



NM State Referee Association

2018 Referee Certification and Recertification Requirements

To Register for 2018 complete the requirements by December 31, 2017
Training and Testing begins in August 2017. Assessments can be started in Spring 2017.

Your DRA - District Referee Administrator - is your first point of contact for any questions
[Click here for DRA contact](#)

Click below for requirements for your Referee Grade:

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See **Calendar** at nmsra.org for Upcoming Clinics and Training Meetings to Certify, Recertify and Upgrade

Grade 6 Fitness Test Standard on nmsra.org and ussoccer.com

Grade 5 - State Referee

New Mexico requirements	
Assignment	Most competitive regional events and leagues available. May include lower level professional matches.
Certification Requirements	
Age	19
Previous Game Experience	Ref: 100 games [Min. U19 competitive] AR: 25 games [Min U19 competitive]
Previous Grade Experience	1 year Grade 6
Training	Grade 5 Referee Course
Laws of the Game Test	USSF National Test 80%
Fitness Test	Pass the Grade 5 Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	3 Passing Grade 5 Assessments as Referee by different National Assessors: 2 Adult match, one Youth >=18 yrs
Annual Recertification Requirements	
Training	Grade 5 Recert Clinic
Laws of the Game Test	USSF National Test 80%
Fitness Test	Pass the Grade 5 Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	3 Passing Grade 5 Assessments as Referee by different National Assessors: 2 Adult match, one Youth >=18 yrs

Grade 6 - State Referee**New Mexico requirements****Assignment****Most competitive matches within state and region****Certification Requirements**

Age

18

Previous Game Experience

Ref: 50 games [Min U17 and min 15 games to be adult]**AR: 25 games** [Min U17 and min 10 games to be adult]

Previous Grade Experience

1 Year Grade 7 or '7 Plus'

Training

Grade 6 State Referee Course**Attend Upgrade Clinic**

Laws of the Game Test

Grade 6 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]

Fitness Test

Pass the Grade 6 USSF Sprint and Interval Tests**2 Passing Grade 6 Assessments as Referee**

[1 min U17 competitive + 1 min Div 1 adult]

Practical Evaluation

+ 1 Passing Assessment as AR [min U17 competitive]**Annual Recertification Requirements**

Game Count

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Training

Grade 6 Recert Clinic

Laws of the Game Test

Grade 6 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]

Fitness Test

Pass the Grade 6 USSF Sprint and Interval Tests**2 Passing Grade 6 Assessments as Referee**

[1 min Div 1 adult or min U17 competitive

Practical Evaluation

+ 1 min Div 1 adult]

Grade 7 Plus - Advanced Amateur Adult Referee

Advanced Grade 7 Referee [only recognized in New Mexico]

New Mexico requirements

Assignment	Higher level amateur adult and youth games
Certification Requirements	
Age	18 (SRA may allow lower age)
Previous Game Experience	Ref: 50 games [min U15] AR: 25 games [min U15]
Previous Grade Experience	1 Year Grade 8 or Grade 7
Training	Grade 7 Referee Course [if not already Grade 7] Attend Upgrade Clinic
Laws of the Game Test	Grade 7 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]
Fitness Test	Pass the Grade 6 USSF Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	1 Passing Grade '7 Plus' Assessment as Referee [min Div 2 adult]
Annual Recertification Requirements	
Game Count	-
Training	Grade '7 Plus' Recert Clinic
Laws of the Game Test	Grade 7 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]
Fitness Test	Pass the Grade 6 USSF Sprint and Interval Tests
Practical Evaluation	1 Passing Grade '7 Plus' Assessment as Referee [min U17 competitive or Div 2 adult]

Grade 7 - Amateur Adult Referee**New Mexico requirements****Assignment****Amateur adult and youth games****Certification Requirements**

Age

18 (SRA may allow lower age)

Previous Game Experience

Ref: 50 games [min U15]**AR: 25 games** [min U15]

Previous Grade Experience

1 Year Grade 8

Training

Grade 7 Referee Course**Attend Upgrade Clinic**

Laws of the Game Test

Grade 7 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]

Fitness Test

Recommended but not required

Practical Evaluation

1 Grade 7 Assessment as Referee [min Div 3 adult]**Annual Recertification Requirements**

Game Count

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Training

Grade 7 Recert Clinic

Laws of the Game Test

Grade 7 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]

Fitness Test

Recommended but not required

Practical Evaluation

1 Grade 7 Assessment as Referee recommended but not required

Grade 8 - Competitive Youth Referee**New Mexico requirements****Assignment****All youth games and lower level adult games****Certification Requirements**

Age

12 (SRA may allow lower age)

Previous Game Experience

None

Previous Grade Experience

None

Training

Grade 8 Referee Course

Laws of the Game Test

Grade 8 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]

Fitness Test

Not required

Practical Evaluation

Not required**Annual Recertification Requirements**

Game Count

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Training

Grade 8 Recert Clinic

Laws of the Game Test

Grade 8 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]

Fitness Test

Not required

Practical Evaluation

Not required

Grade 9 - Recreational Youth Referee

New Mexico requirements

Assignment

Small-sided and recreational youth games

Certification Requirements

Age

10 (SRA may allow lower age)

Previous Game Experience

None

Previous Grade Experience

None

Training

Grade 9 Referee Course

Laws of the Game Test

Grade 9 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]

Fitness Test

Not required

Practical Evaluation

Not required

Annual Recertification Requirements

Training

Grade 9 Recert Clinic

Laws of the Game Test

Grade 9 USSF Test 80% [or Test as offered by SDI]

Fitness Test

Not required

Practical Evaluation

Not required

Grade 13 & 15 - Emeritus Referee

New Mexico requirements

Assignment

To best service the game

Certification Requirements

Age

45

Previous Game Experience

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Previous Grade Experience

**Referee grade 5 or 6 (3 or 4 for Emeritus grade 13) for minimum 3 years,
written request approved by SRA**

Training

Not required

Laws of the Game Test

Not required

Fitness Test

Not required

Practical Evaluation

Not required

Annual Recertification Requirements

Training

Emeritus Referee Recert Clinic

Laws of the Game Test

**National Test 80% or Grade 6 USSF Test 80% as defined for level at which
Emeritus Referee will officiate**

Fitness Test

As defined for level at which Emeritus Referee will officiate

Practical Evaluation

As defined for level at which Emeritus Referee will officiate