



Expectations for Referee Performance by Grade Level **National Assessment Program**

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The following is a list of "Performance Expectations" for referees based upon grade level. Assessors should use this as a guideline when evaluating referees at various grade levels in determining their overall performance.

Grade 8: Entry Level Referee

The referee is expected to demonstrate the following skills:

- The referee is in proper uniform and gives a good first impression upon arriving at the pitch. Greets the coaches.
- Inspects the field, goals, nets, and players' equipment.
- Checks the players' passes
- Gives a basic pre-game briefing that focuses on mechanics and signals for proper communication.
- Has an elementary knowledge of the game.
- Main focus is on basic fouls.
- Recognizes obvious fouls and misconduct, and knows the seven cautions and seven send off offenses. Good if the referee recognizes subtle fouls, such as persistent infringement and tactical fouls.
- Keeps the assistant referees (AR's) in view while running the diagonal system of control. Good if the referee occasionally goes wide or deep into the corners or enters the penalty area.
- Has basic fitness. Good if the referee demonstrates sprints and going wide and deep when necessary.
- Applies the Laws of the Game as written. Good if the referee demonstrates a little understanding of the Spirit of the Game.
- Deals with violent conduct and serious foul play for game control.
- Good if the referee has the courage or understanding to ensure that the coaches behave and are not abusive.