



Referee Evaluation and Upgrade Information Session



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Upgrade / Re-Certification Requirements

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US Soccer Regional Upgrade Requirements

FIRST-TIME REGIONAL REFEREE REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD A REFEREE LICENSE FOR EACH OF THE TWO (2) PREVIOUS REGISTRATION YEARS OR MUST MEET THE ACCELERATED PATHWAY ELIGIBILITY OPTION*
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	25 GAMES AS A REFEREE AND 15 GAMES AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL AS A U.S. SOCCER MATCH OFFICIAL
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE	BACKGROUND SCREENING SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS
TRAINING (online and/or in-person)	REGIONAL REFEREE ONLINE TRAINING LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE IN-PERSON FIELD TRAINING
FITNESS TEST	SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS (FIFA WOMEN'S REFEREE TEST) Male – Category 1 Female – Category 3
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS	MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE CURRENT OR PREVIOUS REGISTRATION YEAR MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING EVALUATIONS WITHIN THE PREVIOUS REGISTRATION YEAR (2024 REGISTRATION YEAR: JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024): TWO (2) AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL, ONE (1) AT THE HIGHEST YOUTH LEVEL (U18 OR U19) (2 X 45-minute half) CHECK WITH YOUR STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION ON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO CONDUCT THESE EVALUATIONS



US Soccer Regional Upgrade Field Evaluations

- Three games with the final score average at 8.0 or above
- Drop the lowest score and replace it with the final score from a fourth match to achieve the final score average of 8.0 or above.

	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	MATCH 4	OUTCOME
Scenario 1	8.3	8.0	8.1		Upgrade (8.13)
Scenario 2	8.2	7.8	7.9	8.1	Upgrade (8.06)
Scenario 3	8.2	7.7	7.7	8.1	Upgrade (8.0)
Scenario 4	8.0	7.7	7.8	8.1	Not upgrade (7.96)



US Soccer National Upgrade Requirements

FIRST-TIME NATIONAL REFEREE / ASSISTANT REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

AGE	21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
ENROLLMENT	APPLICATION REQUIRED SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD A REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE FOR EACH OF THE TWO (2) PREVIOUS REGISTRATION YEARS
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	65 GAMES AT THE ADULT AMATURE LEVEL: 40 GAMES AS A REFEREE 25 GAMES AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE	BACKGROUND SCREENING SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS
TRAINING (online and/or in-person)	NATIONAL MATCH OFFICIAL ONLINE TRAINING LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE ATTEND AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE IN-PERSON NATIONAL CAMP
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (REFEREE or ASSISTANT REFEREE and GENDER SPECIFIC) CATEGORY 1
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS AS EITHER REFEREE OR ASSISTANT REFEREE EVALUATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THREE (3) DIFFERENT NATIONAL REFEREE COACHES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS REGISTRATION YEAR (2024 REGISTRATION YEAR: JULY 1, 2023 -JUNE 30, 2024)



Additional Georgia Soccer Regional Upgrade / Re- Certification Requirements

- Must Notify the State Referee Committee members (via email) of your intent to upgrade.
- New Regional Candidates MUST have a developmental field evaluation before submitting for a formal field evaluation.
- Starting 1 July, 2026, Georgia will follow the US Soccer registration year (currently 1 July to 30 June). All requirements MUST be completed within that time period or you will have to start over.



US Soccer Regional Re-Certification Requirements

REGIONAL REFEREE RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

AGE	18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD AT LEAST ONE (1) REGIONAL LICENSE IN THE PREVIOUS THREE (3) REGISTRATION YEARS OR MUST HAVE HELD A NATIONAL REFEREE OR NATIONAL ASSISTANT REFEREE LICENSE DURING THEIR REFEREE CAREER
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE	BACKGROUND SCREENING SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS
TRAINING (online and/or in-person)	REGIONAL REFEREE RECERTIFYING ONLINE TRAINING LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE
FITNESS TEST	SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS (FIFA WOMEN'S REFEREE TEST) Male – Category 1 Female – Category 3
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS	MINIMUM OF TWO (2) PASSING EVALUATIONS WITHIN THE PREVIOUS REGISTRATION YEAR (2024 REGISTRATION YEAR: JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024): ONE (1) AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL, ONE (1) AT THE HIGHEST YOUTH LEVEL (U18 OR U19) (2 X 45-minute half) CHECK WITH YOUR STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION ON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO CONDUCT THESE EVALUATIONS



US Soccer Regional Re- Certification Field Evaluations

- Two games with the final score average at 8.0 or above
- Drop the lowest score and replace it with the final score from a third match to achieve the final score average of 8.0 or above.

	MATCH 1	MATCH 2	MATCH 3	OUTCOME
Scenario 1	8.3	8.0		Maintain (8.15)
Scenario 2	8.2	7.9		Maintain (8.05)
Scenario 3	8.2	7.7	7.9	Maintain (8.1)
Scenario 4	8.0	7.7	7.9	Not maintain (7.95)



US Soccer National Re-Certification Requirements

NATIONAL RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

AGE	21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
ENROLLMENT	APPLICATION REQUIRED SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD ONE (1) NATIONAL MATCH OFFICIAL LICENSE OR HIGHER IN THE PREVIOUS REGISTRATION YEAR
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	12 GAMES IN SELECTED TRACK AT THE AMATEUR ADULT OR HIGHER LEVEL (PROFESSIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL)
SAFETY & COMPLIANCE	BACKGROUND SCREENING SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS
TRAINING (online and/or in-person)	NATIONAL MATCH OFFICIAL ONLINE RECERTIFICATION TRAINING LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE ATTEND AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE IN-PERSON NATIONAL CAMP
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (REFEREE or ASSISTANT REFEREE and GENDER SPECIFIC) CATEGORY 1
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS WITHIN SELECTED TRACK EVALUATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THREE (3) DIFFERENT NATIONAL REFEREE COACHES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS REGISTRATION YEAR (2024 REGISTRATION YEAR: JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024)



Requesting a Field Evaluation

- <https://www.georgiasoccer.org/request-an-assessment/>
- Ensure you select the correct evaluation type
 - National
 - Regular
- Ensure all information is correct (date, time, location, officials name(s)).
- Pay for the evaluation
 - National - \$200 (mileage will be billed to you if applicable)
 - Regional, 2nd or more developmental - \$150
 - Developmental - \$0 (only once per referee)
- Should details of your specific game change, please edit the request (i.e. time, location, crew members).



Requesting a Field Evaluation

- Please ensure you keep your request up to date as crew members are added.
- Any changes / cancellations within 48 hours of game time require notification to the SDA and SRA via email. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of your fee and you will be billed for any mileage incurred.
- Should your game be cancelled, do not edit the original game when asking for another evaluation. Put in a new request, in the notes, state that the fee was paid for a game that was cancelled on xx (whatever date the original game was) and do not pay for the new evaluation.
- For a regional evaluation, I will not contact you if a Referee Coach has been assigned. You will only hear from me if one cannot be assigned.
- If your game is outside the metro Atlanta area, the chances of having a referee coach assigned to your game is much lower.
- Video evaluations for Regional purposes are not an option at this time.



National Evaluation Information

- Notify the SDA and SRA (via email) of your intention to upgrade.
- Once a National Referee Coach is assigned, communicate with them as soon as possible.
- If the evaluation is via video, ensure the NRC has a link to the game and line up the debrief with all crew members and the NRC (recommended for now is within 4 days of the game). This is your responsibility.
- AR evaluations
 - Video evaluations are tough (especially if you are on the same side of the field as the camera. Don't rely solely on them.
 - Try to pair your request with that of a referee needing a National Evaluation. It is not recommended to do this alone.
- If you have a game out of state that you want evaluated, feel free to get in touch with me for assistance. Most states do have a procedure similar to what we have in Georgia, however there are some exceptions to who assigns the NRC.



Other Advice

- Your off the field behavior matters!
- Your behavior in other organizations can affect you as well.
- Social media about assignments, only 24 hours AFTER the game has finished.
- There are only 10 referee coaches and 3 national referee coaches in Georgia.
- Out of state evaluations
 - Notify me via email
 - Follow procedure in the state you are going
 - Under no circumstances are you to pay a referee coach directly or line up a field evaluation on your own.



Questions

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