

## U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program Referee Certification Requirements (Effective July 1, 2015)

Requirements specific to Louisiana adopted by the LSA Referee Committee (LRC) in March 2015.

### Grade 9 – Referee

The purpose of the Grade 9 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the small sided and recreational youth game. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

<b>Certification Requirements</b>	
Age	12 years
Previous Game Experience	None
Previous Grade Experience	None
Training	Complete the Grade 9 Referee Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 9 Referee Test (80% minimum score)
Fitness Test	Not Applicable
Practical Evaluation	Not Applicable
<b>Annual Recertification Requirements</b>	
Training	Complete Online Training Modules Specified by LRC
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 9 Referee Test (80% minimum score)
Fitness Test	Not Applicable
Practical Evaluation	Not Applicable

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### Grade 8 – Referee

The purpose of the Grade 8 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the competitive youth game. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

<b>Certification Requirements</b>	
Age	12 years
Previous Game Experience	None
Previous Grade Experience	None
Training	Complete the Grade 8 Referee Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 8 Referee Test (80% minimum score)
Fitness Test	Not Applicable
Practical Evaluation	Not Applicable
<b>Annual Recertification Requirements</b>	
Training	Complete Online Training Modules Specified by LRC
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 8 Referee Test (80% minimum score)
Fitness Test	Not Applicable
Practical Evaluation	Not Applicable

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### Grade 7 – Referee

The purpose of the Grade 7 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the amateur adult game. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

<b>Certification Requirements</b>	
Age	17 years
Previous Game Experience	A minimum of 100 USSF-affiliated games and 75 game-experience points <sup>1</sup> .
Previous Grade Experience	A Minimum of 12 Months as a Grade 8 Referee
Training	Complete the Grade 7 Referee Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 7 Referee Test (80% minimum score)
Fitness Test	Not Applicable
Practical Evaluation	Not Applicable
<b>Annual Recertification Requirements</b>	
Training	Complete training requirements specified by LRC, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attendance at one approved state- or USSF- sponsored recertification or training event, and</li> <li>- Completion of a field mentoring session approved by LRC</li> </ul>
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 7 Referee Test (80% minimum score)
Fitness Test	Not Applicable
Practical Evaluation	Not Applicable

<sup>1</sup>See below for game-experience point system details

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### Grade 6 – State Referee

The purpose of the Grade 6 State Referee Course is to prepare officials for the most competitive matches within their state and region. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

<b>Certification Requirements</b>	
Age	18 years
Previous Game Experience	A minimum of 150 USSF-affiliated games and 150 game-experience points <sup>1</sup> .
Previous Grade Experience	A Minimum of 12 Months as a Grade 7 Referee
Training	Complete the Grade 6 State Referee Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 6 State Referee Test (80% minimum score)
Fitness Test	Pass the USSF state referee sprint and interval tests
Practical Evaluation	Three passing assessments that meet the sufficient test criteria (from affiliated games with a minimum of 40 minute halves), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two assessments as a referee, completed by two different State Assessors (at least one of these must be from an adult game)</li> <li>- One assessment as an assistant referee.</li> </ul>
<b>Annual Recertification Requirements</b>	
Training	Attendance at one approved state-sponsored or USSF-sponsored recertification or training event
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 6 State Referee Test (80% minimum score)
Fitness Test	Pass the USSF state referee sprint and interval tests
Practical Evaluation	Minimum of 2 completed by two different State Assessors. At least one of the assessments must be as a referee.

<sup>1</sup>See below for game-experience point system details

## Louisiana Game Experience Requirements Effective July 1, 2015

In an effort to help Louisiana referees achieve the game experience required for upgrade, the types of matches in the table below provide referees with various options for accumulating the required number of points. Other types of matches can be added at the discretion of the SRA with input from the Louisiana Referee Committee. It is assumed that all games to be counted are full-sided (11 v 11), outdoor matches officiated using the diagonal system of control and affiliated with LSA.

<b>Completed Match or Activity</b>	<b>Points</b>
Referee – ISLANO	5
Referee – SELASA, BR D1 Men’s open, BR Men’s O-30, LAF D1 Men’s open, LPL	4
Referee – Other amateur <i>full-sided</i> men’s games (Alexandria, Mandeville, ...)	3
Referee – LCSL or RPL U16B-U19B	2
Referee – LCSL or RPL U17-U19G, BR Women’s open, GNOWSL, other <i>full-length</i> 11 v 11 games	1
Participation in LA Referee Academy Event (each event)	3
Participation in ODP camp (each camp)	5
Participation in Region III Championships	5
Participation in State Cup Tournament (minimum 4 matches)	1

- For matches worked as a referee, the points awarded would double if the referee receives an acceptable performance rating in a developmental assessment.
- Invitation to regional championships, out of state showcase/identification events, etc. requires an acceptable performance rating in a developmental assessment and in the interval fitness test within the past 12 months.