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Referee Assessor Program

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1. Introductions

a. Purpose

The Assessment of officials is based on the practical education of officials in game situations. It allows officials to gain firsthand information from experienced assessors, allowing them to continue to develop and improve their performance.

The Assessor Program is a key component of BC Soccer's commitment to providing assessor education training and development for all Assessors across British Columbia. This program is aimed to support BC Soccer's member organizations and its affiliate clubs to meet the demand of training Assessors across the province in every region and soccer community.

b. Objectives

BC Soccer is responsible for the accreditation and training of assessors as determined by Canada soccer in accordance with the criterion outlined below. The objectives of the Assessor Program are to.

- Ensure development and training of Assessors is standardized and consistent across the province.
- Define the requirements for obtaining, upgrading and maintenance of each classification of Assessor.
- Ensure development and training of Assessors is accessible.
- Provide coaching and performance assessments for Referees, Assistant Referees & 4th Officials.
- To ensure uniformity in methodology and techniques of assessment.
- Identify method of talent identification for both Referees and Assessors.

2. Assessor Program

a. Accreditation Overview

The Assessor Accreditation process is comprised of training and course offerings that are required to complete the certification process which are highlighted below:

- Canada Soccer Accreditation Course
 - Pre-course exam required (80% pass mark)
 - 16-hour course (In-Class & On-Field practical training)
- BC Soccer Assessor Onboarding Training Module
 - 30-minute online Asynchronous Onboarding Module

Assessor Mentorship

Accreditation Overview

Interested Candidates must meet the following requirements to apply to receive accreditation:

- Must be minimum Grade 5, District Referee
- Must have a minimum 5 years Referee experience
- Candidates must have the following Safe Sport certifications:
 - Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check
 - NCCP Respect in Sport – Officials Module
 - NCCP Making Ethical Decisions Module
 - NCCP Rule of 2 Module

Special dispensation will be given to recent National or FIFA Officials regarding classification after being evaluated as an Assessor.

Program Phase	Phase Requirements	Frequency	Duration
Phase 01: Application This phase outlines the entry requirements only to the program.	1. Register for the 'Assessor Accreditation Clinic' once available through your Ref Centre account. 2. Complete a required pre-course exam with a passing mark of 80%.	Once	30 minutes
Phase 02: Accreditation This phase outlines the certification components once candidates have been accepted after successful completion of Phase 01 requirements	1. Attend the in-service Assessor Accreditation training hosted by BC Soccer. a. In-class theory and methodology. b. On-field practical component. Students will participate in the completion of a formal assessment of an active game. 2. Complete the BC Soccer Assessor Onboarding Module/Training. a. Online Asynchronous Onboarding Module b. Assessors may be subjected to additional training from time to time. 3. Receive assessor mentorship on 2 games and shadow an experienced assessor on 2 games	Once Once Once On-going	12-hours 4-hours 30 minutes On-going

Outcome

Following the successful completion of the accreditation requirements as well as the Assessor Mentorship component of the program, candidates will be recognized as District Assessors identified along the Assessor classification chart below.

b. Development Pathway

There are 5 levels of Assessor classification that include 'entry' through to 'national'. For information on all the classifications as well as a brief, overview please see the chart below.

District	Regional	Provincial	National
Assessors who have completed the basic Assessor course and participated in the assessor mentorship component of the program as mentee. Must have completed a minimum of 4 assessments at the Youth/District level.	Assessors, who have completed a minimum of 2 consecutive years as a District Assessor, participated in assessor mentorship as a mentee, attended in-service training, and whose assessments, have been evaluated by BC Soccer to meet the standard determined by Canada Soccer.	Assessors, who have completed a minimum of 2 consecutive years as a Regional Assessor, attended In-service training, and whose assessments have been evaluated by BC Soccer to meet the standard determined by Canada Soccer. Candidates must attend a 3 day workshop hosted by Canada Soccer to complete the Provincial Assessor course.	Assessors who satisfy the criteria established by Canada Soccer from time to time, following nomination by BC Soccer to Canada Soccer, and those Assessors who meet the criteria, established by Canada Soccer from time to time, for outstanding ability as determined by Canada Soccer.

c. Assessor Mentorship

Assessor mentorship includes attendance at online group workshops, shadowing of and evaluation by experienced national and provincial assessors, and annual training/testing of the Laws of the Game. Key dates around assessor mentorship are listed in the table below. All assessors must make themselves available for at least one provincial cup tournament. Assessor mentorship is required as part of the accreditation process for new assessors and as part of the upgrade process for existing assessors.

	Group	Shadowing/Evaluation Opportunities
January	Introduction Workshop	
February	Laws of the Game Quizzes	BCSPL/Local Matches
March	Laws of the Game Exam	
April		Adult Provincial Cup Finals
May	Workshop- Youth Provincial Cup	
June		Youth Provincial Cup
July		
August		
September	Workshop - Upgrade	BCSPL/CanWest/Local Matches
October		
November		
December		

Group Workshops

Within the Assessor Mentorship program, there are multiple group workshops that aim to uniformly deliver education on areas of emphasis within the Assessor Program. There are three workshops scheduled throughout the year to align with the various competitions that provide opportunities for assessments.

Shadowing/Evaluation Opportunities

In addition to group workshops, the Assessor Mentorship program also provides opportunities for on-field shadowing of and mentoring by experienced assessors (mentors). Mentees will have the opportunity to shadow experienced assessors at high level matches, including provincial cup matches, League 1 BC matches, and University matches. Additionally, mentees will receive evaluation by experienced assessors on matches that they are assessing. This includes attendance of the mentor at the match as well as providing feedback on the written report after the match. Mentees will additionally submit sample reports to evaluators for feedback as part of the evaluation process.

d. Assessor Maintenance

Assessors must attend Assessor In-service training every two (2) years, or as determined by Canada Soccer from time to time, to maintain their Accreditation. Re-accreditation will be dependent upon the Assessor having completed the following:

Class	Education	Law Exam	Course Log
District	Re-Accreditation Biennially	80%	Four (4) Assessments
Regional	Re-Accreditation Biennially	80%	Four (4) Assessments
Provincial	Re-Accreditation Biennially	80%	Four (4) Assessments
National	Determined by Canada Soccer	80%	Determined by Canada Soccer

Assessors may also be evaluated from time to time based on performance in Law exams and if the number of assessments completed does not meet the minimum annual requirement.

3. Appendix

a. Apparel

Instructors who successfully complete the accreditation program will be provided with a Polo Shirt.

b. Cost

Currently, there is no cost to participate in the Assessor Accreditation clinic.