



The Upgrading Referee

All referees are placed on a scale of 0 to 10 based on the league in which they are qualified to officiate. The higher the number of their designation, the more challenging the games become both in terms of speed of play and, in particular, player management demanded from the referee.

Canada Soccer has five classifications of referees: Youth (under 16 years of age), District, Regional, Provincial and National. All referees become District referees on their 16th birthday, movement to a higher classification involves participation in continued education, examination, and on-field assessment. Fitness testing is required for referees entering the Canada Soccer promotion scheme for regional and provincial promotion.

District and Youth Referees - Upgrading from 0 > 1:

Minimum of one mentor report from the Regional Referee Committee that includes a recommendation for upgrading. (Recommendation for upgrading may be provided by the region)

District and Youth Referees - Upgrading from 1 > 2:

Minimum of one mentor report from the Regional Referee Committee that includes a recommendation for upgrading. Report may be from an appropriate level indoor game. (Recommendation may be provided by the region)

District Referee - Upgrading from 2 > 3:

Minimum of 1 mentor report that includes a recommendation for upgrading.

District Referees - Upgrading 3 > 4:

Submission of a game log showing activity at the current level and demonstrating readiness for assessment and/or the support of their Regional Referee Committee
Minimum of two mentor reports from the Regional Referee Committee that includes a recommendation for upgrading

District Referees - Upgrading from 4 > 5:

Submission of a game log showing activity at the level and demonstrating readiness for assessment and/or the support of their Regional Referee Committee.
Proof of participation in the fitness test of the current year
Minimum of one supporting assessment from a CSA approved/accredited assessor.



District Referees - Upgrading from 5 > 6:

Submission of a game log showing activity at the level and demonstrating readiness for assessment and/or the support of their Regional Referee Committee.

Proof of participation in the fitness test of the current year

Minimum of one supporting assessment from a CSA approved/accredited assessor.

District Referees - Upgrading from 6 > 7:

Minimum of two supporting assessments from a CSA accredited Assessor,

Successful completion of the appropriate fitness test and recommendation from the Chief Assessor and/or the Referee Development Officer.

Upgrading/Promotion Top District Referees – Levels 7 > 9:

Promotion: Successful completion of the regional referee course and related assessments, fitness test and recommendation from the Chief Assessor and/or the Referee Development Officer.

Upgrading/Promotion - Provincial Referees and Regional Referees Levels 9 > 10:

Assessment by an accredited CSA Assessor and recommendation by the Chief Assessor and/or the Referee Development Officer.

***Assignments are made on the recommendation of the Chief Assessor and Referee Development Officer**