



AYSO Section 1 Policy on National Assessor Upgrade Requirements



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The Section 1 referee staff is committed to supporting our referees so that all players in Section 1 are provided with well-trained and experienced referees. To maintain consistency at the highest levels of officiating within the section, the following policy applies to all upgrades to the National Referee Assessor.

This policy clarifies the requirements for National Referee Assessor in Section 1.

ITEM 1. The current National Referee Program Manual statesⁱ that one of the requirements to be certified as a National Referee Assessor is:

Successful completion of two practice assessments of a referee officiating a 19U AYSO match (or equivalent) or 16U AYSO match (or equivalent) if 19U is not available. These "over-the-shoulder" assessments must be mentored by a National Referee Assessor.

In that Section 1 has a policy requiring all assessments for the upgrade to National Referee to be conducted on 19U matches, the National Referee Assessor assessment requirement in Section 1 is modified as follows:

Successful completion of two practice assessments of a referee officiating a 19U AYSO match (or equivalent). These "over-the-shoulder" assessments must be mentored by a National Referee Assessor.

ITEM 2. National Referee Assessor candidates in Section 1 must receive “over-the-shoulder” assessments on 19U matches where a National Referee candidate is being assessed for the upgrade by a National Referee Assessor. **NOTE:** Service assessments, friendly assessments, and similar informal assessments do not qualify for purposes of completing the “over-the-shoulder” requirement for certification as a National Referee Assessor in Section 1.

ITEM 3. Each “over-the-shoulder” assessment must be with a different National Referee Assessor.

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ⁱ “National Referee Program – 2023”, page 59, <http://aysolref.com/nrpm#page=69>