

Criteria for Certifying and Upgrading State Referee**

Criteria	State Referee Grade 6	State Referee Grade 5
Minimum age	18	19
Experience - minimum cumulative career affiliated outdoor games at designated level	Referee: 100 (U-18 Affiliated Competitive Leagues, or higher*) Assistant Referee: 25	Referee: 150 Assistant Referee: 50
Game level to be counted for advancement	Under-18 Affiliated Competitive leagues or higher*.	Of the 150 games a minimum of 50 must be on adult Division 1 league games or higher* .
Time in present grade	12 months as Referee Grade 7 prior to application	12 months as State Grade 6 prior to application
Training course requirements	19 hour State Referee Training Course	7 hours of In-Service State Referee Training
Written Examination	75% minimum score on U.S. Soccer State Referee Exam	85% minimum score on U.S. Soccer State Referee Exam
Field Evaluation by currently registered U.S. Soccer Assessor (see notes, below)	Pass two field assessments as referee* (one must be on Div. 2 adult or higher*) and one as assistant referee in Under-17 competitive league or higher.*	Pass two field assessments as referee and one as assistant referee in affiliated top adult Division 1 leagues or higher.*
Physical Fitness Test	Required (with passing score- see page 26)	Required (with passing score-see page 26)
Annual Renewal Requirements		
In-Service Training	Five hours during the preceding 12 months	Five hours during the preceding 12 months
Refresher Exam	Passing grade of 75% required	Passing grade of 85% required
Field Assessment (see notes, below)	One assessment as a referee at Div. 2 adult match or higher*.	One assessment as referee on a Div. 1 or higher* game required.
Physical Fitness Test	Required (with passing score)	Required (with passing score)

Notes: For upgrading Grade 5/6 referees, the assessments should be completed within a 12-month period. No more than 2 failing assessments can occur within that time period. If a candidate fails a third assessment in a 12-month period, the referee must start the upgrade procedure over for the next registration cycle, starting with zero assessments. For all upgrading referees, a failing assessment must be made up by two passing assessments in addition to the original required number of assessments. No assessments will count if the game is not deemed a sufficient test.

*All games listed on the Referee Game Category Matrix qualify in this category, provided the game meets the sufficient test criteria.

****Requirements effective 9/1/2010 - All referees upgrading after 9/1/2010 are required to meet these standards.**

