as a USSF Referee,
 - 3) Maintained the level of USSF Referee Grade 7 for a minimum of two (2) years.
 - 4) Complete Entry Level Assessor Course. Complete 12 developmental & guidance assessments of which three (3) should be observed by a mentor assessor within two years.
 - b) Level of Assessment
 - 1) Eligible to assess Grades 7 and 8 referees.
 - 2) Eligible to assess referees for upgrade to Referee Grade 7.
 - 3) Eligible to be a mentor assessor as assigned.
 - 4) Should balance efforts between performing full match assessments, developmental & guidance assessments and Academy Mentoring.
 - c) Annual Recertification Requirements
 - 1) Must provide at least 10 hours of referee development work. Refer to Policy 4.2, H.
 - 2) A minimum of two (2) full match assessments must be at the U16 or higher level.
 - 3) Must attend an assessor re-certification clinic.
 - 4) Take a written test.
 - 5) Annual registration fees are set collectively by USSF and the OSSRC.
2. Provisional State Assessor (Grade 6):
 - a) Minimum Requirements
 - 1) Twenty-seven (26) years of age.
 - 2) Attained the level of USSF State Referee Grade 6.
 - 3) Served a minimum of one (1) year as a Grade 7 Referee Assessor.
 - 4) Completed twenty (20) full match assessments of competitive and/or regional games at the U16 level or higher.
 - 5) Attend and successfully complete the State Assessor course.
 - b) Level of Assessment
 - 1) Eligible to assess Grades 7 and 8 referees.
 - 2) Eligible to assess referees for upgrade to Referee Grade 7.
 - 3) Eligible to perform maintenance assessments for Grade 6 referees.
 - 4) Eligible to be a mentor assessor as assigned.
 - 5) Eligible to assess referees for upgrade to Referee Grade 6.
 - 6) Not eligible to perform upgrade to Grade 5 or maintenance assessments for Grade 5 referees.
 - 7) Should balance efforts between full match assessments with the emphasis on upper level youth and adult matches, OSSRC State Academy and developmental & guidance assessments.

- c) Annual Recertification Requirements
 - 1) Must provide at least 10 hours of referee development work. Refer to Policy 4.2, H.
 - 2) A minimum of five (5) full match assessments (requested or not requested) of which three (3) of these full match assessments must be at the Adult level or higher.
 - 3) Must attend an assessor re-certification clinic, and
 - 4) Take a written test.
 - 5) Annual registration fees are set collectively by USSF and the OSSRC.
3. State Assessor (Grade 5)
- a) Minimum Requirements
 - 1) Twenty-eight (27) years of age.
 - 2) Maintained the level of USSF Referee Grade 6 for a minimum of two (2) years.
 - 3) Served a minimum of one (1) year as a Grade 6 Provisional State Assessor.
 - 4) Completed thirty (30) full match assessments of competitive and/or regional games at the U16 level or higher.
 - b) Level of Assessment
 - 1) Eligible to assess Grades 6, 7 and 8 referees.
 - 2) Eligible to perform maintenance assessments for Grade 6 and 7 referees.
 - 3) Eligible to perform upgrade assessments for Grade 6, 7 and 8 referees.
 - 4) Emphasis should be directed to the assessment of Grade 6 referees and OSSRC State and/or National Academies.
 - c) Annual Recertification Requirements
 - 1) Must provide at least 10 hours of referee development work.
 - 2) A minimum of eight (8) assessments of which three (3) of these full match assessments must be at the Adult division 1 level or higher
 - 3) Must attend an assessor re-certification clinic, and
 - 4) Take a written test.
 - 5) Annual registration fees are set collectively by USSF and the OSSRC.

B. ASSESSMENT DEFINITIONS

- 1. Full Assessments - Full assessments are classified into 3 categories:
 - a) Upgrade assessments – These are requested assessments which have a minimum of 40 minute halves. The assessor is required to view the entire match, provide verbal feedback to the entire referee team, and fill out a full match report using the on-line reporting tool on www.ossrc.com.
 - b) Maintenance assessments – These are requested assessments which have a minimum of 40 minute halves. The assessor is required to view the entire match, provide verbal feedback to the entire referee team, and fill out a full match report using the on-line reporting tool on www.ossrc.com.
 - c) Not Requested assessments – These are not requested and may vary in length from 30 to 45 minute halves. The assessor is required to view the entire match, provide verbal feedback to the entire referee team, and fill out a full match report using the on-line reporting tool on www.ossrc.com.
- 2. OSSRC Sponsored Referee Academy Mentoring
 - a) These are a series of mentoring efforts associated with 1-2 fields during a tournament. A set of mentors work with the assigned academy participants in a one-on-one development format over several matches in the tournament. No documentation of feedback is used. These academies are highly recommended for upgrading referees and become more focused and select as the level increases from the OSSRC Referee Academies to the OSSRC State Academy to the OSSRC National Academy.

C. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. All full assessments (upgrade, maintenance, developmental and guidance, and not requested full assessments) must be reported using the on-line reporting tool on www.ossrc.com.

D. ASSESSOR UPGRADE REQUIREMENTS

1. Requests for upgrade must be sent to the State Director of Assessment.
2. Must meet the appropriate career and current calendar year game count requirements.
3. Must pass an appropriate written assessor upgrade test.
 - a) If the written test is failed, the waiting period before retaking it are thirty (30) days for Grade 7 Assessors and below, and ninety (90) days for Grade 6 State Assessors and above.
4. Upgrade of an assessor must be approved by the SDA and/or SRA after careful review of the assessor’s credentials and game assessment experience.
5. The SDA and/or SRA may choose to have an independent “observer” to witness the assessor upgrade candidate during an appropriate assessment to assure the candidate’s readiness for upgrade.
6. The SDA and/or SRA may not approve himself/herself for upgrade as an assessor without written consent from the OSSRC.

E. OTHER ASSESSOR REQUIREMENTS

1. Assessors have no authority to change referee assignment for any reason.
2. Responsible for attending any USSF advanced assessor clinic held within Ohio South.
3. Participate in additional training as directed by the SDA.
4. Assist with in-service training and/or other OSSRC related matters, as requested and directed by the SDA or SRA.
5. Document game count to accurately reflect assessment activity within the current calendar year.
 - a) Submit a copy of this documented activity to the DDA for inclusion in the SDA’s annual report to the OSSRC.
 - b) Include this game count on the registration form submitted to USSF (via the SDA) for recertification.

F. REVISION RECORD

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