

- Referees,

There is a little confusion as to how to upgrade to a Regional Referee and maintain your Regional Badge. Everything needs to go through the SDA by emailing him at sda@alassoccerref.com. Below is the process for your information.

Request an Assessment

Assessments are a formal observation and recording of a referee's performance in a match by a Coach certified with U.S. Soccer. Coaches provide a feedback session to review their observations and submit written documentation that includes a grade of a Referee's performance. If you meet the above Age, Game Experience, and Certification Experience, and feel you are ready for a formal assessment, please follow the steps in the link below. Assessments should only be requested if a Grassroots referee has met all the other criteria to upgrade to a Regional referee, or if a Regional referee needs to re-certify. **Those seeking to compile a National Referee/Assistant Referee Portfolio must make arrangements with a National Referee Coach for games they are assigned.**

Referees who are just looking for mentoring should contact their assignor.

FEEES

Fees will be paid in accordance with when the assessment is scheduled to take place.

- July 1- September 30..... \$90
- October 1- October 31.....\$95
- November 1-30..... \$105
- December 1-31..... \$130
- January 1- 31..... \$150
- February 1 – March 31 \$165
- April 1 – June 30 \$195

POLICY

1. You must already be assigned to the match you would like assessed.
2. Every effort should be made to request assessments at least 3 weeks in advance. Requests made less than 2 weeks in advance of the match will likely not be assessed.
3. You must pay the assessment fee before an assessor is assigned.
4. NOTE: A sub-par performance on a match may receive a "Need Further Evaluation" score in which case the Referee must complete a passing assessment.

PROCESS

1. Email our SDA at sda@alassoccerref.com with relevant information and complete payment.
2. If the SDA is unable to identify an assessor for the match, an automatic credit will be maintained for later use toward any future assessment request.
3. Should there be any changes to the details of the match or the referee crew, the referee MUST notify both the Assignor and the assigned referee coach as soon as possible. Any non-notification of such schedule changes that impacts the attendance of the assigned assessor, the assessment fee may not be re-credited if another assessment and assignor needs to be rescheduled.
4. Following the match, the referee crew should ensure that they have time for a full debrief with the referee coach or that arrangements are made to complete the feedback session.

Upgrade to Regional Referee

Alabama SRC and U.S. Soccer encourages referees who aspire to referee higher level games to upgrade once they feel their referee skills, experience and knowledge of the laws have developed and advanced enough to meet the criteria of managing these more challenging games.

PLEASE NOTE: FITNESS TESTS AND PRACTICAL EVALUATIONS (ASSESSMENTS) ARE GOOD FOR 12 MONTHS.

ASSESSMENTS FOR EXISTING REGIONAL REFEREES BEGINS JULY 1 UNTIL JUNE 30

GRASSROOT REFEREES ALSO START ON JULY 1 AND THEY HAVE UNTIL JUNE 30 TO COMPLETE ALL THEIR REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE THEIR REGIONAL BADGE

REQUIREMENTS

AGE MINIMUM AGE OF 18

REGISTRATION IN U.S. SOCCER LEARNING CENTER

PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE 50 GAMES AS A REFEREE (ADULT)

25 GAMES AS AN AR (ADULT)

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING IN U.S. SOCCER LEARNING CENTER

SAFETY COMPLIANCE SAFESPORT + INTRO TO HEALTH AND SAFETY IN U.S. SOCCER LEARNING CENTER

BACKGROUND CHECK IN U.S. SOCCER LEARNING CENTER

ASSIGNMENTS IN U.S. SOCCER LEARNING CENTER

FITNESS FIFA SPRINT AND INTERVAL TESTS

MALE: CATEGORY 1

FEMALE: CATEGORY 2

PRACTICAL EVALUATIONS (3) ADULT MATCH (2)

U18/19 MATCH (1)