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1. Introduction

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 Referee 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.

c. Development Pathway (Classifications)

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.

Entry	District	Regional	Provincial	National
Assessors who have attended the Basic Assessor Accreditation and have shown the demonstrated ability to assess with mentorship and guidance to the standards determined by BC Soccer through the Accreditation process.	Assessors who have completed the basic Assessor course and provided (for evaluation by BC Soccer) a minimum of two assessments completed at the district level, which meets the standard as determined by Canada Soccer.	Assessors, who have completed a minimum of 2 consecutive years as a District Assessor, attended in-service training, and whose assessments, having been evaluated by BC Soccer. As well as meet the standard as 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, having been evaluated by BC Soccer. As well as meet the standard as determined by Canada Soccer.	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.

2. Assessor Program

a. Assessor Application & Accreditation Process

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

- Must be minimum Grade 5, District Referee
- Must have a minimum 5 years of Referee experience
- Candidates aged 19 years or older must have a valid Criminal Record Check on file
- Preferred (but not mandatory) certified mentor

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

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

For a more detailed breakdown of the process including the application and accreditation phase, please see the chart below.

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 RefCentre 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Online Asynchronous Onboarding Module b. Assessors may be subjected to additional training from time-to-time. 	Once Once Once On-going	12-hours 4-hours 30 minutes On-going

Following the successful completion of the accreditation requirements, candidates will be recognized as Entry Assessors identified along the Assessor classification chart, previously shared.

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b. Re-Accreditation Process

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

- A minimum of 8 assessments each year at the accredited level.
- Attendance at the bi-annual in-service training.
- Evaluation of assessments by the BC Soccer or Canada Soccer to the standard determined by Canada Soccer from time to time.

s. Appendix

a. Apparel

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

b. Cost

There is no cost to participate in the Assessor Accreditation clinic or overall programming.