

Criteria Needed for Maintaining Referee Grade for the Next Registration Period

Current Grade	Written test	Fitness Test	Field Assessment	Registration Fee - 2017
Referee Grade 8 and Grade 9	minimum score of 80% on the Grade 8 Referee Exam	No	No	\$50
Referee Grade 7	minimum score of 80% on the Grade 7 Referee Exam	Yes	One needed as a referee on a USSF affiliated U-17 match or higher	\$55
State Referee Grade 6	minimum score of 80% on the State Referee Exam	Yes	Two needed; one as a referee on a USSF affiliated division 1 adult match or higher PLUS one as an assistant referee on a USSF affiliated division 1 adult match or higher (different state assessors)	\$85
State Referee Grade 5 (National Candidate)	Pass the National written test as outline by the National Referee Committee	Yes	Three assessments by three separate national assessors on adult matches	\$110

Fee amounts include US Soccer and State Maintenance Fee. Local units/districts may have additional fees.

Clinic/Classroom Requirements for Each Grade

Current Referee Grade	Maintenance	Upgrade to Next Level
9	3-hour Recert	Attend the Grade 8 Recert or a Bridge Course
8	3-hour Recert (Grade 8)	Grade 7 Upgrade Course
7	3-hour Recert (Grade 7)	State Referee Upgrade Course
6	3-hour Recert (State Referee)	Determined by the State Referee Administrator and the National Referee Committee
5	3-hour Recert (National Candidate)	

State Emeritus: Anyone choosing to register as a state emeritus referee must meet the following criteria in addition to the referee grade level he or she wishes to officiate:

1. Must be 45-years of age by January 1 of the year in which he or she is registering.
2. Must have held the state referee rank for three years (need not be consecutively)

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.

Criteria Needed for Upgrade to New Referee Grade for the Next Registration Period

Current Grade	Written test	Fitness Test	Field Assessment	Registration Fee - 2017
Referee Grade 8 from Grade 9	minimum score of 80% on the Grade 8 Referee Exam	No	No	\$50
Referee Grade 7 from Grade 8	minimum score of 80% on the Grade 7 Referee Exam	Yes	One needed as a referee on a USSF affiliated U-17 match or higher	\$55
State Referee Grade 6 from Grade 7	minimum score of 80% on the State Referee Exam	Yes	Three needed (different assessors): 1. Referee on a USSF affiliated division 1 adult match or higher 2. Assistant Referee on a USSF affiliated division 1 adult match or higher 3. Referee on a USSF affiliated U18 match or higher	\$85
State Referee Grade 5 from Grade 6	Pass the National written test as outline by the National Referee Committee	Yes	Three assessments by three separate national assessors on adult matches	\$110

YEAR in GRADE: All grades except grade 5 (national candidate) require 1-year in grade before being eligible to upgrade. Grade 5 (national candidate) requires 2-years as a grade 6 before being eligible to upgrade. The SRA (or SRC) may impose stricter guidelines than those outlined by US Soccer.

Fitness Requirements for each Grade

Referee Grade	Sprints	Intervals
9	Not Required	Not Required
8	Not Required	Not Required
7	WNYSRA Approved Standard	WNYSRA Approved Standard
6	9 seconds x6	45 sec 150 m & 45 sec 50 m
5	6.6 seconds x6	35 sec 150 m & 40 sec 50 m

PENALTY: Failing to meet any of these requirements will result in the referee being downgraded to the next-lowest level for which he or she qualifies.

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