



# OHIO SOUTH STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

## OSSRC Referee Program

<b>Referee Upgrade Requirements</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Page No.</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Policy No.</b>
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### A. GRADE G8/G8+ REFEREE UPGRADE TO GRADE RC REGIONAL CANDIDATE REFEREE

1. The purpose of the Ohio South (OSSRC) Grade RC Referee training is to prepare officials for the adult game.
2. Must be a minimum of 17 years of age on July 1 for year of upgrade.
3. Must have been a current Grade G8/G8+ Referee for 12 months prior to application.
4. Must have a cumulative record of officiating a minimum of twenty (20) U.S. Soccer affiliated games as the Referee in U16 or higher-level games.
5. Must complete an OSSRC Intermediate Level Referee Academy (Academy team, consensus of coordinator and mentors, will recommend if official is prepared for upgrade).
6. Must complete online Ohio South Regional Candidate Referee Course in U.S. Soccer's Learning Center, completing all course assignments prior to attending the associated OSSRC in-person meeting.
7. Must attend and complete the Grade RC Regional Candidate Referee Clinic.
8. Must pass one (1) formal evaluation as referee on a U17 or older match (from U.S. Soccer affiliated games with a minimum of 45-minute halves). Evaluation may be requested by emailing State Director of Referee Development (SDRD).
  - 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 Referee Coach or Referee Mentor.
9. Must take and **pass** the Women's FIFA Referee sprint and interval test per the following table:

SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS FIFA WOMEN'S REFEREE TEST		
	Male Referees – Category 1	Female Referees - Category 3
<b>Sprints</b>	6.4 Secs/Trial	6.6 Secs/Trial
	6 Sprints @ 40 meters	6 Sprints @ 40 meters
<b>Intervals</b>	17 sec / 75 m Run	17 sec / 75m Run
	20 sec / 25m Walk	24 sec / 25m Walk
	10 Laps	10 Laps

- a) A participant who fails one (1) sprint out of the six will be given a seventh trial immediately. If they fail two (2) sprints out of seven, the participant has failed the test.
- b) A participant who fails 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.

**B. GRADE RC REGIONAL CANDIDATE REFEREE UPGRADE TO GRADE R6 REGIONAL REFEREE**

1. The purpose of the First Time Regional Referee Course is to prepare officials for the most competitive matches in their state and region.
2. Must be a minimum of 18 years of age on July 1 for year of upgrade.
3. Must have been a Referee a minimum of three (3) consecutive years.
4. Must have been a current Grade RC Regional Candidate Referee for 12 months prior to application.
5. Must have a cumulative record of officiating a minimum of twenty-five (25) games as a Referee and fifteen (15) games as an Assistant Referee on U.S. Soccer affiliated Adult games.
6. Must complete an OSSRC Advanced Referee Academy (Academy team, consensus of coordinator and mentors, will recommend if member is prepared for upgrade).
7. Must complete all on-line training modules in U.S. Soccer’s Regional First-Time Referee licensure course prior to attending associated OSSRC in-person meeting.
8. Must attend and complete the Regional Referee Recertification Clinic.
9. Per U.S. Soccer must pass FIFA Women’ Referee sprint and interval test per the following table:

SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS FIFA WOMEN’S REFEREE TEST		
	Male Referees – Category 1	Female Referees - Category 3
<b>Sprints</b>	6.4 Secs/Trial	6.6 Secs/Trial
	6 Sprints @ 40 meters	6 Sprints @ 40 meters
<b>Intervals</b>	17 sec / 75 m Run	17 sec / 75m Run
	20 sec / 25m Walk	24 sec / 25m Walk
	10 Laps	10 Laps

- a) A participant who fails one (1) sprint out of the six will be given a seventh trial immediately. If they fail two (2) sprints out of seven, the participant has failed the test.
  - b) A participant who fails 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.** Must pass a minimum of three (3) formal evaluations on U.S. Soccer affiliated assignments as a referee.
- a) A minimum of two (2) matches must be at the Adult level or higher.
  - b) One (1) match may be at the Highest Youth Level, U18 or U19, or higher.
  - c) All matches to be a minimum of 45-minute halves evaluated by three (3) different Referee Coaches at the Regional or National level.
  - d) Evaluation may be requested by emailing State Director of Referee Development (SDRD).
  - e) Upgrade evaluations may not be completed at OSSRC academies.
  - f) Only one (1) evaluation is permitted per day.
  - g) The referee is accountable for payment to the Referee Coach.

**C. REVISION RECORD:**

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