



# Regional to Provincial Classification

## Pre-Requirements to Apply for the Provincial Upgrade Program:

- Be a Regional referee in the season that you apply for upgrading.
- Have refereed games at the competitive U16 level (Tier 1 youth levels leading to Nationals) or above. (see chart below)
- Have successfully passed the fitness test at the Regional level or higher, in the season prior to applying.
- Submit an application form to the Alberta Soccer Association, prior to the annual deadline (**Feb 28, 2025**). Application form link will be emailed to all applicable candidates.

*Please note – this is a competitive process, and not all applicants may be selected.*

## Provincial Upgrade Requirements:

- Pass a CSA multiple-choice Laws of the Game examination, with a mark of 80% or better.
- Attend a two-day Provincial upgrade clinic. (additional details below)
- Pass the Provincial High Intensity Fitness test, at the male or female provincial standard. (details provided in Appendix)
- Referee in a minimum of 20 qualifying games (competitive U16 and above). You will be asked to submit a log of your games to the Alberta Soccer Association, prior to October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Must maintain a written log of games completed within the upgrade season (excel template will be provided).
- Work as an assistant referee in a minimum of 5 qualifying games (competitive U16 and above). You will be asked to submit a log of your games to the Alberta Soccer Association, prior to October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Achieve a minimum of 3 assessments with an above average mark (8.5 or higher), as a referee over the 20 qualifying games, in the year of upgrading. All completed assessments will be discussed and taken into consideration for upgrading purposes.
- Assessments for upgrading will only be accepted in games prior to October 31<sup>st</sup> of the upgrade year.
- Candidates who do not complete the requirements within the 3<sup>rd</sup> season after taking the upgrade classroom will be required to reapply from the beginning of the process.



## Provincial Upgrade Streams

There are two methods of entering the Provincial Upgrade Program:

1. **Centralized CSA Training Course (held at CSA location)** - Targeted towards officials on the path towards the National List of Officials. Special consideration will be given to officials, nominated by their Provincial Association for the National List of Officials, who have attended the CSA's Centralized In-service Training Course.
  - a. Must apply to Provincial Association prior to annual deadline. (application form will be emailed to eligible candidates)
  - b. Nominated to CSA by the Provincial Association, no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - c. Must successfully complete an online Laws of the Game examination, with a mark of at least 80%, prior to attending the Training Course. This is one-time examination, with no re-takes.
  - d. Must successfully complete the Provincial High Intensity Fitness Test at the provincial standard, prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
  
2. **ASA Provincial Training Course** - Targeted towards officials with skills to meet the requirements of a Provincial Referee but are not on the promotional stream to become National or International officials.
  - a. Must apply to the Provincial Association prior to the annual deadline. (application form will be emailed to eligible candidates)
  - b. Successfully selected by the Provincial Association, no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> (pending participation in the Provincial Hi Intensity Test prior to the upgrade clinic.)
  - c. Must participate in the Provincial High Intensity Fitness Test prior to the upgrade clinic to be eligible to attend.
  - d. Must successfully complete an online Laws of the Game examination, with a mark of at least 80%, prior to attending the upgrade Course. This is one-time examination, with no re-takes.
  - e. Must successfully complete the Provincial High Intensity Fitness Test at the provincial standard, by October 31<sup>st</sup>, in the year of the upgrade.

Selected officials to start the upgrade process will be approved and contacted April 1<sup>st</sup>.



The following chart displays the minimum Youth and Adult qualifying level of games required to be assessed for upgrade purposes:

**Assessable and Qualifying Games Chart – Provincial**

<b>Youth</b>	U17 Tier 1 Competitive (Leads to Nationals) APDL - U16 Tier 1 Youth Provincials – U17 National Championships – U17
<b>Adult</b>	Premier Divisions and Below AMSL - Any Usport/ACAC - Any League1 AB - Any Provincial Championships – Any National Championships - Any

\*CSA Minimum standards – Competitive U16 and above.