

Interested in Upgrading?

The Louisiana Referee Committee encourages and supports referees who wish to advance their career by attaining grades beyond the entry-level referee certification. Successful upgrades involve close collaboration among the instructional, assessment, and administrative aspects of the Louisiana Referee Program.

Referees wishing to upgrade are encourage to consult the requirements set forth by the US Soccer Federation in its Referee Administrative Handbook, which can be obtained from the US Soccer Instructional Materials site.

<http://www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Referee-Development/Instructional-Materials.aspx>

How do I upgrade? While the upgrade process may vary slightly depending on individual circumstances, referees should be guided by the following steps:

1. The first step is for the referee to gain enough game experience to be comfortable at the required level as outlined by US Soccer. For example, while games at all levels may be counted when upgrading to grade 7, the referee should be comfortable working competitive U17-U19 matches before attempting to upgrade. Referees are encouraged to keep a record of games to be counted for upgrade by using the Louisiana Referee Upgrade Application form.

http://www.referee-la.com/Referee_Upgrade_Application.xls

Once the referee has accumulated enough games, the form should be sent to the State Referee Administrator for verification. (Jose Cordova, louisianasra@gmail.com; subject: ***Please verify my game count***)

2. The second step is for the referee to attend one of the advanced recertification/upgrade clinics and successfully complete the written and fitness testing requirements corresponding to the desired grade. These clinics are usually held in early and late Fall each year.
3. The third step is for the referee to successfully complete a field evaluation or assessment in a game competitive enough to test the referee's abilities at the required level. The referee should work with an assignor and obtain an appropriate game assignment. Once the assignment is secured, the referee should contact the State Director of Assessment and request that an assessor be assigned to evaluate the referee's performance. (Stephen Binning, skbinning@hotmail.com; subject: ***Requesting an Assessor***)
4. The fourth step is for the referee to complete the Louisiana Referee Upgrade Application form with all required data and send the completed form to the State Referee Administrator for approval. Once approved, the referee can log in to www.ussoccer.info and request the corresponding upgrade. (Remember, you'll need your 16-digit USSF ID and password to enter this site.)