



District to Regional Classification

This document is designed to outline the pathway to promotion as a referee in Alberta. The criteria and checklists below are tools for referees to use in their development plans.

Pre-Requirements to Apply for the Regional Upgrade Program:

- Have been a District referee for at least one full outdoor season.
- Have refereed games at the competitive U16 level or above. 'Competitive' is any Tier that leads to provincials (T1-T4) or any 'Standards Based' youth league (see chart below).
- 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.

Regional Upgrade Requirements:

- Successfully complete an online CSA Laws of the Game examination, with a mark of at least 80%, prior to attending the Training Course. This is a one-time examination, with no re-takes.
- Attend a two-day Regional Upgrade Clinic.
- Pass the Regional Fitness test, at the male or female regional standard by October 31st.
- Achieve a minimum of 3 assessments with an above average mark (8.5 or higher), as a referee in competitive U16 or above games, in the year of upgrading. Assessments are reviewed at the conclusion of the outdoor season. All completed assessments will be discussed and taken into consideration for upgrading purposes.
- Candidates who do not complete the requirements within the 3rd season after taking the upgrade classroom will be required to reapply from the beginning of the process.

Note: You will be provided with full instructions on how to progress with your upgrade, when you attend the Regional Upgrade course.



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

Eligible Levels for Assessment – Regional

Youth	U17 Tier 1-4 Competitive (Leads to provincials) APDL - U16*/U17 Youth Provincials – U17 and above National Championships – U17
Adult	Premier Divisions and Below AMSL - Any Usport/ACAC - Any League1 AB - Any Provincial Championships - Any National Championships - Any

***Minimal CSA requirements U16 competitive and up.**