

2021 Grade Descriptions

Grassroots - Grade 8

Grassroots Grade 8 referees will be eligible to referee primarily youth matches.

Minimum age:

- Must be at least 14 Years old to referee.

Maximum age:

- 17 Years old.

Minimum age to enroll in a referee course:

- 3 months before the 14th birthday.

Background Check:

- Only 18 yrs old and older registering individuals must complete and pass a criminal background check to referee in North Carolina.

Registration Fee:

New Referees

- Total of \$100.00 for persons 17 and under.

Recertifying Referees

- Total of \$100.00 for persons 17 and under. (Late recertifying fees of \$20.00)

New Grassroots Grade 8 Referee Course Requirements:

- Registration and payment through Arbitersports.com
- Registration with the new US Soccer Learning Center.
- Completion of the Grassroots Online Course in the Learning Center.
- Attendance to an In-Person Practical Field Training Session.

Testing:

- Online exam
- No Physical Fitness Test.

Recertifying Grass Grade 8 Referee course requirements:

- Registration and payment through Arbitersports.com
 - Completion of the 2021 Online Requirements on Eligibility Center
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Grassroots - Grade 7

Grassroots Grade 7 referees will be eligible to referee youth matches and adult amateur matches.

Minimum age:

- Must be at least 18 Years old.

Experience level:

- None, all persons 18 and older will automatically be considered Grassroots Grade 7

Background Check:

- Registering individuals 18 and older must complete and pass a criminal background check to referee in North Carolina.

Registration Fee:

- Total of \$100.00 (Late registration fees of \$20.00)

Note: This registration fee amount is subject to change.

Testing:

- Online Test
- No Formal Assessment is needed
- No Physical Fitness Test is needed

New Grassroots Grade 7 Referee Course Requirements:

- Registration and payment through Arbitersports.com
- Registration with the new US Soccer Learning Center.
- Completion of the Grassroots Online Course in the Learning Center.
- Attendance to an In-Person Practical Field Training Session.
- Completion of SafeSport Training

Recertifying Grass Grade 7 Referee course requirements:

- Registration and payment through Arbitersports.com
 - Completion of the 2021 Online Requirements on Eligibility Center
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Regional Referee - State Level (Grade 6)

Grade 7 referees will be eligible to referee youth matches and adult amateur matches.

Referees in this grade will be eligible for consideration in:

- Assignment to State, Regional, and National Tournaments
- Advanced level training including professional level clinics
- Priority of assignments and ranking within the NCSRA assignment system

Minimum age:

- Must be at least 18 Years old to referee.

Experience level:

- 3 years registration as a Grade 8/Grade 7 referee.

Match log:

- Must have a total of 75 games as a Referee on a match using the Diagonal System of Control involving 1 Referee and 2 Assistant Referees.
- 15 of the 75 games must be on U-15 matches or above.

Background Check:

- Registering individuals 18 and older must complete and pass a criminal background check to referee in North Carolina.

Registration Fee:

- Total of \$100.00 (Late registration fees of \$20.00)

Note: This registration fee amount is subject to change.

Requirements for NC State Referees:

- Must be recommended by an ARA, Assignor, or an Administrator
- Submit match on 50 Centers on U17 or above
- Attendance of the Regional Referee Clinic/Online Clinic
- Completion of SafeSport Training
- Must complete the Regional Referee Course on the Arbiter Eligibility Center

Testing:

- "Women's Cat 3" and 7.00 second sprints PFT
- Pass 1 Formal Assessment to upgrade or maintain each year (Game must be 15U or above & must be 80 minutes minimum)
- Assessment can be done by Referee Coach or above
- Assessment must be paid for by the referee

Note: NCSRA may, in its discretion for good cause shown, waive the time in registration requirements in exceptional cases

Regional Referee - National Candidate (Grade 5)

Regional Referees will be eligible to referee youth matches and adult amateur matches and professional games.

Referees in this grade will be eligible for consideration in:

- Assignment to State, Regional, and National Tournaments
- Advanced level training including professional level clinics
- Priority of assignments and ranking within the NCSRA assignment system

Minimum age:

- Must be at least 18 Years old to referee.

Experience level:

- 3 or more years as a Grassroots Referee

Note: Referees qualified as Grade 7 under the old requirements before July 1st, 2014 will be considered as the equivalent of the new 7A referees for 2014.

Match log:

- Must have refereed a total of 75 games at the adult amateur level using the Diagonal System of Control involving one Referee and two Assistant Referees.
- 50 of the 75 games must be as a Referee
- 25 of the 75 games must be as an Assistant Referee

Background Check:

- Registering individuals must complete and pass a criminal background check to referee in North Carolina.

Registration Fee:

- Total of \$100.00 (Late registration fees of \$20.00)

Requirements for Regional Referees:

- Must complete the Regional Referee Course on the Arbiter Eligibility Center
- Must attend the Regional Referee Clinic/Online Clinic
- Must Complete the SafeSport Training

Testing:

- Pass the Sprint and Interval Physical Fitness Test for men/women.
- If you are upgrading to Regional Referee, you must pass 3 Formal Assessments as a Referee by 3 different Regional Assessors, or National Referee Coaches on Adult Amateur Matches. One of those can be a U18/U19 match.
- If you are maintaining Regional Referee, you must pass 2 Formal Assessments as a Referee by 2 different Regional Assessors, or National Referee Coaches on Adult Amateur Matches. One of those can be a U18/U19 match.
- All of the Formal Assessments must be on at least a 90 minute match. Each Assessment MUST be paid for by the Referee prior to receiving an assessment.

(80 minute matches must consist of two 40 minute halves)

Note: NCSRA may, in its discretion for good cause shown, waive the time in registration requirements in exceptional cases