

IOWA Referee Committee Grade Certification Requirements



Effective January 1, 2015

Grading Standards Memo

Effective January 1, 2015, the Grading and Recertification requirements for Grade 7 and Grade 6 State Referee have been modified to be held in line with ALL requirements as endorsed and approved by the Iowa Referee Committee.

Any referee desiring to be upgraded to these grades, and for recertification purposes, will be following the requirements listed in the tables below on this document.

Since the USSF has placed these processes under the controls of the individual state bodies across the United States, the requirements have been documented and are to be enforced.

As with any new or amended processes, there are expected to be many questions and concerns from the referee membership.

These will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

A Match Tracking Spreadsheet is available for referees to utilize, and the data submitted on that record will be verified before referee grade can be upgraded.

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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, US Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

Certification Requirements		
GRADE 7	7B - Recreational	7A - Competitive
AGE	Minimum 19 years	Minimum 19 years
Previous Game Experience	Not Required	50 matches (centers) of approved level or grade (see attached grade/level schedule)
Previous Grade Experience	Not Required	Minimum of 2 years Grade 8 Experience or Grade 7B Recreational
Training	Complete the Grade 7 Referee Course	Complete the Grade 7 Referee Course
Laws of The Game Test	Minimum Pass of 80% on Grade 7 Exam	Minimum Pass of 80% on Grade 7 Exam
Fitness Test	Not Required	Passing of the Approved Annual Fitness Test is Required
Practical Evaluation	Not Required	Minimum 3 Center Assessments on Approved Games in 2 year period
Annual Recertification Requirements		
Training	Determined by the State Referee Committee	Determined by the State Referee Committee
Laws of The Game Test	Minimum Pass of 80% on Grade 7 Exam	Minimum Pass of 80% on Grade 7 Exam
Fitness Test	Not Required	Passing of the Approved Annual Fitness Test is Required
Practical Evaluation	Not Required	1 Maintenance Assessment per year on an Approved Level Game

Notes

- All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association, being the Iowa Referee Committee. The minimum passing test score is 80%.
- At a minimum, US Soccer recommends that training include the completion of all online training materials for the Grade 7 Referee course.

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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.

Certification Requirements	
Age	Minimum Age 21 years
Previous Game Experience	50 games, 30 @ U17 Boys, 20 @ Adult Mens
Previous Grade Experience	<u>Minimum of 2 years as Grade 7</u>
Training	Complete the Grade 6 State Referee Course ¹
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 6 State Referee Test ²
Fitness Test	Pass the FIFA Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	3 Center Assessments (Minimum 2 Adult Men) 1 Adult Men AR, ALL Passing Grades
Annual Recertification Requirements	
Training	6 Hours IRC Adv. Academy, USSF National Camp
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 6 State Referee Test
Fitness Test	Pass the FIFA Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	Minimum 1 Adult Mens Assessment Passed ³

Notes

- ¹ All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association.
- ² The passing test score is 80% and all testing requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the Iowa Referee Committee.
- ³ A Minimum of 1 passing recertification assessment, meeting the sufficient test criteria from affiliated games with a minimum of 40 minute halves

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Iowa Assigning Matrix by Grade

GRADE 6 - State Referee	GRADE 7A - Competitive	GRADE 7B - Recreational	GRADE 8
State Cup U18 - 19	State Cup U13 - 17	Club U8 - U17	Club U8 - U17
ALL MRL	Up to and including MRL U16	Rec U8 - U17	Rec U8 - U17
High School Boys/Girls Varsity*	High School Boys/Girls Varsity*	High School Boys/Girls Junior Varsity*	High School Boys/Girls Junior Varsity*
ALL ISL	ISL U13 – U17	ISL U10 – U12	ISL U10 – U12
Mens Amateur	Mens Amateur		
Womens Amateur	Womens Amateur		
Eligible for Invitation to Iowa Advanced Referee Group	Eligible for Invitation to Iowa Advanced Referee Group		

Notes

- *ALL High School Assigning is dependent upon the passing and completion of ALL Required High School Officiating Guidelines
- Any questions on the Assigning Matrix are to be directed to the IRC State Director of Assignment.