



**Florida State Referee Program  
Certification and Recertification Requirements for 2015  
(Effective July 1, 2014)**

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### **Florida State Referee Association Standards**

Where provided, U.S. Soccer expects Florida State Referees, Inc. to establish requirements that best support the needs of the local competitions and the referees servicing them. This means that State Referee Associations are expected to work collaboratively with State Association(s) FSSA/FYSA leaders and local competition authorities.

Specific to requirements associated with grade, this includes:

- Minimum age
- Previous game and grade experience
- Additional assessment requirements for Grade 07 and 06 State Referees

Florida State Referees, Inc. is also empowered by U.S. Soccer to establish fitness, assessment and training standards outside the parameters of grade. Although independent of grade, these standards should be advanced when compared to the existing grade requirements. These advanced standards should be specific to the needs of local competitions or specific to participation in Florida State level development programs.

Fitness standards are required for specific Florida State level competitions, they should be conducted in accordance with the FIFA Sprint and Interval Tests. U.S. Soccer recommends that Florida State Referees, Inc. use the established standards but the required time intervals can be adjusted if needed.

Assessment standards are required, they should be conducted in accordance with the current guidelines specific to formal assessments. Florida State Referees, Inc. is also able and encouraged to utilize the following:

- Development and guidance evaluations
- Scouting and identification
- Mentoring

Additional training standards can include, but are not limited to attending:

- Clinics
- Workshops
- Tournaments or other competitions

For national competitions looking to establish requirements specific to assignment, U.S. Soccer can assist in the formation and communication of these standards.

Again, these additional standards can be instituted by Florida State Referees, Inc. outside the scope of grade requirements and are intended to promote the development of referees and support the needs of local, State, Regional and National competitions.

**Florida State Referee Program**  
**Grade 8 Certification and Recertification Requirements (Effective July 1, 2014)**

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**Grade 8 — Referee**

The purpose of the Grade 8 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the competitive youth game. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

<b>Certification Requirements</b>	
Age	No
Previous Game Experience	None
Previous Grade Experience	None
Training	Complete the Grade 08 Referee Course*
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 8 Referee Test**
Fitness Test	Not Applicable***
Practical Evaluation	Not Applicable***
<b>Annual Recertification Requirements</b>	
Training	Complete the online Grade 08 Referee Re-Cert Course***
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the online Grade 08 Referee Re-Cert Test**
Fitness Test	Not Applicable
Practical Evaluation	Not Applicable

**Notes**

- \*All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting. The training includes the completion of all online training materials for the Grade 8 Referee Course
- \*\* All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting. The passing test score is 80% for all testing requirements.
- \*\*\*All Re-Cert training requirements must be completed online.

**Florida State Referee Program**  
**Grade 07 Certification and Recertification Requirements (Effective July 1, 2014)**

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**Grade 7 — Referee**

The purpose of the Grade 7 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the amateur adult game. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

<b>Certification Requirements</b>	
Age	17
Previous Game Experience	75 Youth Games
Previous Grade Experience	One (1) year as Grade 08 Referee
Training	Complete the Grade 7 Referee Course*
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the State Referee Test**
Fitness Test	Pass the Florida State Referee Standards Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	Minimum of 1 completed Assessment
<b>Annual Recertification Requirements</b>	
Training	Complete the Re-Cert Referee Course*
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the State Referee Test**
Fitness Test	Pass the Florida State Referee Standards Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	Minimum of 1 completed Assessment***

**Notes**

- \*All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting. There is a Seven (7) hours Intermediate Course associated with either requirement. Passing grade for this test is 80%.
- \*\*All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting. There is a Five (5) hours associated with either requirement.
- All training includes the completion of all online training materials for the Grade 07 & 06 Referee Re-Cert Course with the passing test score is 75%
- \*\*\*Minimum of one (1) passing assessments that meet the sufficient test criteria (from affiliated Games with 45-minute halves) completed by a 07 or higher Assessors, and these referee assessments must be Game officiated in Florida.

**Florida State Referee Program  
Grade 6 Certification and Recertification Requirements (Effective July 1, 2014)**

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**Grade 6 — State Referee**

The purpose of the Grade 6 State Referee Course is to prepare officials for the most competitive matches within the State of Florida and Region. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

<b>Certification Requirements</b>	
Age	18
Previous Game Experience	100 Youth Games 10 Adult Game
Previous Grade Experience	One (1) year as Grade 07 Referee
Training	Complete the Grade 06 State Referee Course*
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 06 State Referee Test**
Fitness Test	Pass the Florida State Referee Standards Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	Minimum of two (2) Referee and one (1) AR assessments completed by 2 State/National Assessors***
<b>Annual Recertification Requirements</b>	
Training	Complete the Grade 06 Re-Cert Referee Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 06 State Referee Test**
Fitness Test	Pass the Florida State Referee Standards Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	Minimum of two (2) Referee and one (1) AR assessments completed by 2 State/National Assessors****

**Notes**

- \*All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting. There is a 18 hours State Course associated with either requirement.
- \*\*The passing test score is 80% and all testing requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting.
- \*\*\*Minimum of two (2) passing referee assessments and one (1) AR assessment that meet the sufficient test criteria (from affiliated Adult Games with a 45-minute halves) completed by two different State or National Assessors, All referee assessments must be from an Adult Game in Florida.
- \*\*\*\*Minimum of two (2) passing referee assessments and one (1) AR assessment that meet the sufficient test criteria (from affiliated Adult Division 2 or higher Games with a 45-minute halves) completed by two different State or National Assessors, All referee assessments must be from an Adult Division 2 or higher, these referee assessments must be Game officiated in Florida.

**Florida Referee Program  
Sprint and Interval Tests (Effective July 1, 2014)**

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**Administration**

**Sprint Test**

- Participants run six (6) consecutive 40 meter sprints (Maximum of 6.60 seconds )followed by a recovery period after each sprint (while walking back to the start line)
- Dynamic start with the front foot on a line that is 1.5 meters away from the electronic timing gates at the starting position
- If a participant falls or trips, they are allowed one (1) another attempt at that specific sprint
- If a participant fails one (1) sprint out of the six, they are given one (1) more attempt immediately after the sixth (6) sprint
- If a participant fails two sprints, they fail the test, the testing is over

**Interval Test**

- Participants run a total of ten consecutive laps
- A lap consists of two 150 meter runs with two 50 meter recovery walks
  1. Starts with running 150 meters in the prescribed time (Maximum of 35 seconds)
  2. Followed by walking 50 meters in the prescribed time (Maximum of 40 seconds)
  3. This process is repeated to complete one lap
- Walking area is marked by cones 3 meters on each side of the 150 meter marks
- If a participant fails to reach the walking area in the prescribed time, they are issued a warning
- If a participant fails to reach the walking area for a second time, they fail the test, the testing is over

**Florida State Referee Standards**

**Sprint Test**

- Maximum of 6.60 seconds per sprint

**Interval Test**

- Maximum of 35 seconds for the 150 meter run
- Maximum of 40 seconds for the 50 meter walk