

**REGULATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION AND
CONTROL OF REFEREES**

Futsal Edition

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20.1 Preamble

Member Associations are responsible for the administration of Referees registered with Canada Soccer who reside in their area as determined by Canada Soccer. Canada Soccer has administrative responsibility for Referees who are serving members of the Armed Forces who are not serving within Canada.

Member Associations shall act as, or appoint, a Referees' Committee to carry out its functions under these Regulations.

20.2 Definitions

Provincial Futsal Referee	A Referee who has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, the ability to officiate Futsal matches at the Provincial Level.
Regional Futsal Referee	A Referee who has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, the ability to officiate Futsal matches at the Regional Level.
District Futsal Referee	A Referee who has completed, successfully, the Entry Level Futsal Referees Course, having reached the age of 16 years.
Youth Futsal Referee	A District Futsal Referee between the ages of 14 – 16 years of age who has completed, successfully, the Entry Level Futsal Referees Course.
Small-sided Referee	A Referee who has completed, successfully, the appropriate Referees Course for soccer played by teams of less than 11– a-side (excluding Futsal), as determined from time to time by Canada Soccer or Provincial Soccer Association.
District Futsal Referee Assessor	An individual who has demonstrated the ability, to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, and is authorized to complete assessments of Futsal Referees at the District Level.
Regional Futsal Referee Assessor	An individual who has demonstrated the ability, to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, and is authorized to complete assessments of Futsal Referees at the Regional Level.
Provincial Futsal Referee Assessor	An individual who has demonstrated the ability, to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, and is authorized to complete assessments of Futsal Referees at the Provincial Level.

National Futsal Referee Assessor	An individual who has demonstrated the ability, to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, and is authorized to complete assessments of Futsal Referees at the National Level.
District Futsal Referee Instructor	An individual who has demonstrated the ability, to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, and is authorized to deliver courses of instruction to Futsal Referees at the District Level.
Regional Futsal Referee Instructor	An individual who has demonstrated the ability, to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, and is authorized to deliver courses of instruction to Futsal Referees at the Regional Level.
Provincial Futsal Referee Instructor	An individual who has demonstrated the ability, to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, and is authorized to deliver courses of instruction to Futsal Referees at the Provincial Level.
National Futsal Referee Instructor	An individual who has demonstrated the ability, to the satisfaction of Canada Soccer or Member Association, as required by these Regulations, and is authorized to deliver courses of instruction to Futsal Referees at the National Level.

20.3 Recruitment, Basic Referee Training and Initial Examination

- a) Canada Soccer and Member Associations shall be responsible for the recruitment, basic training and initial examination, where required, of Referees.
- b) The requirements and standards for the Entry Level Soccer Referee Course **and for the Entry Level Futsal Referee Course*** shall be set annually by Canada Soccer.
- c) All candidates shall be examined as to their suitability to be a Referee by an initial examination at the end of an Entry Level Referees Course. The initial examination shall be as prescribed by Canada Soccer and shall include eyesight and colour test. Member Associations must notify Canada Soccer should they examine a candidate who is a serving member of the Armed Forces at the time of examination.
- d) The minimum age a candidate may be presented for the Entry Level Soccer Referee Course **and for the Entry Level Futsal Referee Course*** is 14 years.
- e) Candidates who do not reach the standard required by Canada Soccer in the initial examination may not be presented for further examination until a period of 28 days has elapsed.

20.4 Classification

- a) On behalf of Canada Soccer each Member Association must classify Referees, not on the International or National List, administered by their Association. The classification period runs from 1 April in each year, or the date of successful completion of the initial examination, to the following 31 March.

- b) As of 1 September in each year Futsal Referees are to be classified as follows:

International: Futsal Referees who are on the FIFA List of Referees.

National List: Futsal Referees selected by Canada Soccer to serve on the National List and who meet the requirements of Regulation 5 below.

Provincial Referee: This classification includes referees who have served at a higher level. Where a Futsal Referee has achieved a level higher than Provincial Futsal Referee and is then not retained by Canada Soccer, the Referee is to be classified as a Provincial Futsal Referee, subject to meeting the requirements of Regulation 20.5 below, with the option of further promotion as defined in Regulation 20.5 below, or until a status of non-active is declared by the individual.

Regional Referee:

District Referee: A District Futsal Referee must be over the age of 16 years as of the date of registration.

Youth Referee: A District Futsal Referee who is over the age of 14 and under 16 years of age as of the date of registration.

Declared non-active Futsal Referees: Those referees who no longer are active officials but who may wish to maintain their registration with Canada Soccer (this does not include accredited Assessors or Instructors who are no longer active referees).

- c) When a Soccer Referee or **Futsal Referee*** changes residence from one Member Association to another, the classification level will be accepted by the Member Association in to whose area the Referee has moved. (This regulation does not apply to small-sided Referees who may be required to undergo separate provincial training prior to being re-registered).

20.5 Promotion

- a) Selection and promotion will be determined as follows:

International Level: Annual nomination by Canada Soccer to FIFA, selected from those eligible Referees, as at the date of nomination determined by FIFA.

National List: Soccer **and Futsal*** Referees who satisfy the criteria established by Canada Soccer from time to time and those who have been promoted from Provincial Referee (following nomination by a Member Association to Canada Soccer, from those Referees who satisfy the criteria, established by Canada Soccer from time to time), for outstanding ability as determined by Canada Soccer.

Provincial Referees: Soccer **and Futsal*** Referees who satisfy the criteria established by Canada Soccer from time to time and those who have been promoted from Regional Referee for outstanding ability as determined by Canada Soccer from time to time.

Regional Referees: Soccer and Futsal* Referees who satisfy the criteria established by Canada Soccer from time to time and those who have been promoted from District Referee for outstanding ability as determined by Canada Soccer from time to time.

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20.6 Requirement for Futsal Referees

a) District Futsal Referee Requirements

1. Upon successful completion of the Entry Level Futsal Referees Course, together with a passing grade on the examination conducted as part of such course, successful referee candidates shall be classified as District Futsal Referees.
2. A Youth Futsal Referee shall automatically become a District Futsal Referee upon reaching the age of 16.
3. District Futsal Referees shall be eligible to officiate youth recreational games, youth competitive games and senior amateur games with game appointments based on the pyramid of officiating criteria established by the Member Association from time to time.
4. To maintain a District Futsal Referee classification, a Referee shall remain current by attending annual education programming as established by the Member Association from time to time, pay the annual fees as published by Canada Soccer, be in good standing and maintain registration each year.
5. Prior to applying for promotion to Regional Futsal Referee, a District Futsal Referee must serve a minimum of one complete Registration Period or 12 months in that classification, whichever is the shortest, and have completed a minimum of twenty (20) qualifying games.

b) Regional Futsal Referee Requirements

1. District Futsal Referees wishing to be considered for promotion to Regional Futsal Referee must:
 - a. Submit an application to the relevant Member Association no later than 1st August preceding the season in which the promotion is sought;
 - b. Attend a course of instruction conducted under the jurisdiction of the Member Association by an approved Futsal Referee Instructor;
 - c. Attend and pass the Regional Futsal Referee examination;
 - d. Within the two (2) years following a passing mark on the Regional Futsal Referee Examination, obtain a minimum of three (3) qualifying assessments over a minimum of 20 qualifying games by more than one Assessor, at least two of which must be in Senior Men's Competitive games with the other assessment obtained in another Competitive caliber game;

- e. Fulfill the annual fitness standards in supervised tests each of the following two (2) years following the Examination;
 - f. Candidates may be requested to complete additional assessments above the minimum to show proficiency of performance at the required level. In such cases, an extension beyond the two-year limit may be granted.
 - g. Candidates shall be not less than 18 years of age as of 1st September of the current registration year. Proof of age may be requested at the time of application.
2. Selections for promotion to Regional Soccer Referee shall be made by 15th June each year and individuals notified of the outcome in writing.
 3. On initial promotion to Regional Futsal Referee the Member Association who administers the Referee must allocate and assign the Referee to matches in an appropriate League.
 4. Regional Futsal Referees shall be eligible to officiate District Competitive, Regional Competitive, and Senior Competitive games.
 5. To maintain a Regional Futsal Referee classification, a referee shall remain current by:
 - a. Actively officiating within Canada Soccer;
 - b. Adhering to all Published Rules of Canada Soccer;
 - c. Be in good standing;
 - d. Attending annual education programming as established by the Member Association from time to time;
 - e. Pay the annual fees as published by Canada Soccer;
 - f. Maintain registration each year;
 - g. Successfully complete a minimum of one (1) formal assessment per year in an appropriate Senior Competitive game;
 - h. Fulfill the fitness test requirement for Regional Futsal Referees.

c) Provincial Futsal Referee Requirements

1. Regional Futsal Referees wishing to be considered for promotion to Provincial Futsal Referee shall:
 - a. Submit an application to the relevant Member Association no later than 1st August preceding the season in which the promotion is sought;
 - b. Perform as an above average Regional Futsal Referee for two (2) years;
 - c. Attend a course of instruction conducted under the jurisdiction of the Member Association by an approved Futsal Referee Instructor;
 - d. Attend and pass the Provincial Futsal Referee examination;
 - e. Within the two (2) years following a passing mark on the Provincial Futsal Referee Examination, obtain a minimum of four (4) qualifying assessments over a minimum of 20 qualifying games by more than two Assessors, all of which must be in Senior Men's Competitive games;

- f. Fulfill the annual fitness standards in supervised tests each of the following two (2) years following the Examination;
 - g. Candidates may be requested to complete additional assessments above the minimum to show proficiency of performance at the required level. In such cases, an extension beyond the two year limit may be granted.
2. Selections for promotion to Regional Soccer Referee shall be made by 15th June each year and individuals notified of the outcome in writing.
 3. Provincial Futsal Referees shall be eligible to officiate in any amateur Futsal competition and may be appointed to inter-provincial competitions.
 4. To maintain a Provincial Futsal Referee classification, a referee shall remain current by:
 - a. Actively officiating within Canada Soccer;
 - b. Adhering to all Published Rules of Canada Soccer;
 - c. Be in good standing;
 - d. Attending annual education programming;
 - e. Adhering to all Published Rules of Canada Soccer;
 - f. Pay the annual fees as published by Canada Soccer;
 - g. Maintain registration each year;
 - h. Successfully complete a minimum of two (2) formal assessments per year in an appropriate Senior Competitive game;
 - i. Fulfill the fitness test requirement for Provincial Futsal Referees.

d) National Futsal Referee Requirements

1. Provincial Futsal Referees wishing to be considered for promotion to National Futsal Referee shall:
 - a. Submit an application to Canada Soccer no later than 1st August preceding the season in which the promotion is sought;
 - b. Perform as an above average Provincial Futsal Referee for two (2) years;
 - c. Attend a course of instruction conducted under the jurisdiction of Canada Soccer by an approved Futsal Referee Instructor;
 - d. Attend and pass the National Futsal Referee examination;
 - e. Within the two (2) years following a passing mark on the National Futsal Referee Examination, obtain a minimum of four (4) qualifying assessments by more than two Assessors, all of which must be in Inter-Provincial Competitive games;
 - f. Fulfill the annual fitness standards in supervised tests each of the following two (2) years following the Examination;
 - g. Candidates may be requested to complete additional assessments above the minimum to show proficiency of performance at the required level. In such cases, an extension beyond the two year limit may be granted;
 - h. Candidates may be required to attend an interview to ascertain their suitability against criteria determined by Canada Soccer.

- i. The performance of referees who are being considered for promotion to National Futsal Referee should be assessed during top National tournaments.
- i. National Futsal Referees should be eligible to officiate in any Futsal competition in Canada and may be appointed to International competitions.
- k. To maintain a National Futsal Referee classification, a referee shall remain current by:
 1. Actively officiating within Canada Soccer;
 2. Adhering to all Published Rules of Canada Soccer;
 3. Be in good standing;
 4. Attending annual education programming;
 5. Pay the annual fees as published by Canada Soccer;
 6. Maintain registration each year;
 7. Successfully complete a minimum of three (3) formal assessments per year in an appropriate Inter-Provincial game;
 8. Fulfill the fitness test requirement for National Futsal Referees.

20.7 Appointments

“Third Referees” are appointed to certain Futsal competitions by Canada Soccer or Member Association. The duties and responsibilities of the Third Referee are detailed in the Futsal Laws of The Game and in the Competition Rules. Such appointments form part of the Order of Precedence within the Competitions listed above.

20.8 Accredited Assessors

- a) **District Futsal Referee Assessors:** Assessors who have completed the Basic Futsal Referee Assessor Course and provided, for evaluation by the Member Association, a minimum of two Futsal Referee assessments completed at the District level, which meets the standard as determined by Canada Soccer.
- b) **Regional Futsal Referee Assessors:** Assessors, who have completed a minimum of 2 consecutive years as a District Futsal Referee Assessor, attended In-service training, and whose assessments, having been evaluated by the Member Association, meet the standard as determined by Canada Soccer.
- c) **Provincial Futsal Referee Assessors:** Assessors, who have completed a minimum of 2 consecutive years as a Regional Futsal Referee Assessor, attended In-service training, and whose assessments, having been evaluated by the Member Association, meet the standard as determined by Canada Soccer.
- d) **National Futsal Referee Assessors:** Assessors who satisfy the criteria established by Canada Soccer, following nomination by a Member Association to Canada Soccer, and those Assessors who satisfy the criteria, established by Canada Soccer for outstanding ability, as determined by Canada Soccer.

20.9 Accredited Instructors

- a) **District Futsal Referee Instructors:** Instructors who have attended the Basic Futsal Referee Instructor Course and satisfied the Member Association that they have demonstrated the ability to instruct the Entry Level Futsal Referee Course to the standard determined by Canada Soccer.

- b) Provincial Futsal Referee Instructors:** Instructors who have completed a minimum of 2 consecutive years as a District Futsal Referee Instructor, attended In-service training, and whose Instructional ability, having been evaluated by the Member Association, meet the standard as determined by Canada Soccer to instruct at In-service training courses for referees up to and including Provincial Referee.
- c) National Futsal Referee Instructors:** Instructors who satisfy the criteria established by Canada Soccer following nomination by a Member Association, and those Instructors who satisfy the criteria as determined by Canada Soccer, with outstanding ability to instruct at In-service training courses and events for referees up to and including National List Officials.