



Memorandum

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TO: Registrants of Metro-DC and Virginia State Referee Program

FROM: Patrick J. Delaney, Chairman, State Referee Committee

SUBJECT: Referee Grade Certification and Recertification Requirements Beginning July 1, 2016

All:

The table contained in this document outlines the certification and recertification requirements for Grades 8 through 6. For Grades 5 and above, US Soccer published requirements that are the standards for those grades.

The US Soccer Referee Program has undergone some changes. Much of the focus at the US Soccer level has been in improving the referee education program as a first step in improving the overall referee development program. One of the changes is that the Grade 7 Referee is the **minimum** grade level to be a center referee for an amateur level match. Also, the Grade 7 referee is not required to have an annual fitness test and assessment, unless the requirements are mandated to officiate certain leagues or levels of competition. The changes were made to align the amateur referee pool with the enhanced Grade 7 training module.

As a reminder, **all Senior Referee (Grades 7 and above) recertification MUST BE COMPLETED prior to the end of the calendar year.** Additionally, as an incentive to recertify early, the registration fee for the last Senior Referee recertification clinic of the year is more than the earlier clinics.

If you have any questions, please contact your local area administrator.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

PATRICK J. DELANEY
Chairman, State Referee Committee