

2018 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

For certification, referee must:	GRADE 8	GRADE 7	GRADE 6
Initial Certification in the Grade/Upgrade to Next Level			
Registration	Complete online registration with MDCVASRP	1. Complete online registration with MDCVASRP 2. Forward Senior Referee Certification Checklist form to MDCVASRP when all requirements have been met <i>*FORWARD SENIOR REFEREE CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST FORM TO THE STATE OFFICE NO LATER THAN December 31, 2017</i>	1. Complete online registration with MDCVASRP 2. Forward Senior Referee Certification Checklist form to MDCVASRP when all requirements have been met <i>*FORWARD SENIOR REFEREE CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST FORM TO THE STATE OFFICE NO LATER THAN December 31, 2017</i>
Minimum age	12	18	19
Previous Game Experience	None	None	25 games as a referee on U-19 or higher level games
Previous Grade Experience	None	Cannot upgrade in first year that you register as a Grade 8 Referee	At least 1 year as a Grade 7
Level of Match Eligibility	Youth	Youth and Amateur	Youth and Amateur (possible lower level professional and developmental matches)
Training - Clinic	Attend Grade 8 Clinic	1. Attend Grade 7 Referee Upgrade Clinic 2. Attend Senior Recertification Clinic	1. Attend Grade 6 Referee Upgrade Clinic 2. Attend Senior Recertification Clinic
Training - Exam	Pass on site exam with at least a 80%	Pass Grade 6 exam with at least an 75%	Pass Grade 6 exam with at least an 80%
Training - Fitness	Not Applicable	Not Applicable To referee PDL, NPSL, and CCL Pro-23 games, must pass the sprint and interval physical fitness test for State Referees Sprints: 7.2 sec; 150 meter interval: 40 sec; 50 meter interval: 40 sec	Pass the sprint and interval physical fitness test for Grade 6 Referees Sprints: 7.2 sec; 150 meter interval: 40 sec; 50 meter interval: 40 sec
On Field Evaluation	Not Applicable	Pass an assessment on an adult amateur game	Pass a minimum of two (2) assessments as a referee (from affiliated U-16 and above games) with a minimum of 40 minutes halves; one assessment must be on an adult division 2 or higher game) completed by two (2) different State or National Referee Coaches, and pass one assessment as an assistant referee on an adult division 2 or higher game

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Recertification in the Grade			
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Level of Match Eligibility	Youth	Youth and Amateur	Youth and Amateur (possible lower level professional and developmental matches)
Training - Clinic	Attend Grade 8 recertification clinic	Attend Senior Referee Recertification Clinic	1. Attend Senior Referee Recertification Clinic and 2. Complete the online USSF Grade 6 training
Training - Exam	Pass online exam with at least a 80%	Pass Grade 6 exam with at least a 75%	Pass Grade 6 exam with at least an 80%
Training - Fitness	Not Applicable	Not Applicable To referee PDL, NPSL, and CCL Pro-23 game, pass the sprint and interval physical fitness test for State Referees Sprints: 7.2 sec; 150 meter interval: 40 sec; 50 meter interval: 40 sec	Pass the sprint and interval physical fitness test for Grade 6 Referees Sprints: 7.2 sec; 150 meter interval: 40 sec; 50 meter interval: 40 sec
On Field Evaluation	Not Applicable	Not required but highly recommended on an adult amateur game	Pass a minimum of two (2) assessments as a referee (from affiliated U-16 and above games with a minimum of 40 minutes halves; one assessment must on an adult division 2 or higher game) completed by two (2) different State or National Referee Coaches on an adult division 2 or higher game