

Colorado Referee Committee

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Regional Referee Evaluation Procedure

Purpose and Scope: This policy describes the Colorado Referee Committee policy regarding on-field referee evaluations and requirements thereof, including types of games, frequency of assessments, process for repeat evaluations after failure for those referees requesting upgrade/maintenance as a Regional Referee.

Additional Authority: United States Soccer Federation (USSF) *Referee Certification Requirements*, dated July 2019. In addition, U.S. Soccer expects State Referee Associations to establish requirements that best support the needs of local competitions and the referees servicing them.

Responsible Parties: State Referee Administrator (SRA), State Director of Instruction (SDI), State Director of Assessment (SDA), and State Director of Assignment.

Policy Statement:

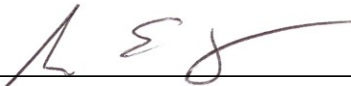
On-field evaluations are an important part of referee development and a critical aspect to referee advancement. US Soccer has established minimum requirements in order to best serve the game and players in advanced divisions of play. Those US Soccer requirements are updated regularly and published at USSoccer.com and ColoradoReferees.com. This policy is designed to ensure procedures are properly followed so that all evaluations are handled as professionally as possible and provide the referee a sufficient test in relationship to the level of certification.

1. Regional Referee Minimum Required Level of Play for Upgrade or Maintenance Evaluations:

- a. 19U/18U youth-league games consisting of 45-minute halves and played at the highest levels (i.e. Champions League top division, Development Academy (DA), Elite Clubs National League (ECNL), State Cup (knockout rounds), Far West Regionals, and other comparable games with the approval of the SRA and SDA, and in consultation with the league assignors).
- b. Adult Leagues
 - i. Boulder Soccer League - **Men's 1st Division only**, with the approval of the SRA and SDA, and with the recommendation of the CSA director of referees and assignor with respect to the game being a sufficient test.
 - ii. Colorado Premier League (CPL) **Men's Premier and Elite Divisions only** and CSA Super League.
 - iii. Professional Development League (PDL), United Soccer League (USL), and Women's Professional Soccer League (WPSL).
 - iv. Other adult games as approved by the SRA and SDA, and with the recommendation of the referee committee, CSA director of referees, and league assignor.

2. **Repeat Evaluations:** A referee may only be evaluated for advancement/maintenance on one (1) game per day or weekend. This ensures that the referee has sufficient opportunity for reflection and personal evaluation following the debriefing with the assigned referee coach.
3. **Failed Evaluations:** Upon receiving a non-passing score in an evaluation for upgrade or assessment, a referee cannot request another formal upgrade or maintenance evaluation for at least **30 (thirty) days**. Within that 30-day time frame, the referee should schedule at least one development and guidance evaluation, reflect upon the assignment, and schedule appropriate assignments to work on areas of improvement as outlined in the written evaluation.

Approved by:



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Date