

Criteria Needed for [Upgrade](#) to New Referee Grade for the Next Registration Period

Current Grade	Written test	Fitness Test	Field Assessment	Registration Fee - 2021
Grassroots to Advanced Grassroots	Pass 80%	Yes	One needed as a referee on a USSF affiliated U-17 match or higher	\$50 (\$75 Assessment Fee)
Advanced Grassroots to Regional Referee	Pass 80%	Yes	Three needed (different state assessors/referee coaches): 1. Referee on a USSF affiliated division 1 adult match or higher 2. Referee on a USSF affiliated division 1 adult match or higher 3. Assistant Referee on a USSF affiliated U18 match or higher	\$85 Two Referee Assessments (\$150) One AR Assessment (\$15)
Regional Referee to National Referee	Determined by the National Referee Committee	Yes	Three assessments by three separate national referee coaches on adult matches	\$110 Assessment Fee determined by national

YEAR in GRADE:

- Advanced Grassroots Referee requires 1-year in grade before being eligible to upgrade.
- Regional Referee requires 2-years in grade before being eligible to upgrade to national.

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT:

- Advanced Grassroots Referee – 18 years of age
- Regional Referee – 21 years of age

Note: Stricter guidelines than those outlined by US Soccer may be carved out by the SRA or SRC.

This document serves only as a reference – the approved Maintenance and Upgrade criteria are detailed in the Policies and Procedures for US Soccer Referee Program and Western New York State Referees Association.