



# **BC SOCCER**

## ***Referee Instructor Program***

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# **INTRODUCTIONS**

## **Purpose**

The Referee Instructor Program is based on the delivery of theoretical and practical education to individuals looking to become a referee and for the ongoing development of currently accredited officials (registered referees).

The Referee Instructor Program is a key component of BC Soccer's commitment to providing Instructor education training and development for all Instructors across British Columbia. This program is designed to support BC Soccer's member organizations and affiliated Clubs to meet the demand of training Instructors in every region of BC and all soccer communities.

## **Objectives**

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

- Ensuring development and training of Instructors is standardized and consistent across the province.
- Define the requirements for obtaining, upgrading and maintenance of each classification of Instructor.
- Ensure development and training of Instructors is accessible.
- Ensure uniformity in methodology, techniques and delivery of instruction across all curriculum as it relates to the Laws of the Game.

## Classifications

There are five (5) levels of Instructor classifications as outlined below.

### 1. In-Club Instructor

Instructors who have received the Introductory Instructor Accreditation and have demonstrated the ability to instruct the Small Sided Clinic and Co-Instruct the Entry Level clinic to the standards determined by BC Soccer through the Accreditation process.

The In-Club Instructor services BC Soccer's Member Organizations and Affiliated Clubs to help train their Referees at the Grassroots level. Our vision is to empower all organizations to designate technical leads who are responsible for overseeing Referee development within their organization by becoming trained as a BC Soccer In-Club Instructor. In this way, they can be qualified to deliver the various Grassroots Referee education sessions with an '**In-Club**' delivery model.

It is recommended that In-Club Instructors are either current Club Head Referees and/or endorsed by a club official (Club Head Referee, Club President or Executive Director) with the understanding that once training has been completed, this individual will be responsible for coordinating and delivering Referee training and development to the respective club according to its needs. Endorsements can be emailed directly to [Hagen Herold](#), Referee Development Coordinator, with the name of the individual applying to the Instructor Accreditation clinic.

### 2. District Instructor

Instructors who have received the Introductory Instructor Accreditation and have demonstrated the ability to instruct the Entry Level Clinic and Refresher Courses to the standards determined by BC Soccer and/or Canada Soccer through the Accreditation process.

### 3. Regional Instructor

Instructors who have completed a minimum of two (2) consecutive years as a District Instructor, attended In-service training, and whose instructional ability, having been evaluated by the Provincial/Territorial Association, meets the standard as determined by Canada Soccer to instruct at in-service training courses for Match Officials up to and including Regional Match Officials.

### 4. Provincial Instructor

Instructors who have completed a minimum of two (2) consecutive years as a District and/or Regional Instructor, attended In-service training, and whose instructional ability, having been evaluated by BC Soccer, meet the standard as determined by the Canada Soccer from time to time, to instruct at In-service training courses for Match Officials up to and including Provincial Match Officials.

### 5. National Instructor

FUTURO III accredited Instructors and those Instructors who satisfy the criteria established by Canada Soccer following nomination by a Provincial/Territorial Association, and those instructors who satisfy the criteria as determined by Canada Soccer with outstanding ability to instruct at in-service training courses and events for Match Officials up to and including National List Officials.

# INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

## Accreditation Overview

BC Soccer is always interested in strengthening its Instructor pool to conduct clinics and help support registered Referees with District/Club based Grassroots Education Sessions.

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

Requirements to apply:

- Must be a minimum District Referee
- Must have a minimum 5 years Referee experience
- Minimum age of 19 years old
- Preferred (but not mandatory) to have instructing or teaching background
- Endorsed by a BC Soccer Member Organization
- Clear and valid Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check

Special dispensation will be given to recent National or FIFA Officials when it comes to classification after being evaluated and trained as an Instructor.

Program Phase	Phase Requirements	Frequency	Duration
<b>Phase 01: Application</b> This phase outlines the entry requirements only to the program.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Register for the 'Instructor Accreditation Clinic' once available through your RefCentre account.</li> <li>2. Complete a required pre-course exam with a passing mark of 80%.</li> </ol>	Once	30 minutes
<b>Phase 02: Accreditation</b> This phase outlines the certification components once candidates have been accepted after successful completion of Phase 01 requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attend the in-service Instructor Accreditation training hosted by BC Soccer.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In-class theory and methodology.</li> <li>b. On-field practical component.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Complete the BC Soccer Instructor Onboarding Module/Training.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Online Asynchronous Onboarding Module</li> <li>b. Instructors may be subjected to additional training from time-to-time.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Receive a passing Instructor Evaluation to an assigned Course and/or Education Session (in-class/online/practical) in the current year following the in-service training.</li> </ol>	Once Once  Once On-going	12-hours 4-hours  30 minutes On-going  Duration of Clinic

## Outcome

Following the successful completion of the accreditation requirements, candidates will be recognized as 'In-Club Instructors' identified along the Instructor classification chart above. Following successful accreditation, Instructors must complete and submit a Criminal Record Check if they have not already done so.

The following chart outlines all applicable education deliverables and their corresponding roles based on Instructor level.

	In-Club		District		Regional		Provincial		National
	Assist	Lead	Assist	Lead	Assist	Lead	Assist	Lead	Lead
Small Sided AR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Small Sided	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entry Level	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Refresher	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supplementary Education Sessions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Regional Upgrading					✓		✓	✓	✓
Provincial Upgrading					✓		✓		✓
Assessor Accreditation & Re-Accreditation					✓		✓		✓
Instructor Accreditation & Re-Accreditation					✓		✓		✓

## Instructor Development Pathway

The following outlines the development pathway to maintain or upgrade as an Instructor with BC Soccer.

### Instructor Classification Maintenance

The following chart outlines requirement to maintain your current classifications as a BC Soccer accredited Referee Instructor.

Class	Education	Evaluations	Course Log
In-Club	Online Education Module (Asynchronous and/or Synchronous)	One (1) Evaluation	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
District	Re-Accreditation Biennially	One (1) Evaluation	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
Regional	Re-Accreditation Biennially	One (1) Evaluation	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
Provincial	Re-Accreditation Biennially	One (1) Evaluation	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
National	Determined by Canada Soccer		

## Instructor Classification Upgrading

The following chart outlines requirement to upgrade as a BC Soccer accredited Referee Instructor. These requirements indicate criteria to attain the specified class.

*Example: if currently classified as an 'In-Club Instructor', the criterion outlined in the 'District' class must be completed to achieve the 'District' class.*

Class	Education	Evaluations	Course Log
District	Online Education Module (Asynchronous and/or Synchronous)	One (1) Evaluation	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
Regional	Regional Upgrading In-Service Training (BC Soccer)	One (1) Evaluation	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
Provincial	Provincial Upgrading Service Training (Canada Soccer)	One (1) Evaluation	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
National	Determined by Canada Soccer		

## Instructor Re-Accreditation

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

- A minimum of four (4) courses or education sessions at the accredited level;
- Attendance at in-service training;
- An evaluation of instruction by BC Soccer Instructor Evaluators to the standard determined by Canada Soccer or BC Soccer from time to time.

## APPENDIX

### Apparel

Instructors who successfully complete the accreditation program will be provided with a BC Soccer Rain Jacket and Polo.

### Cost

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