

Alaska Referee Program Requirements

The following is a list of items that will help improve the management of referee resources.

A - Pursuit to increasing the number of qualified professionals through higher standards:

The following requirements will help increase the number of officials directly servicing the game

1. The SRC has been working with affiliated organizations, leagues, clubs, tournaments to ensure that they use the services of only certified and in good standing assignors, instructors, referees and assessors.
2. Assignors are required to only use certified, and in good standing referees. If this requirement is not met, the assignor will pay \$100 fine per incident. After a third offense within a calendar year, the assignor will be suspended.
3. Referees are now required to become certified, and in good standing prior to servicing any games from affiliated youth and adult organizations. Referees who fail to comply will be fined \$50 the first time and \$100 the second time. After a third offense, there will be a three (3) seasonal month suspension.

B – Risk Management: Better management of risk associated with officiating youth games and referee travels inbound and outbound to Alaska

1. Referees, assignors, instructors and assessors must notify the SRA by email and receive approval prior to making arrangements to officiate out of state. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a \$100 fine and a ban from any out-of state travel for one year.
2. If affiliated organizations, leagues, clubs, tournaments, assignors etc are using the service of certified referees older than 18 on any youth games, those referees must have passed a yearly back ground check (BCG) provided through game officials during the certification/recertification process.
3. For leagues or tournaments using guest referees, they must notify the SRA as soon as possible. The SRA will provide directions about the required registration process for any guest referees officiating in Alaska; have the guest referee's SRA contact Alaska's SRA to confirm that such referee is certified, in good standing. Then, invited referees will be directed to go through Alaska.gameofficials.net to register and have their Background check processed. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disciplinary actions including a \$100 fine or a possible suspension to the assignors.
4. For any violation resulting in fines, the violator will be required to pay the appropriate fine within 30 days of notice and to have a meeting with the SRC staff before being allowed to resume officiating or administrative related activities. The state staff will also meet on a case by case basis to determine the length of suspension periods if applicable

///-Alaska Referee Grade Requirements-///

Please note that certifications and recertifications will be closed by June 15.

Alaska Grade 6 – State Referee

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

State Referee Certification Requirements

Must send a letter of intent to the Grade 6 Referee Committee and the SRA and be approved to proceed further. This must include an expected timeline of accomplishment.

- Age Minimum of 18 years old
- Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile
- Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older
- Have a Minimum of 1 year as a Grade 7 Referee
- Worked a Minimum of 50 games as center & 25 games as AR from affiliated competitive youth U17 & higher and or amateur adult games.
- Must have attended an approved out-of-state tournament
- Pass a state referee pre-assessment
- Attend at least two training events in addition to the State Referee Course
- Complete the online modules for Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9
- Pass the Grade 6, 7, 8 and 9 State Referee/referee Tests with a score of 80% or higher
- Participate in the Youth State Cup or Adult Invitational.
- Pass the FIFA/USSF Sprint and Interval Tests Administered in Alaska through the SRA
- Minimum of 2 passing assessments (Done out of Alaska that meet the sufficient criteria on competitive youth U17 or higher and amateur adult games) completed by two different State Assessors.

State Referee Annual Recertification Requirements

- Complete the online modules for Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9
- Pass the Grade 6, 7, 8 and 9 State Referee/referee Tests with a score of 80% or higher
- Attend at least two training events in addition to the State Referee Course
- Participate in the Youth State Cup or Adult Invitational.
- Pass the FIFA Sprint and Interval Tests Administered in Alaska through the SRA or delegate
- Minimum of 2 passing assessments that meet the sufficient criteria (competitive youth U17 or higher and amateur adult games) completed by two different State Assessors

Alaska Grade 7 – Referee

The purpose of the Grade 7 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the amateur adult game. Grade 7 prepares those referees interested in becoming a state referee Grade 6. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

Grade 7 Certification Requirements

- Age Minimum of 18 years old
- Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile
- Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older
- Worked a Minimum of 100 games from affiliated competitive youth and or amateur adult games.
- Have a Minimum of 1 year as a Grade 8 Referee
- Complete the online modules for Grades 7, 8 and 9
- Pass the Grade 7, 8 and 9 referee Tests with a score of 80% or higher
- Minimum of 1 passing assessments that meet the sufficient criteria (from affiliated games with a minimum of 40 minute halves)

Grade 7 Annual Recertification Requirements

- Complete the online modules for Grades 7 and 8
- Pass the Grade 7, 8 and 9 referee Tests with a score of 80% or higher
- Must attend a minimum of three (3) training events/year to become eligible to recertify

- Minimum of 1 passing assessments that meet the sufficient criteria (from affiliated games with a minimum of 40 minute halves)
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Alaska 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.

Grade 8 Certification/Recertification Requirements

- Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile
 - Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older
 - Complete the online modules for Grades 8 and 9
 - Must attend a minimum of three (3) training events/year to become eligible to recertify
 - Pass the Grade 8 and 9 referee Tests with a score of 80% or higher
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Alaska Grade 9 – Referee

The purpose of the Grade 9 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the small sided and recreational youth game. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

Grade 9 Certification/Recertification Requirements

- Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile
 - Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older
 - Complete the online modules for Grades 9
 - Pass the Grade 9 referee Test with a score of 80% or higher
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Alaska Grade 8 – Futsal Referee

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

Futsal Grade 8 Certification/Recertification Requirements

- Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile
 - Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older
 - Complete the Grade 8 Futsal Referee Course
 - Pass the Grade 8 Futsal Referee Test with a score of 80% or higher
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Alaska Assignors – Certification/Recertification Requirements

Recertification must be completed by December 31st every year!

- Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile
- Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older
- Complete the Grade 8 Assignor Course
- Attend 3/4 of the meetings put forth by the State Director of Assignor for recertification
- Complete the online modules for Grades 8 and 9
- Must attend a minimum of three (3) training events/year to become eligible to recertify
- Pass the Grade 8 and 9 referee Tests with a score of 80% or higher
- Pass the Assignor Test with a score of 80% or higher

Alaska Assessors

Grade 7 – Assessors Certification Requirements

Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these assessors be utilized to provide development and guidance evaluations for Grade 9-8-7 Referees.

- Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile
- Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older
- Must have a Grade 7 Referee Experience
- Complete the Grade 7 Assessor Course
- Pass the Grade 7 Assessor Test with a score of 80% or higher

Grade 7 Assessor Recertification Requirements

Recertification must be completed by December 31st every year!

- Must assess/mentor a minimum of 20 games a year. Assessment must be off the fields and in writing in order to be accounted for.
- Assessors must also attend one clinic annually in or out of state along with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the meetings put forth by the SDA to have their certification renewed.
- Complete the Grade 7 Assessor Course
- Pass the Grade 7 Assessor Test with a score of 80% or higher

Grade 5 – State Assessors Certification Requirements

Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these assessors be utilized to provide development and guidance evaluations for Grade 9-8-7 Referees and Grade 6 State Referees.

- Must have a Grade 6 Referee Experience
- Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile
- Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older
- Complete the Grade 5 State Assessor Course
- Pass the National Test with a score of 80% or higher
- Complete 5 full assessments under the supervision of U.S. Soccer

Grade 5 State Assessor Recertification Requirements

Recertification must be completed by December 31st every year!

- Complete a minimum of 7 Assessments
- Pass the National Test with a score of 80% or higher

Alaska Instructors

Grade 7 – Instructors Certification Requirements

Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these instructors be utilized to teach courses and clinics for Grade 9-8-7 Referees.

- Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile
- Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older
- Complete the Grade 7 Instructor Course

- Pass the Grade 7 Instructor Test with a score of 80% or higher

Grade 7 Instructors Recertification Requirements

Recertification must be completed by December 31st every year!

- Must attend one clinic annually in or out of state along with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the meetings put forth by the SDI not only to have their certification renewed but also for the state to pay for their recertification fees.
- Must teach or co-teach a total of three (3) field training or classroom sessions annually in Alaska
- Complete the Grade 7 Instructor Course
- Pass the Grade 7 Instructor Test with a score of 80% or higher

Grade 5 – State Instructor Certification Requirements

Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these assessors be utilized to provide development and guidance evaluations for Grade 9-8-7 Referees and Grade 6 State Referees.

- **Must have a Grade 6 Referee Experience**
- **Must have an Alaska Game Official Referee Profile**
- **Must have completed and passed an annual Background Check if 18 years of age or older**
- **Complete the Grade 5 State Instructor Course**
- **Pass the National Test with a score of 80% or higher**
- **Instructor for One Clinic Assigned by the SRA**

Grade 5 State Instructor Recertification Requirements

Recertification must be completed by December 31st every year!

- **Must attend one clinic annually in or out of state along with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the meetings put forth by the SDI not only to have their certification renewed but also for the state to pay for their recertification fees.**
- **Must teach or co-teach a total of three (3) field training or classroom sessions annually in Alaska on a different date**
- **Instructor for One Clinic Assigned by the SRA**
- **Pass the National Test with a score of 80% or higher**

**Note: Background Checks (BGC) are only required if you are a referee 18 years of age and older and are planning on working youth games.
If you are an instructor, assessor, assignor, mentor etc, you must pass a BGC!!!**