



EPSARC Update September 11, 2020

In this week's update we have information about:

- **2021 Grassroots Referee Recertification**
- **2021 Upgrade to Regional Referee**
- **Let's Review: Law 5 - The Referee - Game Reports**

2021 Grassroots Referee Certification

Grassroots Referee Recertification for 2021 will be open in OMS (Officials Management System) by September 20th. This year all requirements will be completed online – there will be no in person clinic. Here's what you need to know:

- Log into your OMS account at www.epsarc.org
- Click on “I want to” and select “Register for a clinic or fitness test”
- Go through the prompts.
 - Note: not everyone may see the above 2 bullets – but will see the clinic directly on their home page
- Once back to your home page select the clinic labeled: *2021 Grassroots Recertification*.
- Register and continue to checkout.
 - If you are registered for 2020 there will be no charge.
 - Otherwise the fee is \$50.
- Click on Online Lessons to begin.

2021 Upgrade: Grassroots to Regional Referee

Due to the pandemic, U.S. Soccer is not allowing states to change the upgrade requirements. In order to upgrade from a Grassroots Referee to a Regional Referee you must comply with the following:

- 18 years of age or older
- Minimum of three (3) consecutive years as a Grassroots Referee

- Game count (50 games as a referee, 25 as an AR in adult matches)
- Complete the fitness test at the appropriate standard
- Three (3) Passing Assessments.
 - Two (2) at the adult amateur level, One (1) at the highest youth level in the state (U18 or U19 2 x 45-minute halves).
 - Evaluations must be done by three (3) different referee coaches.

If interested in upgrading, or for general questions, contact EPSARC at EPSARCOffice@gmail.com

Let's Review: Game Reports

Law 5: The Referee, Section 3: Powers and Duties

"The referee:...acts as timekeeper, keeps a record of the match and provides the appropriate authorities with a match report, including information on disciplinary action and any other incidents that occurred before, during or after the match..."

It is the responsibility of every referee to complete and send in a match report after EVERY game. Check with the league on proper procedure on how to submit (paper, email, online).

This allows league and state officials to monitor and manage their league as well as provides protection for the referee if the league or State Association needs to take action after the match.

DO

- Focus on the facts
- Be clear and concise
- Work with the referee team

DON'T

- Speculate
- Insert Opinion
- Make Disciplinary Suggestions

Critical Incidents that MUST be included in your game report:

- Injuries – especially head injuries
- All disciplinary matters (cautions/sendoffs)
- COVID-19 protocol issues
- Field issues
- Anything out of the ordinary

For the Good of the Game.
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