



AYSO Area 1D Advanced Referee Assessment And Certification Policies and Procedures



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The AYSO Area 1D referee staff is committed to supporting our referees so that all players in AYSO Area 1D are provided with well-trained and experienced referees. In order to maintain consistency at the highest levels of officiating within Section One and Area 1D, the following policies and procedures will be utilized for all upgrades to the Advanced Referee level. It is highly recommended that the candidate obtains one or more friendly mentoring assessments from any Referee Assessor or National Referee Assessor prior to requesting a formal Advanced Referee assessment. This experience, along with mentoring, helps prepare the candidate and has shown to improve the formal assessment experience.

Assessment Policies

- **Assessor Qualification:** For assessment as (Center) Referee, the Assessor must be an AYSO certified Referee Assessor or National Referee Assessor from outside the candidate's home AYSO Region, unless authorized in writing by the Area Director of Referee Assessment (ADRA) *prior to the assessment*. For assessment as Assistant Referee, the Assessor may be any AYSO certified Assessor (Referee or National Referee), including those from within the candidate's home AYSO Region. In both cases, if the Assessor is from another Area, the Assessor's ADRA must be contacted by the Area 1D ADRA to verify the Assessor's credentials *prior to the assessment*.

Each of the candidate's successful assessments must be performed by a different Assessor, unless authorized in writing by the ADRA *prior to the assessment*. If the candidate is recommended for further observation, the same Assessor may be used for another assessment.

- **Match level and length:** Advanced Referee candidates shall be assessed on a typical 14U-Boys 70-minute (i.e., full length) match. With prior ADRA written approval, a 16U or 19U match may be used for the assessments. These requests will be judged on a case-by-case basis. However, the candidate should recognize that being assessed during an older age group will likely make the game management more difficult and, therefore, the assessment more rigorous.
- **Non-AYSO matches:** If requested by the candidate, and approved by the ADRA prior to the assessment, a non-AYSO match of the equivalent age division (or higher) may be used for the assessment. The match must utilize the Diagonal System of Control, have a three-person referee team (no dual-system games are allowed), and be of suitable duration as specified above. Assistant referees for these non-AYSO assessment matches are not required to be AYSO certified, but must be certified by the association having jurisdiction over the match (USSF, NISOA, SBPSL, CIF, etc.).

Assessment Procedure

The AYSO Area 1D Advanced Referee upgrade assessment procedure is outlined in the five steps below. Each referee desiring upgrade to the Advanced Referee level must follow the steps as written.

Step 1: A referee wishing to upgrade to the Advanced Referee level must contact his/her *Regional* Director of Assessment (RDRA) to request each upgrade assessment. The referee must also line up at least one game (more games improve the chances of finding an available Assessor) of the appropriate age group and length which will be available for the assessment, and provide this information to the ADRA.

NOTE: To maximize the ADRA's probability of engaging an available Assessor, it is highly recommended that the candidate accomplishes this step of the process at least *two to three weeks* prior to the desired assessment date.

Step 2: The candidate's RDRA shall contact the Area Regional Director of Assessment (ADRA) to verify that the candidate is deemed ready for an assessment and upgrade (i.e., requisite classes taken, exams successfully passed, etc.).

Step 3: The ADRA shall then contact and assign a qualified AYSO certified Referee Assessor or National Referee Assessor to one of the available games. In cases where the ADRA wishes to have multiple candidates assessed in a single match (e.g., Referee and Assistant Referee), the individual Assessor will decide whether one or two candidates may be assessed during a particular game. In no case will one assessor be allowed to conduct more than two assessments in one match. All three members of a referee team can be assessed in the same match if two Assessors are assigned to that match.

Step 4: After the ADRA has approved the scheduled assessment, the ADRA shall provide the candidate with the Assessor's contact information and the candidate must contact the Assessor directly to confirm the arrangements.

- If the candidate cannot keep the commitment as scheduled, he/she must contact the ADRA and the Assessor immediately.
- If the Assessor cannot keep the commitment as scheduled, he/she must contact the ADRA immediately so that an alternate Assessor can be found. In this case, Step 3 must be repeated.

Step 5: After the candidate has completed all of the requirements for upgrade, the candidate must complete the entire upgrade application, and sign it. After the upgrade application is completed, the candidate should make a copy of the completed application and send it to the ADRA for review, approval, and signature. Current contact information for the ADRA is on the Area 1D Website at <http://www.ayso1d.org/Default.aspx?tabid=947393>.

Step 6: After verifying all the information on the upgrade application, the ADRA will submit the application to the AYSO Section 1 Referee Administrator (who issues the Advanced Referee badge).

Referee Upgrade Certification Policy

In order to receive approval for the upgrade to Advanced Referee in Area 1D, candidates must have:

- Be registered for the current year as documented in the AYSO registration system,
- A minimum of one-year experience ("time in grade") as an Intermediate Referee before their upgrade will become effective.
- Passed the written examination and the physical fitness test; and have completed both assessments (Referee and Assistant Referee) required for this upgrade within three years (36 months) prior to the date he/she submits the completed upgrade application
- Candidates must complete the Advanced Referee course, written examination, and physical fitness test *prior to* starting the assessment process. Prior completion of these requirements significantly improves the chances of the assessments being successful.

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