

Mission Statement

Section Eleven's Referee Staff is committed to supporting our program in order that players in Section Eleven are provided with well-trained and experienced referees. The Referee Staff will support the Areas and Regions within Section Eleven to ensure that sufficient resources and training are available to uphold a quality referee program.

Assessment Guidelines

In order to maintain consistency at the highest levels of officiating within the section, the following guidelines will be used for all upgrades to the National Referee level. Each National Referee Candidate must comply with the AYSO National Referee Program guidelines, which require candidates to successfully complete two assessments as referee and one assessment as assistant referee, all on U19 games if they are available. Use of U16 games must be approved in advance by the Section Director of Assessment (SDA) or the Section Referee Administrator (SRA).

Candidates for certification as National Referee must have:

- A minimum of one year experience (time in grade) as an Advanced Referee by the time their completed Application for Referee Certification ("application") is submitted.
- Completed all upgrade requirements within three (3) years prior to submitting their application,
- Completely filled out their application, including games completed and signature.

The Section Eleven National Referee upgrade assessment process is outlined in the steps below. All National Referee Candidates must follow the steps as outlined.

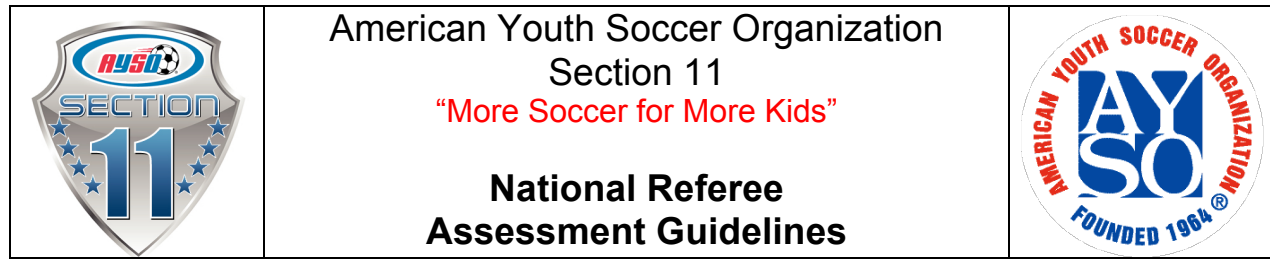
Step 1

Prior to requesting a formal National Assessment, the candidate should obtain one or more friendly mentoring assessments from a National Referee Assessor. This experience helps prepare the candidate and can improve the formal assessment experience. The candidate should work through his/her Area Director of Assessment (ADA) to be assigned a National Referee Assessor for this mentoring. During the mentoring process the ADA should obtain information from the Assessor regarding the candidate's performance, and inform the SDA when the Candidate is ready for his/her formal assessment.

Step 2

National Assessments are intended to be performed on full-length 90 minute U19 games. Games scheduled to last between 80 and 90 minutes may be used for National Assessments only if SDA or SRA approval is received in advance. At least one of the assessments as Referee should be on a U19 Boys game.

The Candidate should contact the SDA with dates, times, and field location(s) of possible assessment games and note whether the requested assessment is as Referee or Assistant



Referee. The Candidate must provide the SDA this information with a minimum of ten days notice (two weeks is preferable). The SDA will then forward this information to the current list of approved Section Eleven National Referee Assessors to determine their availability.

Step 3

The SDA will notify the Candidate once a National Referee Assessor has accepted the assignment. The Candidate is responsible for confirming the date, time, and location of the game with the Assessor. The Candidate is expected to select the referee team, arrive at the field at least 30 minutes prior to the game, be appropriately attired, and bring an Application for Referee Certification (upgrade form).

Step 4

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to officiate and control "a typical AYSO match." An Assessor may assess no more than two candidates during the same game (e.g. referee and AR; two ARs), at his/her discretion. If three candidates are to be assessed on the same game, at least two Assessors must be assigned. The assessment debrief will take place as soon as possible after the game is completed. The Assessor is responsible for advising the candidate whether he or she will be recommended for upgrade or further observation. Debriefs are expected to last a reasonable time, typically no more than 30 minutes.

Step 5

After the Candidate has completed all requirements for upgrade, the Candidate should sign the completed Application for Referee Certification, make a copy of the application for his/her records, and either mail or email a copy to the SDA for approval and submission to the National Support and Training Center. If email is used, the application must be scanned and sent as an attachment (e.g. PDF, GIF, TIF).

Exceptions

Any exceptions to the above guidelines must be approved in advance by the Section Referee Administrator or the Section Director of Referee Assessment.