



Alberta Soccer - District Referee Assistant Profile

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Purpose:

The District Referee Assistant provides advice, implements local processes and strategic actions to ensure that all district associations have a core of well trained, capable, confident referees and assistant referees to meet the demands of local soccer programs.

The District Referee Assistant works with District Boards to ensure the overall health of the referee programs in the District. Support, both financial and material is provided by the Alberta Soccer Association through approved programs of the Referee Development Committee.

The District Referee Assistant will fulfill the roles, drawn from the listing below, that are agreed to with their local District associations, and should be included in annual district referee program outcome expectations.

The position is compensated with an annual honorarium.

Appointment of District Referee Assistants:

- Any person interested in fulfilling the role of District Referee Assistant should contact a member of their District board to discuss possible nomination to Alberta Soccer.
- A representative of the District (president, vice president or executive director) will contact the Alberta Soccer Referee Development Officer to confirm the District's nomination.
- The nominee will be approved by the Referee Development Officer in consultation with the Alberta Soccer Executive Director.

Communication:

- Act as a conduit for all communication between ASA and the District (including district members) in all matters pertaining to officials.
- Act as a liaison between ASA and all officials within their district in regards to rule/law changes, clarifications or upcoming events/competitions.
- Represent ASA interests at their district meetings in regards to ASA referee policies, Laws of the Game, Rules of Indoor Soccer, instructional and promotional programs.
- Represent their District, and its officials, at the twice yearly RDC/DRA meetings.
- Submit an annual report of all duties carried out each year and submit that report prior to fiscal year ending October 31st to the Referee Development Committee. This report must be signed off by the District President (or in lieu of, a member of the executive).

Recruitment:

- Ensure that all active referees in their district are provincially registered, and named on the Eligible List of Officials each year.
- In conjunction with District representatives, actively recruit candidate officials using available opportunities (tournaments, registration fairs, school Phys Ed programs etc.)
- Promote the practice and need for well qualified, trained officials within the District communities.

Education / Mentoring:

- Oversee the scheduling and organization of referee courses (Mini, Entry Level, Refresher and Conversion) within their district, in cooperation with district administrators, volunteers and staff.
- Identify potential candidates for upgrading & propose recommendations to the Referee Development Committee for the Regional upgrading program.
- Assess or mentor referees, assisting them to upgrade or improve their skills (if qualified).
- Implement mentoring and skills development strategies to promote growth in capabilities among District officials.

Scheduling:

- Assist the District Referee Assignor with appropriate scheduling of officials.
- Oversee and/or organize referees for all provincial competitions within their district, including verification with the Referee Development Officer of eligibility of officials to be assigned.
- Be available for duties, at all district-hosted provincials, as referee in chief, or nominate an alternate.
- Schedule, organize and oversee the annual fitness test in their district, for any regional or higher officials, or district officials in the upgrade program.

Organizational:

- Represent their district officials at the RDC / DRA meetings.
- Works with the District Association to ensure adequate resourcing and focus for referee programs in the District.
- Facilitate additional requirements prescribed by their district executive as needed.

Personal Development:

- Maintain personal development and work to successfully pass the Regional Referee exam.
- Achieve or work towards achieving district instructor and assessor status.

Resources:

- District referee assistant strategy framework.
- Local or regional referee networks.
- Members of the Referee Development Committee, and material published by the RDC.
- Members of a local Referee Association.
- Through the RDC, officials in the National Program.