



MANITOBA SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES



REFEREE CLASSIFICATION POLICY

STATEMENT

The Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA) through the MSA Referee Department, as the responsible body for all MSA registered referees in Manitoba, is committed to the recruitment, retention, development, education and training of all Manitoba Referees. In addition, the MSA has the responsibility of evaluating referees annually, upgrading, and downgrading referees as necessary in order to maintain a high standard of officiating and servicing the Member Leagues.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

YOUTH

- Must be 13 years of age or older on or after January 1st of the current year of the year applying.
- Shall attend an Entry Level Clinic instructed by an Accredited MSA Instructor and pass the Entry Level Exam meeting the CS criteria in force at that time.

MAINTAINING YOUTH REFEREE STATUS

- Annually register with the MSA.
- It is mandatory for all registered Youth Referees to attend an annual in-class refresher course and an outdoor practical refresher to keep up to date with changes issued by FIFA and other relevant Provincial topics.

Failure to meet the above criteria may result in denial of registration and/or game appointments until the criteria are met.

APPOINTMENT ELIGIBILITY

- May officiate Youth Competition or be assigned as an Assistant Referee in Senior Competition by the MSA with the approval of the MSA Referee Department.

DISTRICT SENIOR

- Must be 16 years of age or older before January 1st of the year applying.



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- Shall attend an Entry Level Clinic instructed by an Accredited MSA Instructor and pass the Entry Level Exam meeting the CS criteria in force at that time.

MAINTAINING DISTRICT SENIOR REFEREE STATUS

- It is mandatory for all MSA registered District Senior Referees to attend the annual MSA in-class refresher course and an outdoor practical refresher to keep current with changes issued by FIFA and other relevant Provincial topics.
- Shall successfully complete the annual/seasonal fitness tests meeting the MSA criteria in force at that time.
- Must annually register with the MSA/CS and pay the applicable registration fees.
- Shall be assessed by the MSA in order to be eligible for upgrading to Regional Referee

Failure to meet the above criteria may result in denial of registration and/or game appointments until the criteria are met.

APPOINTMENT ELIGIBILITY

- May officiate Youth and Senior Competition assigned by the MSA as outlined in the MSA Referee Assigning Criteria Policy.

REGIONAL REFEREE

To be eligible for promotion to Regional Status, the referee must:

- **Complete a minimum of two (2) years** as a CS registered District Senior Referee.
- Demonstrate a willingness and capability to improve and develop as a match official. Regularly attend MSA Educational Sessions and participate in the MSA Referee Development Programing.
- Request consideration from the MSA Referee Department for nomination to Regional Referee Status by March 1 of the applying year.
- **Be nominated** by the MSA for invitation to the CS Referee In-Service Training for Promotion to Regional Referee Upgrade Course



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- Successfully complete the **Regional Level High-Intensity (HI) Fitness**, meeting the CS criteria in force at that time in order to be eligible to attend the CS Referee In-Service Training for Promotion to Regional Referee Upgrade Course.
- Must successfully complete the designated **CS Regional Promotion Examination** with a pass mark of 80% or meeting the designated CS pass mark in force at that time in order to be eligible to attend the CS Referee In-Service Training for Promotion to Regional Referee Upgrade Course.
- Attend and **complete** the CS Referee In-Service training for Promotion to **Regional Referee Upgrade Course**.
- **Within two (2) years of passing the Regional Referee examination, obtain a minimum of two (2) field assessments as a referee** from different assessors each with a mark of not less than 70% or meeting the designated CS benchmark in force at that time for promotion while demonstrating competence at the current level with the potential for development at the next level.

MAINTAINING REGIONAL REFEREE STATUS

- It is mandatory for all MSA registered Regional Referees to **attend the annual MSA in-class refresher course and an outdoor practical refresher** to keep current with changes issued by FIFA and other relevant Provincial topics.
- Shall successfully complete the annual/seasonal fitness tests meeting the CS criteria in force at that time for Regional Referees.
- Must annually register with the MSA/CS and pay the applicable registration fees.
- In order to **maintain Regional Referee status**, a MSA registered referee **must obtain a minimum of one (1) annual assessment** of not less than 70% or meeting the designated CS benchmark in force at that time.
- A Regional Referee may be downgraded for failing to meet the minimum standards above. Referees, if downgraded, will remain at the lower classification until all criteria for Regional Level have been met.
- A Regional Referee may be downgraded if they are inactive for more than two (2) years, as per the MSA Referee Department annual review of referee classifications.



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APPOINTMENT ELIGIBILITY

- A Regional Referee may officiate Youth and Senior Competition assigned by the MSA as outlined in the MSA Referee Assigning Criteria Policy.

PROVINCIAL REFEREE

To be eligible for promotion to Provincial Status, a referee must:

- **Complete a minimum of one (1) year** as a registered CS Regional Referee.
- Demonstrate a willingness and capability to improve and develop as a match official. Regularly attend MSA Educational Sessions and participate in the MSA Referee Development Programing.
- Request consideration from the MSA Referee Department for nomination to Provincial Referee Status by March 1 of the applying year.
- **Be nominated** by the MSA for invitation to the CS Referee In-Service Training for Promotion to Provincial Referee Upgrade Course.
- Successfully complete the **Provincial Level High-Intensity (HI) Fitness**, meeting the CS criteria in force at that time in order to be eligible to attend the CS Referee In-Service Training for Promotion to Provincial Referee Upgrade Course.
- Must successfully complete the designated **CS Provincial Promotion Examination** with a pass mark of 80% or meeting the designated CS pass mark in force at that time in order to be eligible to attend the CS Referee In-Service Training for Promotion to Provincial Referee Upgrade Course.
- Attend and **complete** the CS Referee In-Service training for Promotion to **Provincial Referee Upgrade Course**.
- **Within two (2) years of passing the examination, obtain a minimum of four (4) field assessments as a referee** in approved games from different National or Provincial Assessors, each with a mark of not less than 70% or meeting the designated CS benchmark in force at that time for promotion while demonstrating competence at the current level with the potential for development at the next level.



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MAINTAINING PROVINCIAL REFEREE STATUS

- It is mandatory for all MSA registered Provincial Referees to **attend the annual MSA in-class refresher course and an outdoor practical refresher** to keep current with changes issued by FIFA and other relevant Provincial topics.
- Shall successfully complete the annual/seasonal fitness tests meeting the CS criteria in force at that time for Provincial Referees.
- Must annually register with the MSA/CS and pay the applicable registration fees.
- In order to **maintain Provincial status**, a MSA registered referee **must obtain a minimum of one (1) annual assessment** of not less than 70% or meeting the designated CS benchmark in force at that time.
- A Provincial Referee may be downgraded for failing to meet the minimum standards above. Referees if downgraded will remain at the classification they meet until all criteria at the Provincial level have been met.
- A Provincial Referee may be downgraded if they are inactive for more than two (2) years, as per the MSA Referee Department annual review of referee classifications.

APPOINTMENT ELIGIBILITY

- A Provincial Referee may officiate in any category of amateur soccer or be recommended to officiate in non-amateur games under the jurisdiction of the Association as outlined in the MSA Referee Assigning Criteria Policy.

CS NATIONAL MATCH OFFICIAL LIST

In order for a Provincial Referee to be eligible for nomination to the CS National List of Match Officials, the referee must:

- **Complete a minimum of one (1) year** as an above average CS registered Provincial Referee
- **Request consideration from the MSA Referee Department for nomination** to the CS National List of Match Officials by April 1 of the applying year.



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- **Meet or exceed the minimum criteria outlined in the Canada Soccer 's Policy for the Nomination and Selection of National List Officials.**
 - Registered as a Provincial Referee for the season of, and the one (1) immediately prior to, nomination.
 - Officiated, in the previous season, in a minimum of twenty (20) qualification games* as referee and in a minimum of five (5) qualification games as an assistant referee in outdoor 11-a-side matches involving men's teams over the age of 16 years.
 - Have a minimum of five (5) assessments of which two (2) must be as an assistant referee within the twelve (12) months prior to nomination. Assessments must have been carried out by a CS accredited Provincial Assessor or an Assessor on the National List.
 - Successfully completed the FIFA Men's fitness test to the International Standard for Assistant Referees in August of the year of nomination.
 - Attend the Club National Championships in October of the year of nomination as determined by the CS Referee Committee.

***Qualifying Games** *A match that may be counted towards promotion for a registered referee. Note: Irrespective of the number of games officiated on the same day in Tournaments or other Competitions, only one (1) match per day may be recorded as a qualifying game.*

MAINTAINING CS NATIONAL MATCH OFFICIAL LIST STATUS

- Be invited to the CS National List of Match Officials by the CS Referee Committee. Position on the National List of Match Officials is reviewed annually by the CS Referee Committee. Selection is conditional upon meeting the following criteria:
 - Successful completion of the FIFA Men's Fitness Test, to the standard advised by FIFA for either Referees or Assistant Referees, at a supervised test organized by the CS prior to the commencement of the season.
 - Attendance at a pre-season meeting and training camp as organized by the CS.
 - Successfully complete a mid-season fitness test, to be taken in July/August of the calendar year.



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- Officiate at one (1) of the CS Club National Championships in October of the calendar year.
- When not officiating in a CS appointed game, officiate in the highest level of Provincial soccer available.

FIFA MATCH OFFICIAL

In order for a National List Match Official to be eligible for nomination to the FIFA International List of Referees or Assistant Referees, Match Officials must:

- Follow the CS Rules and Regulations regarding CS National List of Match Officials.
- Be evaluated by the CS at an appropriate level of competition.
- Be selected by the CS Referee Committee for nomination to FIFA.