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U.S. Soccer Referee Program 2023 License Pathway

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GRASSROOTS LICENSE CERTIFICATION

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AGE	13 YEARS OF A
ENROLLMENT	REGIST
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	Ν
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	Ν
TRAINING	ONLINE and INPER
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPOF SAFE and HEALTHY PL BACKGROUND CHEC
LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATES	ONLINE – GRAS
FITNESS TEST	NONE R DETERMINED B
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	Ν



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ASSROOTS QUIZ

REQUIRED **BY COMPETITION**

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REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION

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AGE	18 YE
ENROLLMENT	
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	25 GAMES AS A REFE AT THE
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD A PREVIOL
TRAINING	REGIONAL REFEREE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFE and HEA BA
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Female - Category 3

3) PASSING EVALUATIONS AS A REFEREE. DULT AMATEUR LEVEL, ONE (1) AT THE EVEL (U18 or U19) (2 X 45 - minute half) ST BE DONE BY THREE (3) DIFFERENT **REFEREE COACHES** OR ALL THREE GAMES

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REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE RE-CERTIFICATION

REGIONAL RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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TRAINING	ONLINE AND
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAF SAFE and HEAL BAG
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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
- adult games to satisfy the practical evaluation requirement



State Referee Committees cannot mandate that candidates use all

REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

• For the 2022-2023 Registration Year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

• Regional Referee fitness tests are Regional Referee candidates



Regional Referee fitness tests are required for all certifying and recertifying

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ENROLLMENT – MINIMUM AGE 45	
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	3 YEARS REGISTERED
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SA SAFE and HEAI BA
TRAINING and Testing	ONLINE - NATIO
FITNESS TEST	
PRACTICAL APPLICATION	





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REFEREE EMERITUS

- the referee has attained. It may not be used to circumvent the fitness testing and registration procedures of U.S. Soccer
- and continuing to referee at a lower level



• The purpose of the emeritus license is to retire from the highest level

 The emeritus license allows a National or Regional official the option of retiring from those levels of officiating while retaining that license

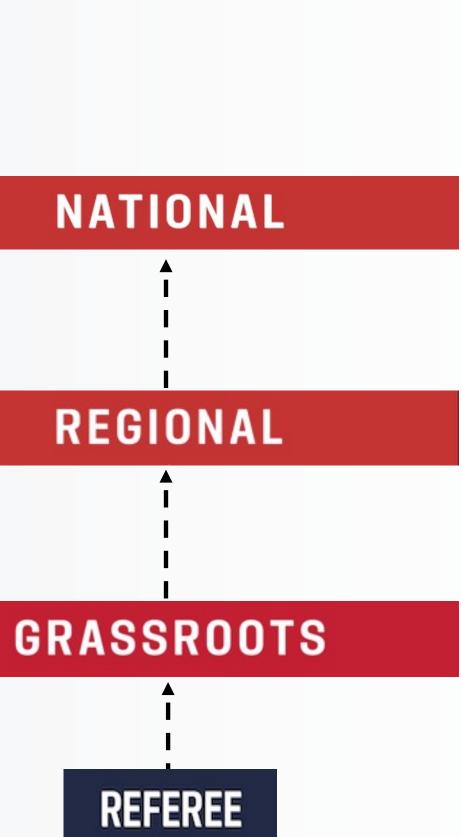
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- \bullet has been met for recertification including the following.
 - Passing the fitness test for the license ${ \bullet }$
 - Completed the number of evaluations for the license



An emeritus referee may reinstate as an active official at the license level the official retired from once all the game criteria for the license





NATIONAL REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION

- The selection process begins with the candidate filling out an application stating they wish to be considered as a national official.
- 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.





NATIONAL REFEREE / ASSISTANT REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION

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ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY U.S. S		
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	65 GAMES A REFEREE (40		
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD A		
TRAINING	ATTEND and SUCC		
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFE and HE NATIO		
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- SOCCER NATIONAL REFEREE SELECTION COMMITTEE
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- A REGIONAL LICENSE FOR THE PREVIOUS IO REGISTRATION YEARS
- CESSFULLY COMPLETE NATIONAL CAMP
- SAFESPORT TRAINED EALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS ONAL BACKGROUND CHECK
- NLINE NATIONAL TEST
- FIFA FITNESS TEST E OR AR and GENDER SPECIFIC) Category 1
- (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS AS EITHER REFEREE or AR DIFFERENT NATIONAL REFEREE COACHES

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NATIONAL REFEREE / ASSISTANT REFEREE LICENSE RE-CERTIFICATION

ENROLLMENT	SELECTE NATIONAL REFER
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PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	PREVIOUS YEAR
TRAINING	ATTEND and SU NAT
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFES SAFE and HEALTH NATIONAL (NCS
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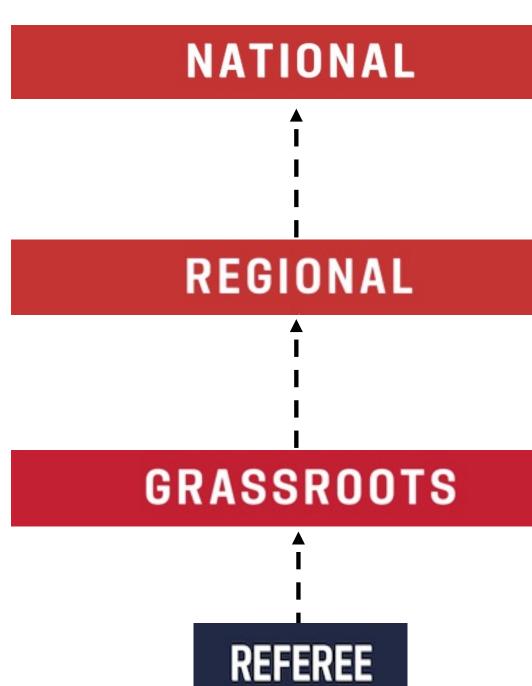
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