



MANITOBA SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES



REFEREE CLASSIFICATION POLICY

STATEMENT

The Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA) through the Referee Development Committee (RDC), 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

DISTRICT YOUTH

- Must be 13 years of age or older before April 30th of the year applying.
- Shall attend an Entry Level District Youth Clinic instructed by an Accredited MSA Instructor and pass the Entry Level Exam meeting the CSA criteria in force at that time.

MAINTAINING DISTRICT YOUTH REFEREE STATUS

- Annually register with the MSA. Registration may be administered by the Member Associations.
- It is mandatory for all registered District Youth Referees to attend an annual in class refresher course 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 RDC.

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 District Senior Clinic (including Assistant Referee [AR] module) instructed by an Accredited MSA Instructor and pass the Entry Level Exam meeting the CSA criteria in force at that time.

MAINTAINING DISTRICT SENIOR REFEREE STATUS

- It is mandatory for all MSA registered District 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/CSA and pay the applicable registration fees.
- Shall be a member in good standing of recognized referees' association.
- 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 years as a CSA registered District Referee.
- Demonstrate a willingness to improve and develop as a match official by regularly attending MSA Educational Sessions.
- Successfully complete a Regional Referee upgrading course (including Fitness Test Module) and examination and obtain a mark of not less than 80%.



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- Within two years of passing the Regional Referee examination, obtain a minimum of two field assessments from different assessors each with a mark of not less than 70 or meeting the designated CSA benchmark in force at that time for promotion while demonstrating competence at the current level with the potential for development at the next level.
- Shall successfully complete the annual/seasonal fitness tests in each year of the nomination process, meeting the MSA criteria in force at that time for Regional Referees.

MAINTAINING REGIONAL 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 MSA criteria in force at that time for Regional Referees.
- Must annually register with the MSA/CSA and pay the applicable registration fees.
- Shall be a member in good standing of recognized referees' association.
- In order to maintain Regional status, a MSA registered referee must obtain a minimum of one annual assessment of not less than 70 or meeting the designated CSA benchmark in force at that time.
- A Regional Referee may be downgraded to District Referee for failing to meet the minimum standards above. Referees, if downgraded will remain at the District classification until all criteria have been met.
- A Regional Referee may be downgraded to District Referee if they are inactive for more than two years, as per the Referee Development Committee annual review of referee classifications.

APPOINTMENT ELIGIBILITY

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



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PROVINCIAL REFEREE

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

- Complete a minimum of one year as a registered CSA 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 RDC for nomination to Provincial Referee Status by March 1 of the applying year.
- Be nominated by the MSA for invitation to the CSA Referee In-Service Training for Promotion to Provincial Referee Upgrade Course.
- Must have successfully completed the Cooper Fitness Test or other designated Fitness Testing standard, meeting the CSA criteria in force at that time in order to be eligible to attend the CSA Referee In-Service Training for Promotion to Provincial Referee Upgrade Course.
- Must successfully complete the designated CSA Provincial Promotion Examination with a pass mark of 80% or meeting the designated CSA pass mark in force at that time in order to be eligible to attend the CSA Referee In-Service Training for Promotion to Provincial Referee Upgrade Course.
- Attend and complete the CSA Referee In-Service training for Promotion to Provincial Referee Upgrade Course.
- Within two years of passing the examination, obtain a minimum of four field assessments in approved games from different National or Provincial Assessors, each with a mark of not less than 70 or meeting the designated CSA benchmark in force at that time for promotion while demonstrating competence at the current level with the potential for development at the next level.
- Shall successfully complete the annual/seasonal fitness tests in each year of the nomination process, meeting the CSA criteria in force at that time for Provincial Referees.



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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 MSA criteria in force at that time for Provincial Referees.
- Must annually register with the MSA/CSA and pay the applicable registration fees.
- Shall be a member in good standing of recognized referees' association.
- In order to maintain Provincial status, a MSA registered referee must obtain a minimum of one annual assessment of not less than 70 or meeting the designated CSA benchmark in force at that time.
- A Provincial Referee may be downgraded to Regional Referee for failing to meet the minimum standards above. Referees if downgraded will remain at the Regional classification until all criteria have been met.
- A Provincial Referee may be downgraded to Regional Referee if they are inactive for more than two years, as per the Referee Development Committee 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.

CSA NATIONAL LIST MATCH OFFICIAL

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

- Complete a minimum of one year as an above average CSA registered Provincial Referee
- Request consideration from the MSA RDC for nomination to the CSA 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 Canadian Soccer Association's Policy for the Nomination and Selection of National List Officials.
 - Registered as a Provincial Referee for the season of, and the one immediately prior to, nomination.
 - Officiated, in the previous season, in a minimum of 20 qualification games* as referee and a minimum of 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 5 assessments of which 2 must be as an assistant referee within the 12 months prior to nomination. Assessments must have been carried out by a CSA 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 the August of the year of nomination.
 - Attend the Club National Championships in the October of the year of nomination as determined by the CSA 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 match per day may be recorded as a qualifying game.*

MAINTAINING CSA NATIONAL LIST MATCH OFFICIAL STATUS

- Be invited to the CSA National List of Match Officials by the CSA Referee Committee. Position on the National List of Match Officials is reviewed annually by the CSA 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 CSA prior to the commencement of the season.
 - Attendance at a pre-season meeting and training camp as organized by the CSA.



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- Successfully complete a mid-season fitness test, to be taken in July/August of the calendar year.
- Officiate at one of the CSA Club National Championships in October of the calendar year.
- When not officiating in a CSA 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 CSA Rules and Regulations regarding CSA National List Match Officials.
- Be evaluated by the CSA at an appropriate level of competition.
- Be selected by the CSA Referee Committee for nomination to FIFA.