



To: State Referees
State Referee Administrators
Chair, State Referee Committee

From: Paul Tamberino
Director of Referee Development

Re: 2011 National Referee Candidates

Date: November 13, 2009

All grade 5 referees who would like to obtain National Referee Certification in 2011 must file a Declaration of National Candidacy form to announce their intention. The form (attached) must be completed by the referee and signed by the State Referee Administrator. It can be submitted to U.S. Soccer with your SRA's signature between December 1 and December 30, 2009.

- Candidates must have a State Referee Grade 5 grade attained date of January 1, 2009 or earlier to be eligible.
- Candidates must attain the age of 23 before January 1, 2011.
- Candidates must be a U.S. Citizen or a Permanent Resident. Proof of a candidate's residency status must be sent with the declaration form.
- Proof of residency status can be a copy of a U.S. Birth Certificate or U.S. Passport, a copy of naturalization papers and/ or a copy of a permanent resident card (front and back). Referees who are being interviewed for a change in status are not eligible to apply. Referees here on student visas are not eligible to apply. For other categories, check with our office.

Clinic Requirements

Referees who want to be considered for professional league matches must attend one of the scheduled U.S. Soccer Referee Training Seminars (RTS) in 2010 and pass the physical fitness test conducted there. Information about the fitness test for National Referees is attached. The schedule of training seminars is also attached. Complete information, including RTS registration instructions, will be sent when you are notified that your declaration has been accepted.

Assessments

Assessments to be counted for upgrade must be done between December 1, 2009 and November 30, 2010. National Referee Candidates are required to pass 6 (six) assessments at the designated level as a center referee and 2 (two) assessments as an assistant referee. New standards for assessment by category have been implemented so be sure you are aware of the applicable standards. The document outlining these standards is attached. One passing center referee assessment must be done by a designated Referee Inspector. The list of designated Referee Inspectors is attached. The list may change at certain times during the year. Be sure to check it periodically at www.ussoccer.com while you are working on your assessments. (If you are assessed by someone posted on this list and later find that the list has changed, your assessment will still count.) Obtaining an assessment by one of the designated Referee Inspectors is the responsibility of the candidate and will require advance planning.





United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
Declaration of National Level Grade Candidacy – 2011

Referees who seek to obtain National Referee grade level must submit this form to the State Referee Administrator in their registering state association.

All declarations must have the required SRA signature and be received in the National office between **December 1 – December 30**, along with proof of citizenship¹. A list of applicants accepted as candidates will be posted online. A complete description of current National Referee grade criteria can be found at ussoccer.com (see the Referee Administrative Handbook), or from the state referee administrator.

Referee Name: _____

State Association: _____ USSF I.D. Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Grade: _____ Grade Date: _____

Citizenship: _____

(National Referee Candidates must be US Citizens or Permanent Residents. See note ¹ below)

Game Experience (List number of games, by category)

Category 1		Category 2		Category 3		Other	
Referee	AR	Referee	AR	Referee	AR	Referee	AR

State Referee Administrator (Print please): _____

_____/_____/_____/_____
 (SRA Signature) (Date) (Referee Signature) (Date)

Forms will not be accepted from the candidate directly. This form must be forwarded to the national office by the SRA. Mail to US Soccer Federation, Attn: Referee Dept., 1801 S. Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60616 or fax to 312-808-9572.

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Pro Clinic location: _____ Pro Clinic Date: _____ Pass Fail

¹ Proof of Citizenship can be a copy of any of these: 1) U.S. Birth Certificate or U.S. Passport, 2) Naturalization Papers, 3) Permanent Resident Card (green card, both sides)

2010 U.S. Soccer Referee Training Seminars

Start Date	End Date	Location	Contact	Phone	E-mail
Saturday, February 20, 2010	Sunday, February 21, 2010	Florida	Jozsef Michna	561-818-3699	sra_syra@bellsouth.net
Saturday, March 6, 2010	Sunday, March 7, 2010	MD/DCV	Terry Miller	410-381-4535	maryland.sdi@gmail.com
Saturday, March 13, 2010	Sunday, March 14, 2010	California South	George Noujaim	951-505-8348	gnoujaim@calsouth.com
Saturday, March 20, 2010	Sunday, March 21, 2010	Washington	Chris Barnes	206-713-0665	crbarnes@gmail.com
Friday, March 26, 2010	Saturday, March 27, 2010	Texas North	Art Keeton	972-625-1011	artkeeton@ntxreferees.org
Saturday, April 10, 2010	Sunday, April 11, 2010	Ohio South	Ken Baldeosingh	937-667-8906	kenb8969@aol.com
Saturday, April 17, 2010	Sunday, April 18, 2010	New York/New Jersey	Alan Brown	847-690-9881	ajmwbrown@aol.com
Saturday, April 24, 2010	Sunday, April 25, 2010	Illinois	Tom Landi	828-298-1665	t.landi@ameritech.net
Saturday, May 1, 2010	Sunday, May 2, 2010	TBD	TBD		
Saturday, May 22, 2010	Sunday, May 23, 2010	Connecticut	Jesus Zornoza	203-431-8305	zornoza@snet.net

Note: This schedule is subject to change. An up-to-date version can be found at www.usoccer.com.



2010 U.S. Soccer National Referee Inspectors

Last Name	First Name
Baharmast	Esse
Bettmann	Rudy
Bobadilla	Thomas
Bratsis	Angelo
Brown	Alan
Cigich	Ryan
Darling	Brian
Eddy	Richard
Grady	Richard
Guthuie	Merritt
Hall	Brian
Heron	Richard
Hollingsworth	Holly
Hopkins	Scott
Huber	Richard
Hunt	Sandra
Kleinaitis	Alfred
Krzyzaniak	Joseph
Levit	Vladimir
Mansourian	Farhad
McKee	David
Michna	Jozsef
Oberle	Kimberly
Olmos	David
Olson	Stephen
Papadopoulos	Dionysios
Saheli	Ali
Sarfaraz	Nasser
Silva	Herb
Strom	Ulrich
Tamberino	Paul
Triche	Dick
Watson	Gregory
Wilbur	Donald

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Referee Assessment Requirements

Effective December 1, 2009		Referee Grade 1 and 3	Referee Grade 4	Referee Grade 5 National Candidate
Category 1	1.1 Division 1 professional league matches: MLS and WPS 1.2 Open Cup matches involving only professional teams (MLS, USL-1, USL-2) 1.3 Professional foreign club matches at senior level 1.3.1 Against MLS teams 1.3.2 Includes foreign club vs. foreign club 1.4 Senior National Team matches - Men and Women 1.4.1 Against each other 1.4.2 Against Division 1 professional league teams	2	1	0
Category 2	2.1 Division 2 and 3 professional league matches: like USL-1 and USL-2 2.1.1 Includes matches involving MLS teams (<u>excludes</u> pre-season matches) 2.1.2 Includes matches involving foreign professional club teams or Senior National Teams 2.1.3 Includes official tournaments/competitions (admission charged) 2.2 National Team matches U-17 and older (not including Senior National Team) - Men and Women 2.2.1 International matches (does not include intrasquad games) 2.3 Open Cup matches (U.S. Soccer national competition) 2.3.1 Involving professional team versus amateur team (PDL or otherwise) 2.4 USASA National Cup Finals matches (at National Finals Weekend) - Men 2.4.1 Open: semi-final and final 2.4.2 Amateur semi-final and final 2.4.3 Over 30: semi-final and final 2.4.4 U-23: semi-final and final 2.5 USL PDL matches (regular season and playoffs) 2.6 U.S. Soccer Development Academy matches (U-18) 2.6.1 Playoffs and finals	3	3	3



		Referee Grade 1 and 3	Referee Grade 4	Referee Grade 5 National Candidate
Category 3	3.1 United States Amateur Adult Soccer (USASA) matches			
	3.1.1 State Cup championship match - Men			
	3.1.2 Open Cup matches - Men			
	3.1.2.1 Interstate matches			
	3.1.2.2 State final			
	3.1.3 State Cup championship match - Men			
	3.1.3.1 Open and amateur			
	3.1.4 Regional Cup Finals Week matches - Men			
	3.1.4.1 Open, amateur, Over 30, U-20, U-23			
	3.1.5 Interstate matches - Men			
	3.1.6 National Cup Finals matches (at National Finals Weekend) - Women			
	3.1.6.1 Open: final	0	1	3
	3.1.6.2 Amateur: final			
3.1.6.3 U-23: final				
3.2 U.S. Soccer Development Academy matches (U-18)				
3.2.1 Non-playoffs and finals				
3.3 US Youth Soccer National Finals and regional matches				
3.3.1 U-19 National Championship Finals tournament matches (Finals Week matches only) - Men				
3.3.2 U-19 Regional Championship match - Men				
3.3.3 U-18 National Championship match - Men				

Assistant Referee Assessment Requirements

Referee Grade	Assessment Requirement
Grade 2	5 passing assessments at Category 1
Grade 3	2 passing assessments at either Category 1 or Category 2
Grade 4	2 passing assessments at any Category
Grade 5 National Candidate	2 passing assessments at any Category



Notes:

1. For questions regarding whether a game not listed above qualifies, the State Director of Assessment must contact U.S. Soccer prior to the game for an official ruling.
2. Failed Assessments:
 - 2.1 Current National and Professional Referees (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4)
 - 2.1.1 A first failed assessment (as a referee or assistant referee) must be made up by a single passing assessment in the same Category level or higher.
 - 2.1.2 A second failed assessment (as a referee or assistant referee) must be made up by 2 passing assessments in the same Category level or higher.
 - 2.1.3 A third failed assessment in a certification period (in any combination of referee or assistant referee) requires restarting the National Candidate application procedure in the next registration cycle.
 - 2.2 National Referee Candidate
 - 2.2.1 A first failed assessment (as a referee or assistant referee) must be made up by 2 passing assessments in the same Category level or higher.
 - 2.2.2 A second failed assessment in a certification period (in any combination of referee or assistant referee) requires restarting the National Candidate application procedure in the next registration cycle.
3. Referee Inspector Assessment Requirement
 - 3.1 One passing assessment for all referee and assistant referee grades must be done by a Referee Inspector.
4. All assessments must be done by a current National Assessor or U.S. Soccer Referee Inspector.
5. Additional assessments completed at a higher Category may be used to fulfill requirements at lower Categories.
6. Former FIFA Referees/Assistant Referees and Professional Referees/Assistant Referees working a minimum of 5 matches in Category 1 as either Referee or Assistant Referee must pass all assessments in Category 1 at the position in which they have done their 5 Category 1 games.

***ALL OTHER CURRENT NOTES REGARDING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS
REMAIN UNCHANGED IN THE EXISTING REFEREE ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK.***

