New Mexico Assessment Guidelines

2016 Upgrade and Re-Certification

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New Mexico's Referee Assessment Program is focused on helping Referees develop through a group of experienced Referee Assessors who attend games and give Referees suggestions and practical tools to use on future games.

[This document covers assessments only. See other NMSRA documents for full certification and recertification requirements]

For Grade 8 and 9 Referees: Assessments are not required for Grade 8 and Grade 9 Referees. However Referees are encouraged to request an assessment for their own development by contacting the SDA (State Director of Referee Assessment)

Grade 7 Referees: An annual Field Assessment is strongly recommended for personal development and for opportunities to be assigned to higher level games, and higher game fees, but is not required for certification or recertification as a Grade 7 Referee.

Grade 6 Referees: Two formal Field Assessments are required for certification as a Grade 6 Referee, as well as annually to recertify.

Assessments may be required for all grades:

- ***Assignment to certain leagues or competitions***
- ***To receive travel funding for state, regional and national events***
- ***Participation in local development programs.***

Number of Assessments and Minimum Game Level

	For Upgrade (to this Grade)		For Recertification at current Grade
	as Referee	**plus as AR**	**as Referee**
Grade 5 and higher	**Handled directly by US Soccer; contact SDA or SDU**		**Handled directly by US Soccer; contact SDA**
Grade 6 State Referee	***Contact* SDU** **Two Field Assessments** as Referee: **One** ASL 1st Div. Men's game or higher adult* **+ One** ASL 1st Div. or higher adult*, or USYSA competitive U-17 or U-19*	***Contact* SDU** **One Developmental Assessment** as Assistant Referee: ASL 1st Div. Men's or higher adult*, or USYSA competitive U-17 or U-19*	***Contact* SDA** **Two Field Assessments** as Referee: **One** ASL 1st Div. Men's game or higher adult* **+ One** ASL 1st Div. or higher adult*, or USYSA competitive U-17 or U-19*
Grade 7 Referee	*Recommended level if performed is:* One Field Assessment ASL 2nd Division Men's or higher adult*, or USYSA U-17 or U-19*	*Recommended level if performed is:* One Field Assessment ASL 2nd Division Men's or higher adult*, or USYSA U-17 or U-19*	*Recommended level if performed is:* One Developmental Assessment ASL 2nd Div. Men's or higher adult*, or USYSA U-17 or U-19*

* All matches listed on the USSF "Referee Game Category Matrix" also qualify. Equivalent games in other leagues or competitions are also acceptable if pre-approved by the SDA. **ASL** is Albuquerque Soccer League.

CONTACTS

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– see list of DRAs at **NMSRA**
NMSRA - Administration: District Referee Administrators

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Referee Responsibilities

- Your DRA is your primary contact for help, advice or additional information.
- Check that your e-mail address in the ussoccergameoffical.net site is correct (notification that your assessment feedback is ready is sent **only** to this address)
- If you have a reason to seek a change in your assigned assessor, contact your DRA or the SDA.
- Inform your assigned Assessor(s) of your upcoming game assignment(s) at least 7 days beforehand.
- If your assigned assessor cannot assess the game, notify the SDA and request an alternate assessor.
- Work with your Assignor to get 2 ARs (2 ARs are required for upgrade assessments. 2 ARs are preferred, but are not required for recertification assessments.
- Any game you referee or are an AR or 4th official may be chosen by the SDA, SDU or tournament staff member for assessment. Before a recorded assessment begins, the referee crew should be notified that the game will be assessed.
- Game Reports - Your game report is part of your assessment. Provide a copy of your report to your assessor, unless the report is online and the assessor tells you he/she has access to it.

Assessor Fees

- Referee is responsible for paying the Assessor.
- Field assessment $75; Developmental assessment $40.
- Field assessments that are not a sufficient test are converted to developmental assessments.
- Assessments not released by the assessor to the referee within 15 days of the game, as validated by both the SDA and the referee, are subject to a penalty to the assessor of the assessment fee.
- Upgrade assessments are paid by the SRC from fees collected from the referee upgrade candidates. Payment of assessors for Recertification assessments are the responsibility of the referee. ASL has a program in place to pay the Assessor directly if the referee has met certain performance/game criteria set by ASL.

More Information for Referees

A “Field Assessment” is recorded in the US Soccer gameofficials.net database and the official’s performance is given a score by the assessor.

[If links do not work get the documents below at: ussoccer.com\MORE\REFEREE PROGRAM\RESOURCE CENTER\Assessment\Assessment Forms and Guidelines]

The assessor uses the **new September 2015** Assessment Form Criteria in evaluating your performance.

For recertification and upgrade, your performance must be acceptable and you will be expected to meet the **new September 2015** Grade Related Performance Observations. Also, the match must present a sufficient challenge for your grade.

For Grade 6 the **new September 2015** Critical Match Incident Guidelines will be used as a guideline by assessors.

A Field Assessment on a match that did not provide a sufficient test for the referee, will be changed to a Developmental Assessment with no score given in feedback to you. Besides a match with insufficient opportunities to assess your performance, an additional example of a non-ratable match may be when the game is stopped before 70 minutes. A full match is required for all **Upgrade** assessments.

To allow time to improve performance, **a waiting period is required between assessments**. After an assessment with acceptable performance the waiting period is 14 days, and after an unacceptable performance 21 days.

An unacceptable performance on a Field Assessment for Upgrade or Maintenance no longer requires additional Field Assessments with acceptable performance. Just the required number of acceptable performances is needed.

Scoring

The score you receive is dependent on your performance in relation to your grade, whether the assessment is for maintenance or upgrade, and the level of challenge the match gave you. You need a challenging match to be eligible to receive a higher score.

The minimum acceptable score is 70%. The scoring is usually between 70 and 75. See more on grading in the **new September 2015** Grading System for Match Official Performance .

Developmental Assessments receive no score, or if entered online in gameofficials.net the score will be 70 regardless of performance. The assessor's comments will identify if the performance was acceptable or needs improvement.

Additional Responsibilities for Assessors

Field Assessments:

- Field assessments must be entered into US Soccer's Game Officials assessor site for both Referee and Assistant Referees.
- Complete the online entry and send the feedback to the officials within 3 days after the game, or 7 days if extenuating circumstances exist. If you need longer than 7 days to complete the assessment report, notify both the officials and SDA.
- Notify the SDA when assessment report is complete. This notification also triggers payment of your fee if by SRC or ASL.

Developmental Assessments:

- Developmental Assessments must be written on the Developmental Assessment Form. Alternatively, the Developmental Assessment may be entered into US Soccer's gameofficial.net site. Be sure to tag it as a (D)evelopmental Assessment. If entering a Developmental Assessment into gameofficials.net for a **Grade 7,** enter a score of **70.** For Grade 6 and upgrade to 6, enter the actual score.
- Give verbal feedback to the crew at the field, and follow up with the written feedback to the referee, with either the white copy at the field, or a hard or e-copy within 3 days after the game, or 7 days if extenuating circumstance exist. If you need longer than 7 days to complete the feedback, notify both the referee and SDA.
- Only verbal feedback to the AR's is required. Written feedback is at assessor's option.
- Send a copy of the completed Developmental Assessment Form to the SDA, or notify SDA of your completed online assessment. This triggers payment of your fee if by SRC or ASL.

Reminders

- If you are not available for a game for which your assigned Referee has requested an assessment, inform the Referee and SDA. SDA will assign an alternate assessor(s) and notify the Referee.
- If the game does not present a sufficient challenge for the referee's grade, then it cannot be used for recertification or upgrade. The performance is neither acceptable nor unacceptable. However, still give verbal feedback to the Referee crew and proceed as a Developmental Assessment.
- The Referee must be judged on the new September 2015 Grade Related

Performance Observations .

- **For Grade 6 officials** the new September 2015 Critical Match Incident Guidelines Critical Match Incident Marking applies.
- Refer to the new September 2015 Assessment Form Criteria.
- For Recertification assessments, it is the responsibility of the Assessor to establish how the fee is to be paid before accepting an assignment.

- Assessment types of each official:

  (U)pgrade
  (M)aintenance
  (D)evelopmental
  (A)udit – use only when requested by SDA
  (P)Playoff
  N/A – use when no AR/FO

  Use (D)evelopmental unless the official is being assessed for maintenance or upgrade.