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**U.S. Soccer Referee Program
2022 License Pathway**



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GRASSROOTS

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GRASSROOTS LICENSE CERTIFICATION



GRASSROOT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	13 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	NA
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	NA
TRAINING	ONLINE and ON FIELD EXPERIENCE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS BACKGROUND CHECK (18 yrs. and older)
LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATES	ONLINE - GRASSROOTS QUIZ
FITNESS TEST	NONE REQUIRED DETERMINED BY COMPETITION
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	NA

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GRASSROOTS LICENSE RE-CERTIFICATION

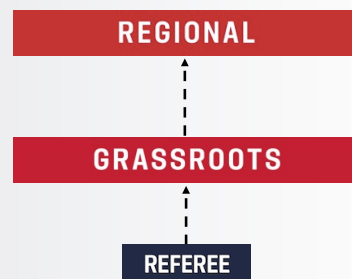


GRASSROOT RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
TRAINING	ONLINE NO IN-PERSON SESSION NEEDED
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS BACKGROUND CHECK (18 yrs. and older)
LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATES	ONLINE - GRASSROOTS QUIZ
FITNESS TEST	NONE REQUIRED DETERMINED BY COMPETITION IF APPLICABLE
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	NA

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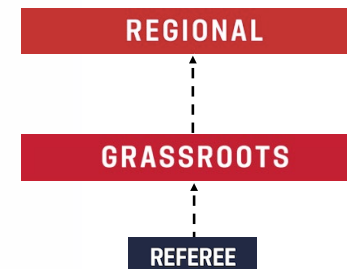
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REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION



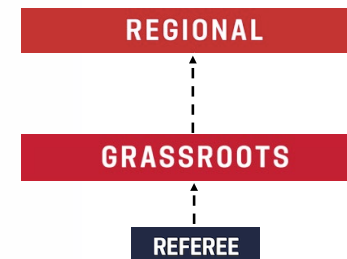
REGIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	50 GAMES AS A REFEREE AND 25 AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS GRASSROOTS REFEREE
TRAINING	REGIONAL REFEREE COURSE AND ON FIELD EXPERIENCE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE and TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS (FIFA WOMEN'S REFEREE TEST) Male - Category 1 Female - Category 3
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING EVALUATIONS. AS A REFEREE. TWO (2) AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL, ONE (1) AT THE HIGHEST YOUTH LEVEL (U18 or U19) (2 X 45-minute half) EVALUATIONS MUST BE DONE BY THREE (3) DIFFERENT REFEREE COACHES FOR ALL THREE GAMES



REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE RE-CERTIFICATION



REGIONAL RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
TRAINING	ONLINE AND ON FIELD EXPERIENCE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE and TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS	SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS (FIFA WOMEN'S REFEREE TEST) Male - Category 1 Female - Category 3
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	TWO (2) PASSING EVALUATIONS. ONE AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL ONE AT THE HIGHEST YOUTH LEVEL (U18 or U19) (2 X 45-minute half) EVALUATIONS MUST BE DONE BY TWO DIFFERENT REFEREE COACHES



REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION GAME EVALUATIONS



- For Regional Referee **certification**, candidates may use three (3) adult games to satisfy the practical evaluation requirement for certification
- For Regional Referee **recertification**, candidates may use two (2) adult games to satisfy the practical evaluation requirement for certification
- State Referee Committees **cannot mandate** that candidates use all adult games to satisfy the practical evaluation requirement

REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION



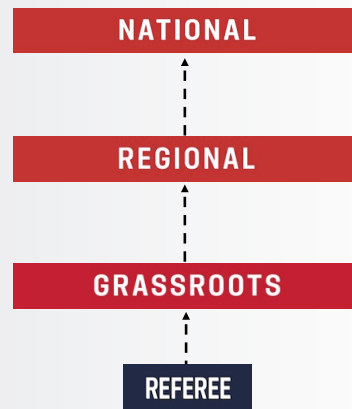
- **For the 2021-2022 Registration Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)**
 - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic State Referee Committees have the option to waive the fitness test requirement depending on state and local health department guidelines
 - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic State Referee Committees have the option to use assessments from the 2018-2019, 2019 -2020 and, 2020-2021 registration years to meet to practical evaluation requirements

REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION



- Selection begins with the candidate filling out an application stating they wish to be considered for selection
- State Referee Committees are responsible for providing the past two consecutive fitness test results on every candidate from their state.
- Candidates are responsible to provide their cumulative game count on the games worked as a referee and assistant referee

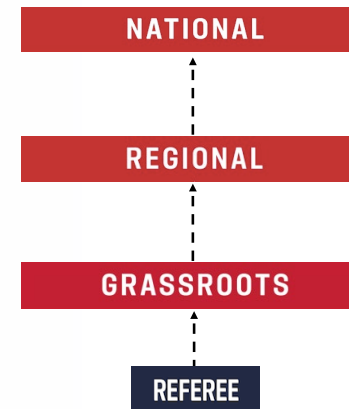
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NATIONAL REFEREE / ASSISTANT REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION



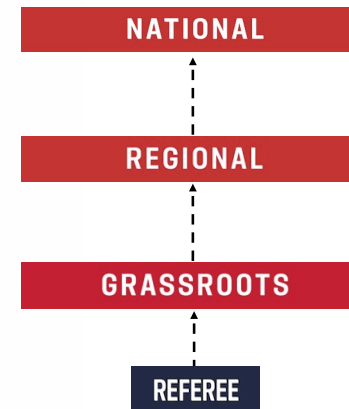
NATIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER NATIONAL REFEREE SELECTION COMMITTEE
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	100 GAMES AT THE ADULT AMATUER LEVEL REFEREE (50) AND ASSISTANT REFEREE (50)
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS REGIONAL REFEREE
TRAINING	ATTEND and SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE NATIONAL CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE and TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (REFEREE OR AR and GENDER SPECIFIC) Category 1
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS AS EITHER REFEREE or AR MUST BE BY THREE DIFFERENT NATIONAL REFEREE COACHES



NATIONAL REFEREE / ASSISTANT REFEREE LICENSE RE-CERTIFICATION



NATIONAL RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER NATIONAL REFEREE SELECTION COMMITTEE
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	12 GAMES AS A REFEREE OR 12 GAMES AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE IN AMATEUR ADULT GAMES OR HIGHER LEVEL (PROFESSIONAL or INTERNATIONAL)
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	PREVIOUS YEAR AS A NATIONAL OFFICIAL
TRAINING	ATTEND and SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE NATIONAL CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NATIONAL (NCSI) BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME UPDAT and TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (REFEREE OR AR and GENDER SPECIFIC) Category 1
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS AS EITHER REFEREE or AR MUST BE BY THREE DIFFERENT NATIONAL REFEREE COACHES



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P.R.O. LICENSE CERTIFICATION



P.R.O. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY PRO
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	50 GAMES AS A REFEREE OR 50 GAMES AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE (AS DETERMINED BY PRO)
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS AS NATIONAL REFEREE
TRAINING	PRO PRESEASON CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (REFEREE OR AR & GENDER SPECIFIC)
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	PASSING P.R.O. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (BASED ON PRO/PSRA CBA)



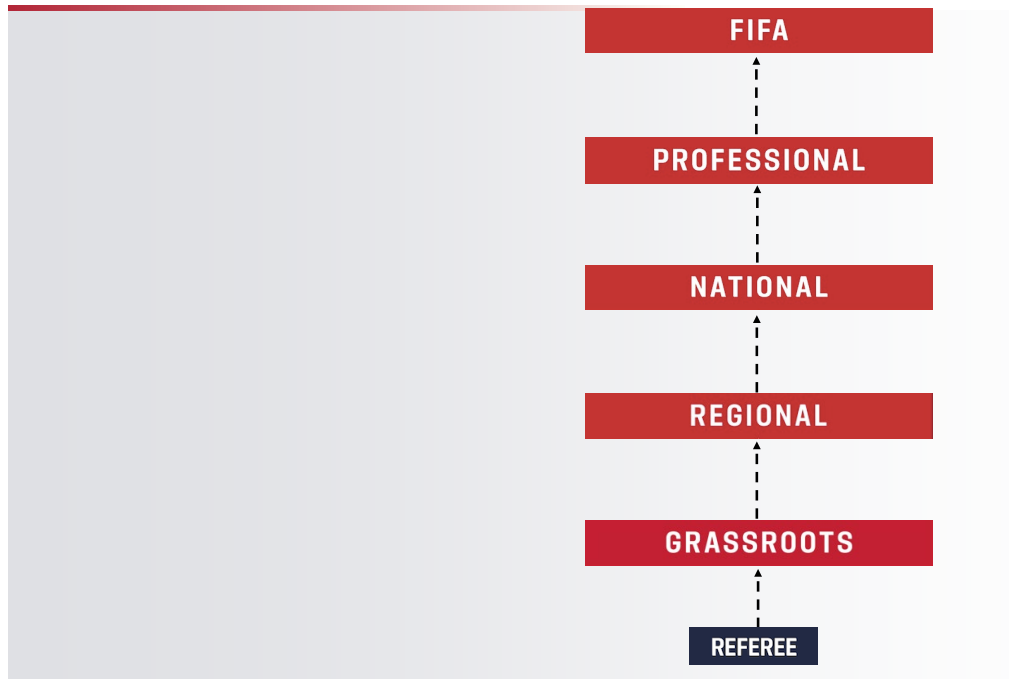
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P.R.O. RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY PRO
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	10 GAMES AS A REFEREE OR 10 GAMES AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	PREVIOUS YEAR AS P.R.O. OFFICIAL
TRAINING	PRO PRESEASON CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (REFEREE OR AR & GENDER SPECIFIC)
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	PASSING P.R.O.'s ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (BASED ON PRO/PSRA CBA)



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FIFA CERTIFICATION



FIFA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	RECOMMENDED BY U.S. SOCCER REFEREE COMMITTEE APPROVED BY USSF BOD
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	TWO (2) YEARS WORKING IN THE DIVISION I PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF TWO (2) YEARS AS PROFESSIONAL REFEREE
TRAINING	PRO PRESEASON CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NATIONAL (NCSI) BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (REFEREE OR AR & GENDER SPECIFIC)
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	PASSING P.R.O. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (BASED ON PRO/PSRA CBA)



FIFA RE-CERTIFICATION



FIFA RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	RECOMMENDED BY U.S. SOCCER REFCO APPROVED BY USSF BOD
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	PREVIOUS SEASON WORKING IN THE DIVISION I PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	PREVIOUS SEASON AS A FIFA REFEREE or AR
TRAINING	PRO PRESEASON CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE and HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NATIONAL (NCSI) BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (REFEREE OR AR & GENDER SPECIFIC)
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	PASSING EVALUATIONS AT CONCACAF or FIFA COMPETITIONS





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