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Referee License Requirements for 2020-21

U.S. Soccer Referee Program



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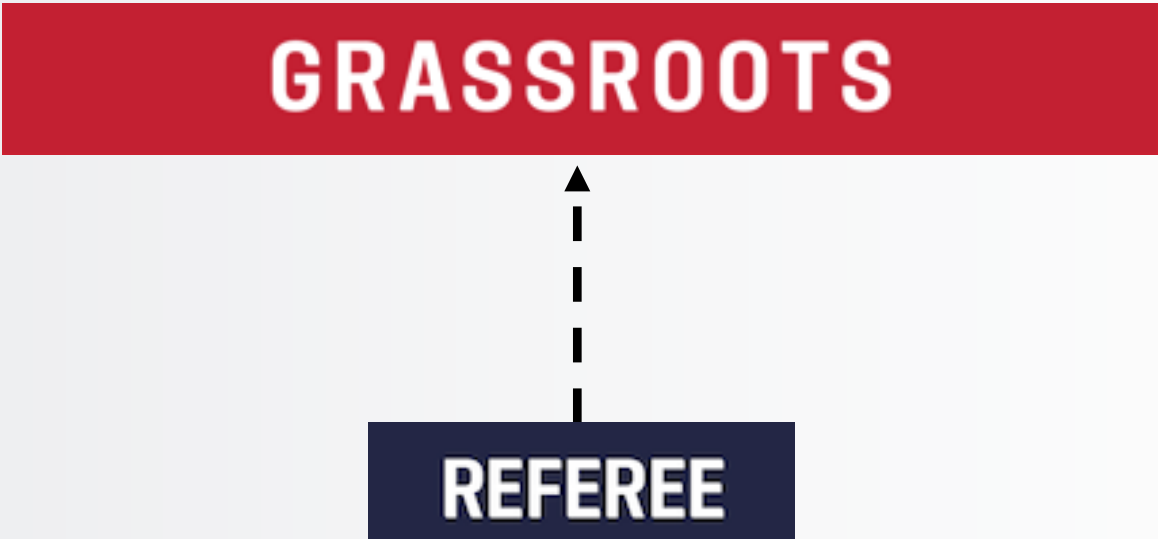




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GRASSROOTS LICENSE CERTIFICATION



GRASSROOTS CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	13 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	NA
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	NA
TRAINING	ONLINE and ON FIELD EXPERIENCE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NCSI BACKGROUND CHECK (18 yrs. and older)
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE – GRASSROOTS TEST
FITNESS TEST	NA – DETERMINED BY COMPETITION
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	NA

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GRASSROOTS LICENSE RE-CERTIFICATION



GRASSROOT RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
TRAINING	ONLINE LOTG UPDATE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIROMENTS NCSI BACKGROUND CHECK (18 yrs. and older)
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - GRASSROOTS RECERT TEST
FITNESS TEST	NA - DETERMINED BY COMPETITION IF APPLICABLE
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	NA



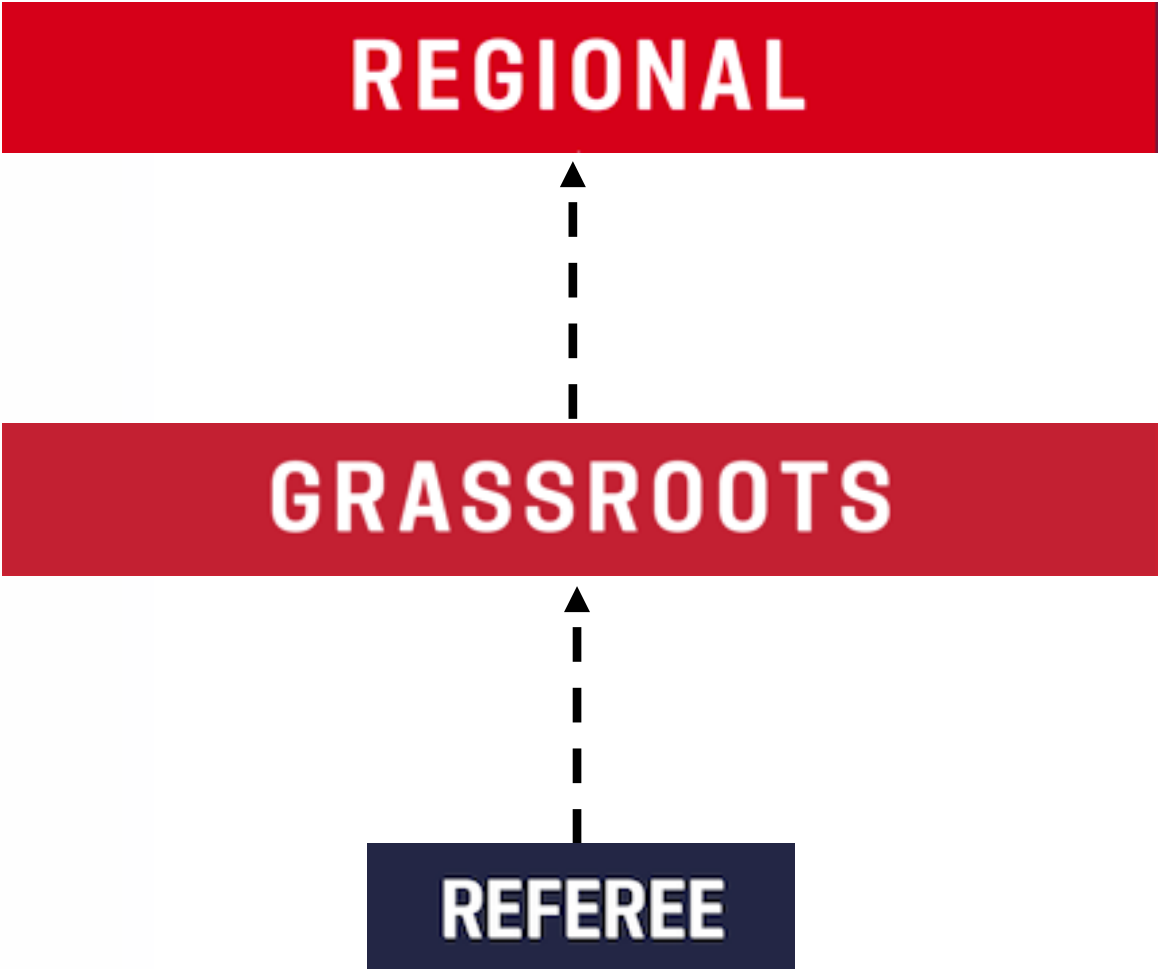
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REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION



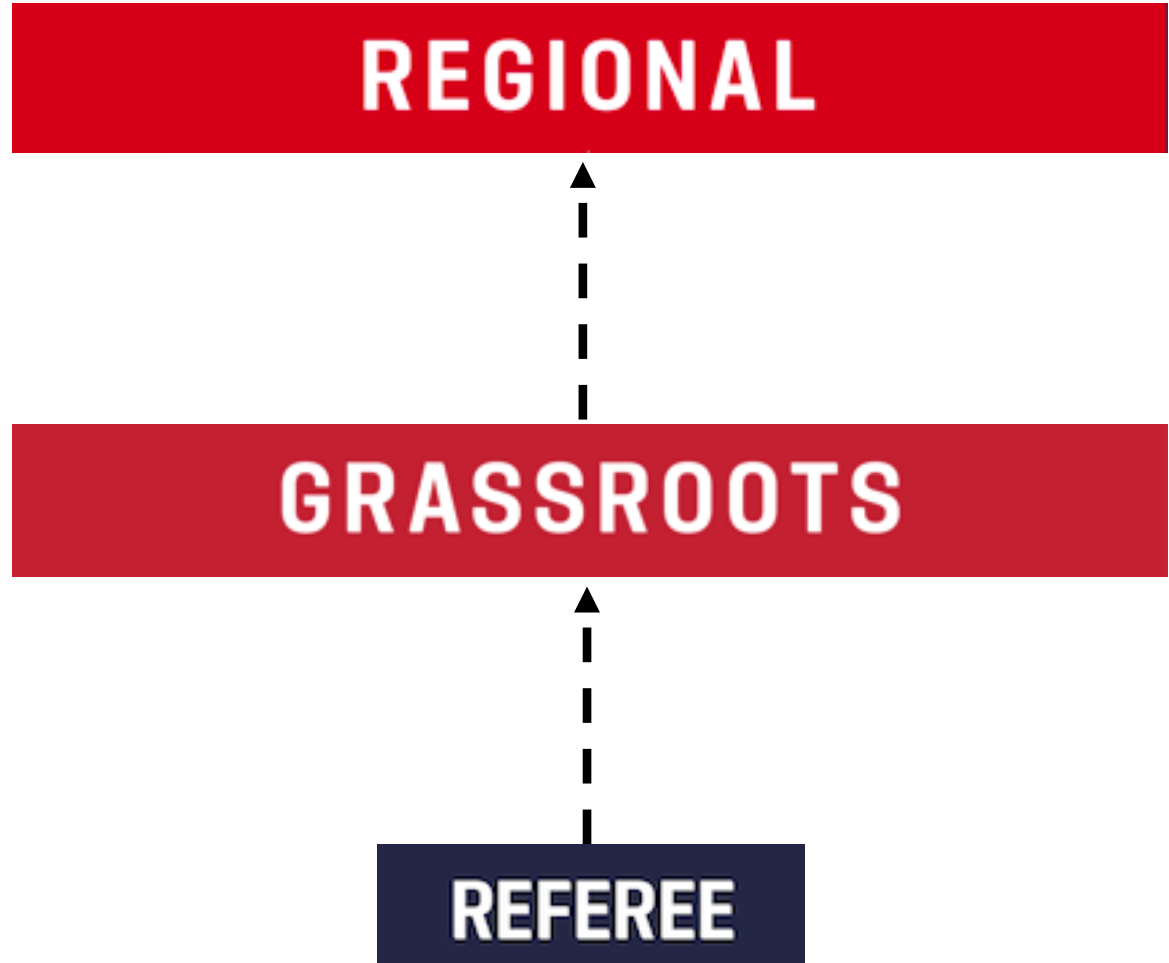
REGIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	50 GAMES AS A REFEREE AND 25 AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE AT THE LOCAL ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS GRASSROOTS REFEREE
TRAINING	REGIONAL REFEREE COURSE AND ON FIELD EXPERIENCE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIROMENTS NCSI BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - REGIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS (FIFA WOMEN'S REFEREE TEST) Male - Category 1 Female - Category 3
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING EVALUATIONS AS A REFEREE. TWO AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL, ONE AT THE HIGHEST YOUTH LEVEL (U18 or U19 - 2 X 45-minute halves) EVALUATIONS MUST BE DONE BY THREE (3) DIFFERENT REFEREE COACHES



REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE RE-CERTIFICATION



REGIONAL RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
TRAINING	ONLINE AND ON FIELD EXPERIENCE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NCSI BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE – REGIONAL RECERT TEST
FITNESS	SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS (FIFA WOMEN’S REFEREE TEST) Male – Category 1 Female – Category 3
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	TWO (2) PASSING EVALUATIONS AS A REFEREE. ONE AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL AND ONE AT THE HIGHEST YOUTH LEVEL (U18 or U19 – 2 X 45-minute halves) EVALUTIONS MUST BE DONE BY TWO (2) DIFFERENT REFEREE COACHES



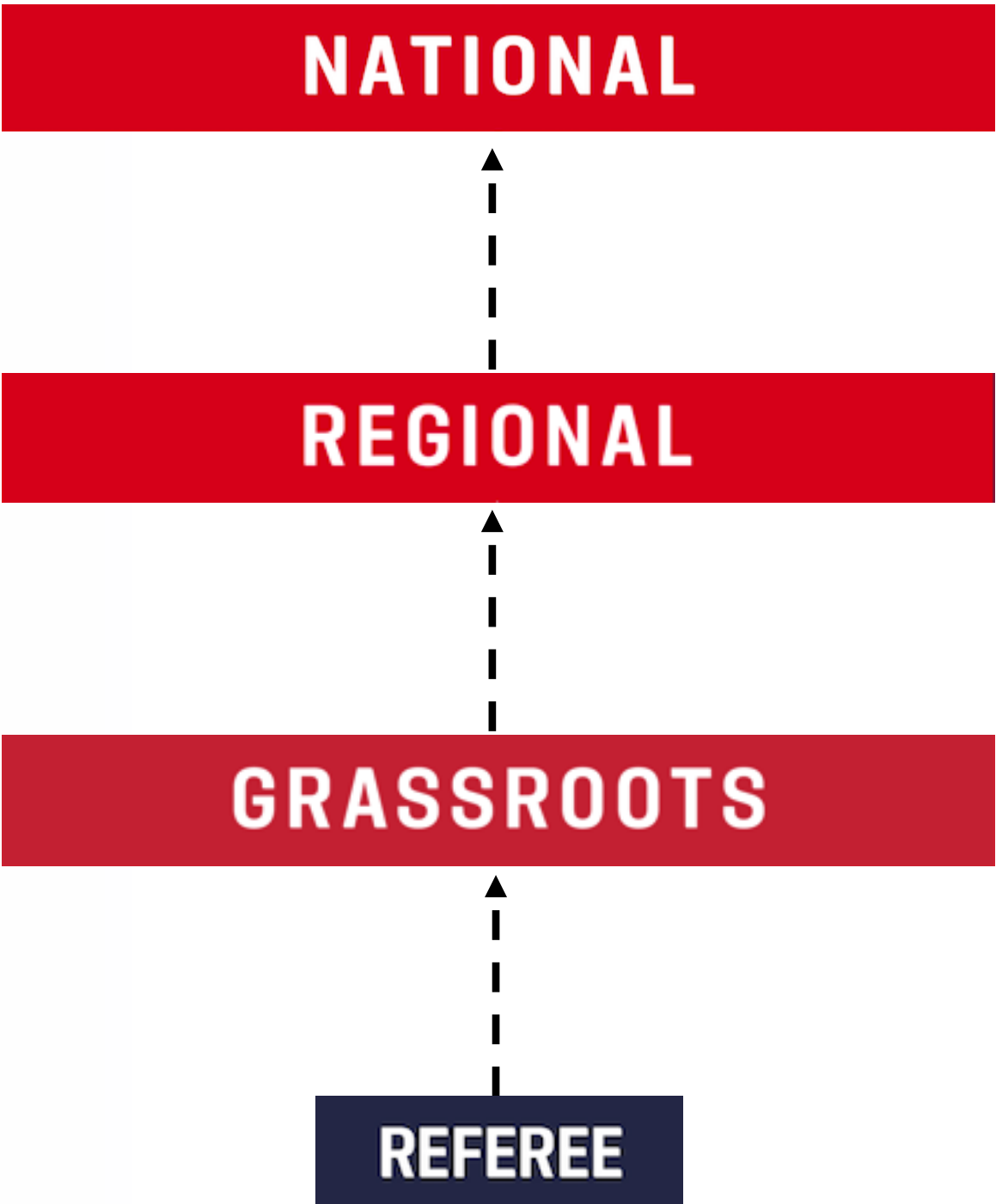
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NATIONAL REFEREE / ASSISTANT REFEREE LICENSE CERTIFICATION



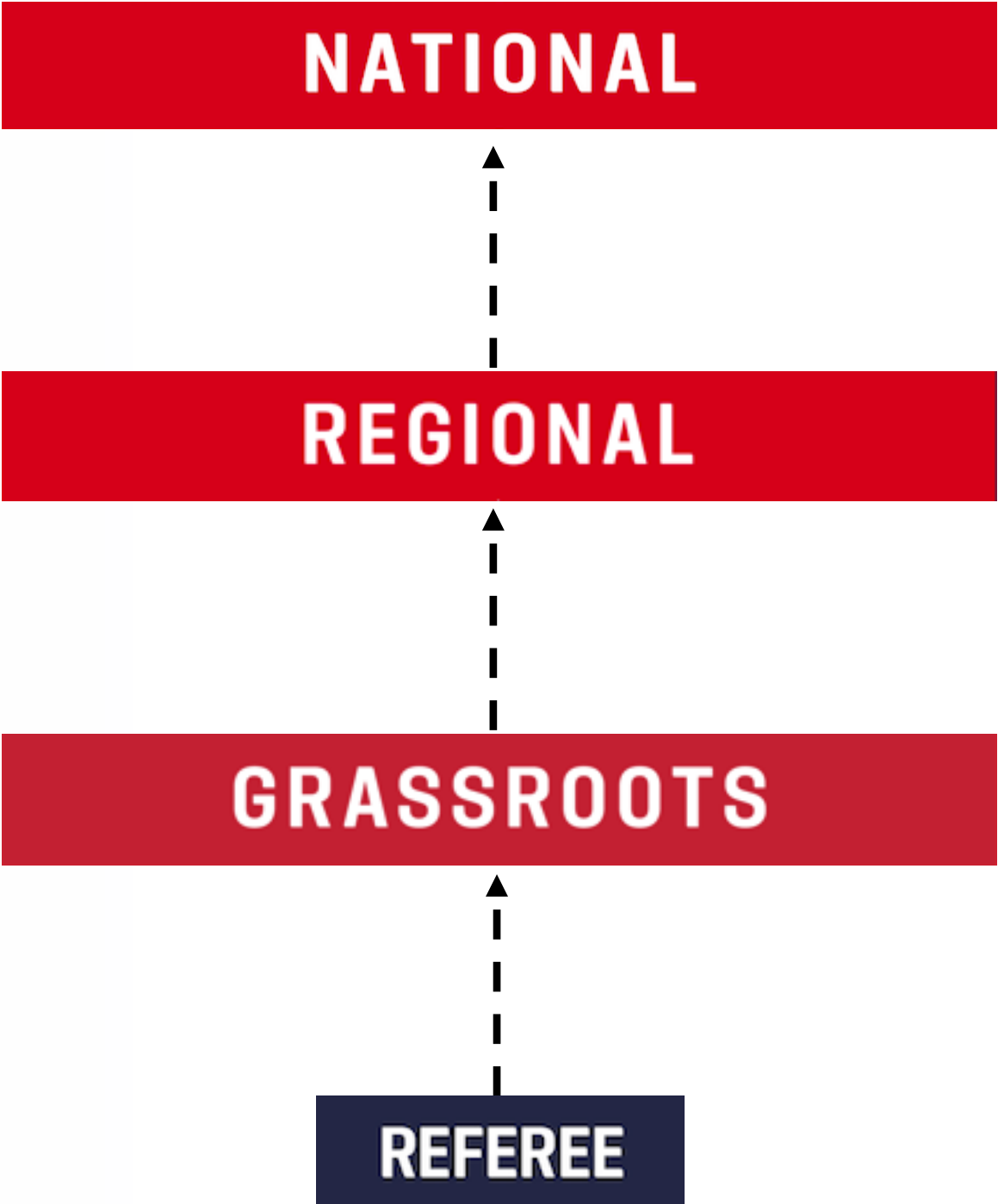
NATIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	100 GAMES AT THE ADULT AMATUER LEVEL REFEREE (50) AND ASSISTANT REFEREE (50)
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS REGIONAL REFEREE
TRAINING	NATIONAL CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK (NCSI)
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (TRACK & GENDER SPECIFIC) Category 1
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS IN SELECTED TRACK MUST BE BY THREE (3) DIFFERENT NATIONAL REFEREE COACHES



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NATIONAL RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	12 GAMES AS A REFEREE OR 12 GAMES AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE IN AMATEUR ADULT GAMES OR HIGHER LEVEL (PROFESSIONAL or INTERNATIONAL)
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	PREVIOUS YEAR AS A NATIONAL OFFICIAL
TRAINING	NATIONAL CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIROMENTS NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK (NCSI)
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (TRACK & GENDER SPECIFIC) Category 1
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS IN SELECTED TRACK BY THREE (3) DIFFERENT NATIONAL REFEREE COACHES ADULT GAMES or HIGHER LEVEL (PROFESSIONAL or INTERNATIONAL)



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P.R.O. LICENSE CERTIFICATION



P.R.O. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY P.R.O.
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	AS DETERMINED BY P.R.O.
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS AS NATIONAL REFEREE
TRAINING	PRO PRESEASON CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIROMENTS NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK (NCSI)
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (TRACK & GENDER SPECIFIC)
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	BASED ON PRO/PSRA CBA



P.R.O. LICENSE RE-CERTIFICATION



P.R.O. RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY PRO
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	AS DETERMINED BY P.R.O.
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS AS NATIONAL OFFICIAL
TRAINING	PRO PRESEASON CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIROMENTS NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK (NCSI)
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (TRACK & GENDER SPECIFIC)
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	BASED ON P.R.O./PSRA CBA



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FIFA CERTIFICATION



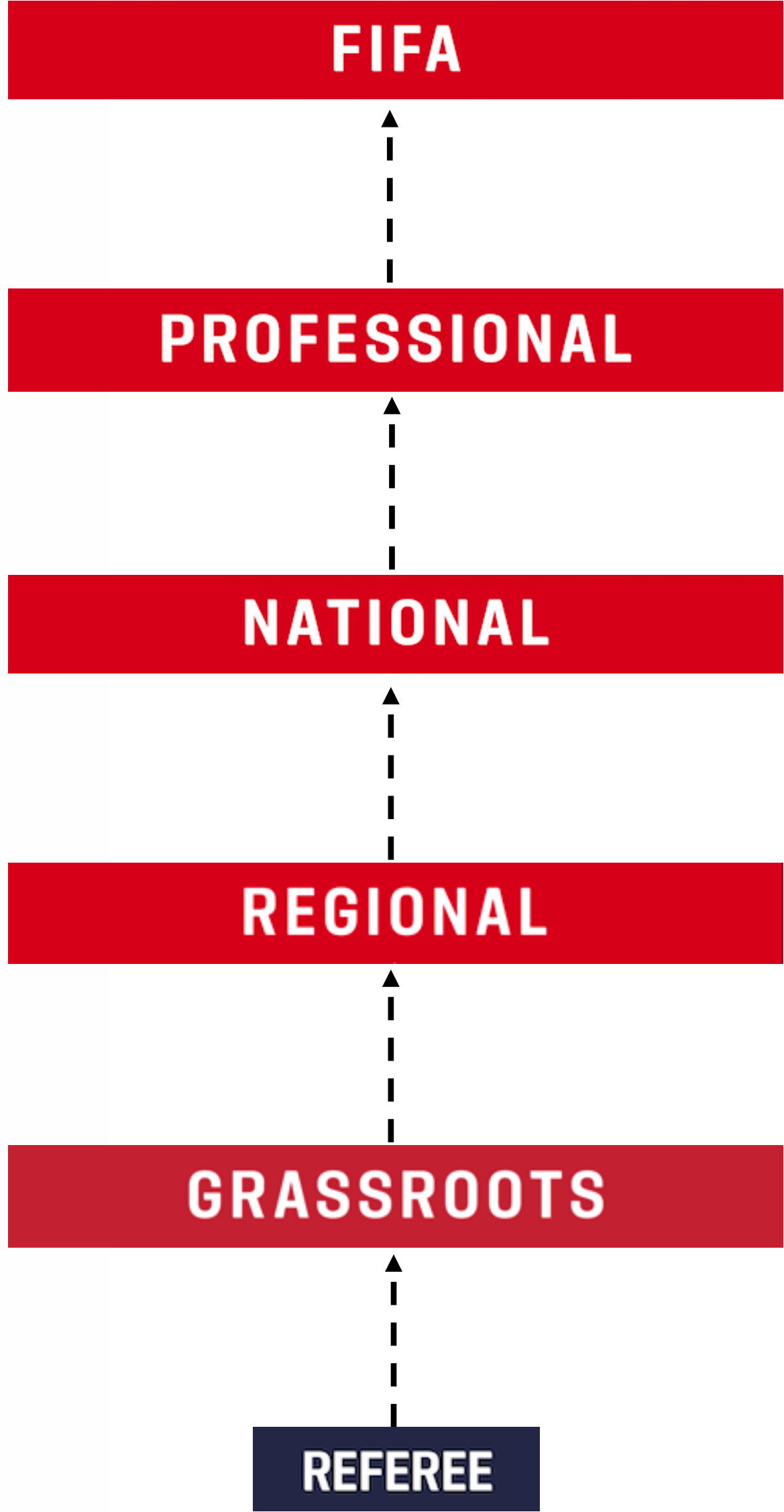
FIFA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	RECOMMENDED BY U.S. SOCCER REFCO APPROVED BY USSF BOD
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	TWO (2) YEARS WORKING IN THE DIVISION I PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF TWO (2) YEARS AS PROFESSIONAL REFEREE
TRAINING	P.R.O. PRESEASON CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK (NCSI)
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (TRACK & GENDER SPECIFIC)
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS OR PRO REQUIREMENT TO WORK DIVISION I PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES



FIFA RE-CERTIFICATION



FIFA RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	RECOMMENDED BY U.S. SOCCER REFCO APPROVED BY USSF BOD
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	TWO (2) YEARS WORKING IN THE DIVISION I PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF TWO (2) YEARS AS PROFESSIONAL REFEREE
TRAINING	P.R.O. PRESEASON CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE SOCCER TRAINING NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK (NCSI)
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE - NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TEST (TRACK & GENDER SPECIFIC)
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS OR PRO REQUIREMENT TO WORK DIVISION I PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES





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EMERITUS REFEREES – REGIONAL & NATIONAL



EMERITUS CERIFICATION and RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	MINIMUM AGE 45 OR PLDER
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	NA
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) YEARS AS REGIONAL OR NATIONAL REFEREE
TRAINING	REGIONAL RECERTIFICATION COURSE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE SOCCER TRAINING NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK (NCSI)
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE REGIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	NA
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	NA

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