

## GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR B.C. REFEREES

Referees of all Classes must comply with the Canadian Soccer Association and the B.C. Soccer Association regulations relating to referees and the code of ethics.

### UNIFORM

Black shirt with white collar and cuffs, or alternate if necessary, black shorts, black soccer-style shoes and black knee length socks with three white rings around the top. The shirt may have short sleeves. One badge shall be worn on the left breast area of the shirt. The badge shall be for the highest level for which the referee is qualified, such as FIFA referee, National or the badge approved by the Association.

### MEDICAL AND FITNESS TESTING

B.C. referees have an obligation to ensure that they are in first class physical and mental condition. All FIFA, National and Class 1 referees must have an annual medical examination and successfully complete the FIFA approved fitness test. The fitness test must be completed annually and the results must be submitted to the British Columbia Soccer Association. The FIFA, National and Nominated National referees must complete three fitness tests. The 1st fitness test is to be completed by May 15th, the second by July 1st and the 3rd fitness test is to be completed by September 1st. The results of these tests must be submitted to the Association within two working days of the test for inclusion to the National Association. The Medical form, completed and signed by a physician must be presented to the fitness test supervisor prior to testing at the first scheduled fitness test.

### B.C.S.A. FITNESS TEST CRITERIA FOR REFEREES

All referees (Class 4 to F.I.F.A.) are required to participate and satisfactorily complete annual fitness requirements. (FIFA and National have additional requirements)

The following is the criteria for B.C. officials to qualify for promotion and/or maintain their current status. The fitness test shall be taken a minimum of once per year. We welcome all officials to "come out and participate". Aspiring officials are encouraged to do the complete test.

All referees are reminded of the medical requirement necessary before the fitness test may be attempted. This is for your benefit. An annual medical is your responsibility and is highly recommended but a signed waiver will be accepted from Class 2, 3 & 4 referees.

This test is conducted on a selected oval track

#### CLASS ONE

1) Up to and including the year of your 45th birthday or to qualify as a Class One

- 50 metre sprint within 7.5 seconds
- 200 metre run within 32 seconds
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- 12 minute run, distance of a least 2700 metres (walking not permitted)

2) 46 and up to and including the year of your 50th birthday

- 50 metre sprint within 9.0 seconds
- 200 metre run within 40 seconds
- 50 metre sprint within 9.0 seconds
- 200 metre run within 40 seconds
- 12 minute run, distance of a least 2400 metres (walking not permitted)

The test is to be performed in the order listed. Participants should have an appropriate warm up period prior to starting the test. It is recommended that there be a rest period of 15 minutes before the 12 minute run. Time allowed for completion of the test is 2 hours.

3) Over 50 years of age

- 12 minute run, distance of a least 2000 metres (walking not permitted)

#### CLASS TWO, THREE AND FOUR

1) Up to and including the year of your 45th birthday

- 12 minute run, distance of a least 2700 metres (walking not permitted)

2) 46 and up to and including the year of your 50th birthday

- 12 minute run, distance of a least 2400 metres (walking not permitted)

3) Over 50 years of age

- 12 minute run, distance of a least 2000 metres (walking not permitted)

#### **IMMIGRANT REFEREES**

Referees taking residence in B.C. must undergo the following procedure before being classified:

- a. have the claimed qualification checked and be given a probationary classification, usually one class lower than the grade claimed, and
- b. obtain a minimum of three field assessments in selected games, the results of the assessments will be used to set the final classification,
- c. have examinations and field assessments carried out to the satisfaction of the Association. Assessments are to be carried out by at least two different assessors.

#### **REGISTERED SENIOR REFEREES**

If a Senior Referee wishes to register with BC Soccer, and has not registered recently, the referee must provide proof of successful completion of a Class 3 or better exam. The BC Soccer office has records of all Referee Clinics up to and including September 1, 1998 to assist all referees with this search.

If the Senior Referee cannot provide proof, then at no charge to themselves, they must sit a qualifying exam. This qualifying exam is the 2000 edition Class 4, Version 1, 2 or 3.

Upon successful completion of this exam, the referee has the option of registering as a Class 3 and paying \$50, or registering as a Class 4 and paying \$25. Should the Senior Referee fail the exam, he/she can attend a Class 4 clinic and if passing that exam, may register as a Class 4 Referee.

#### **REFEREE CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS**

##### CLASS 5 REFEREE

A Class 5 referee shall not be less than 12 years of age and shall have attended a course conducted under the jurisdiction of the Association.

A Class 5 referee shall officiate in Mini-Soccer or act as an Assistant Referee in other Youth competitions.

##### CLASS 4 REFEREE

A Class 4 referee shall not be less than 14 years of age and shall have successfully completed an entry level referee's course and examination, obtaining a mark of not less than 75%. Registration with the British Columbia Soccer Association is mandatory.

A Class 4 referee may officiate in any category of youth soccer or act as an assistant referee in youth and senior amateur soccer.

##### **MAINTAINING CLASS 4 REFEREE STATUS**

It is mandatory that all registered Class 4 referees attend an annual refresher course to remain up to date with changes issued by FIFA plus other relevant topics, as well as participate in the fitness component of the refresher course. The refresher course must have been attended not more than 12 months prior to registration. Failure to meet the above criteria will result in denial of registration until the criteria is met.

##### CLASS 3 REFEREE

To be eligible for promotion to Class 3, the referee must have:

- a. Complete at least one year as a competent, registered Class 4 referee.

- b. Competency is defined as having obtained a minimum of one field assessment by a District or Provincial Assessor with a mark of not less than 70%
- c. Shall not be less than 16 years of age and shall have successfully completed a Class 3 upgrading course and examination obtaining a mark of not less than 75%
- d. Shall successfully complete the annual fitness test.

Once the above criteria is fulfilled, the referee will be promoted to Class 3.

A Class 3 referee may officiate in any category of amateur soccer.

#### **MAINTAINING CLASS 3 REFEREE STATUS**

It is mandatory that all registered Class 3 referees attend an annual refresher course to remain up to date with changes issued by FIFA plus other relevant topics, as well as participate in the fitness component of the refresher course. The refresher course must have been attended not more than 12 months prior to registration. Failure to meet the above criteria will result in denial of registration until the criteria is met.

#### **CLASS 2 REFEREE**

To be eligible for promotion to Class 2, the referee must have:

- a. Completed at least one year as a competent, registered class 3 referee. Competency is defined as having obtained a minimum of two field assessments in competitive games, each with a mark of not less than 70%. These assessments shall be made by different provincial assessors.
- b. Successfully complete a class 2 up-grading course and examination, obtaining a mark of not less than 80%. The course shall be conducted under the jurisdiction of the Association.
- c. Within two years after having successfully attended the course and passing the examination, obtain a minimum of three field assessments in approved games, each with a mark of not less than 75%. These assessments shall be made by at least two different provincial assessors. Failure to obtain the assessments within a two year period will require the referee to re-attend and successfully pass the examination at an upgrading clinic.
- d. Shall successfully complete the annual fitness test.

Once the above criteria is fulfilled, the referee will be promoted to Class 2.

#### **MAINTAINING CLASS 2 REFEREE STATUS**

In order to maintain Class 2 status, a registered referee must obtain a minimum of one annual assessment, having a mark of 75% or higher and successfully complete the annual refresher course and fitness test.

The refresher course must have been attended not more than 12 months prior to registration.

Failure to meet these standards will result in automatic down-grading to class 3.

A Class 2 Referee being downgraded to Class 3 for failing to maintain the minimum standards of performance and fitness shall be allowed the next season in which to be re-assessed as being of Class 2 caliber. Failing which, the referee will remain at the lower class until all regulations for upgrading have been completed.

A Class 2 Referee may officiate in any category amateur soccer or be recommended to act as an assistant referee in non-amateur games under the jurisdiction of the Association.

#### **CLASS 1 REFEREE**

To be eligible for promotion to Class 1, a referee must have:

- a. completed not less than one year as a competent, registered Class 2 Referee,
- b. successfully attend a Class 1 upgrading course, and examination, obtaining a mark of not less than 85%. Obtain within two years, a minimum of four field assessments in approved games, each having a mark of not less than 80%. These assessments shall be made by more than one provincial assessor. Failure to obtain the assessments within a two year period will require that the referee re-attend and pass the examination at an upgrading clinic.
- c. pass the required medical and fitness tests.

Once the above criteria is fulfilled, the referee in question will be promoted to Class 1.

#### **MAINTAINING CLASS 1 REFEREE STATUS**

- a. complete an annual medical examination,
- b. successfully complete the annual fitness test for referees,
- c. obtain one field assessment each year in an approved game, having a mark of not less than 80%,
- d. attend annual refresher course.

Failure to meet the above criteria will result in automatic downgrading to Class 2. A referee being downgraded for not complying with any of the above, shall be allowed the next season in which to be assessed as being Class 1 caliber. Failing which, the referee will remain at the lower class until all of the regulations for upgrading have been completed.

A Class 1 Referee may officiate in any category of amateur soccer or be recommended to officiate in non-amateur games under the jurisdiction of the Association.

In order for a Class 1 Referee to be eligible for nomination by the Association to the position of National Referee, the referee must:

- a. complete at least two (2) years as an above average registered Class 1 referee, and
- b. have a minimum of three (3) assessments in each of the past two seasons, each having a mark of not less than 85%. The assessments must be carried out by three (3) different provincial assessors, and
- c. be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant, and
- d. be not less than 23 years of age or more than 40 years of age in the year of nomination and
- e. be an active participant in the Association's referee development program and maintain satisfactory involvement

Once nominated, the referee will continue to register as a Class 1 referee until his/her National status is confirmed by the Canadian Soccer Association. The criteria for confirmation can be obtained from the Canadian Soccer Association at the time of nomination.