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1. Introduction

a. Purpose

The Provincial Program for Referees, build on the previous PREP program and is designed to bring together identified Referees from the Regional and Provincial classification streams into the performance training and game environments. The program's focus is to support each Referee's development while also creating an overall environment that allows scouting opportunities for the BC Soccer Provincial Upgrading and National Nominations with Canada Soccer.

b. Objectives

1. The purpose of this program will concentrate efforts towards the development and growth of the top tier referees in the province.
2. Provide emphasis of the Referees Development pathway through the BC SPL, Provincial Program/Vancouver Whitecaps (Youth), University and College competition and League1 BC.
3. Develop a platform for advancement of Referees to the Provincial and National Lists.
4. Highlight and implement a standards-based approach with respects to performance measures and level of professionalism.

c. Overview

The Referee Provincial Program selects referees that are currently Regional and/or Provincial and/or are participating in the Referee Upgrading programs. The program runs annually and broken down into two phases:

1. Phase 01: Education
 - Consisting of practical training sessions, in-person training camps and online education webinars.
2. Phase 02: In-Season
 - Consisting of Match Officiating, Coaching and assessments.

The Referee Provincial Program highlights pools of Referees to officiate within specified leagues and high competition calibers that match competencies and promote development of referees.

Referees who participate during the in-season phase of the program will also have access to their BC Soccer Referee Progress reports which will be designed to support referees in identifying strengths and areas of improvement.

The Referee Provincial Program is in line with the BC Referee Pathway fostering a learning environments for referees along the Performance Pathway seeking National Nomination.

d. Cost

There is no cost to participate as an active official in the program. The program includes apparel, three assessments, education camp, online education webinar sessions and FIFA Fitness tests. More detail outlined below.

e. Apparel

Referees accepted into the program will be provided with a standardized officiating kit to be worn when officiating as well as an Adidas Rain Jacket, Training Jacket and Black Training Jersey.

2. Referee Provincial Program

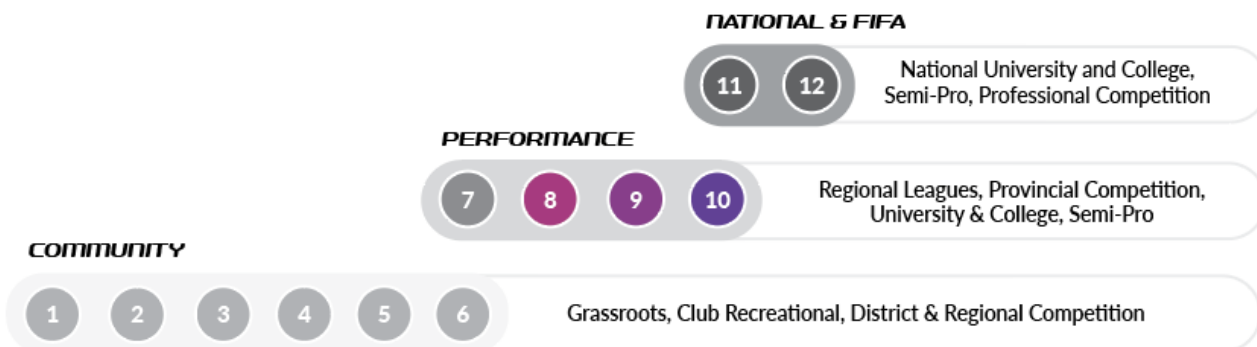
a. Recruitment Process

Referees are identified and selected to the program through the BC Soccer identification network which includes the following:

1. A referee is identified in a BCSPL match for U15U18 age groups.
2. A referee is identified in a BC Provincial Player Program or Vancouver Whitecaps FC Youth Programming match.
3. A referee is identified in a CanWest and PacWest League match.
4. A referee is identified through the Regional Upgrading Program.
5. A referee is identified through the Provincial Upgrading Program.

b. Education & Development Pathway

Referees identified along the Performance Pathway, who are graded between 8-10 illustrated in the Referee Pathway below, are targeted and considered for this program.



The referees progressing through the Performance Pathway are then provided with additional services covering, technical, tactical, mental, and physical development. The purpose is to better support the Referees overall development by providing them with the following on-field services:

Activity	Description	Frequency	Hours
Education Session	One educational webinar session hosted on a bi-weekly basis.	10	10
Education Camp	Pre-Season educational camp in preparation for upcoming season with focus on practical training and in-class theory.	1-2	8-48
Performance Reports	Informal, in-season performance reports that identify strengths and areas of improvement.	On-going	On-going
Assessment	Formal, in-season performance evaluations that are at or above competency for their specified grade.	3	N/A
Games	Provide support the Referees progression into higher levels of officiating and roles.	On-going	On-going
Fitness Testing	Providing an opportunity to measure the Referees physical output across speed, endurance, and power. Referees must successfully complete this as a requirement of the program	1-2	3-6

As well as off field services such as.

- BC Soccer Workshops covering areas to support Referee development such as mental, motivational and awareness workshops.
- Access to Video Analysis platform, InStat. This platform houses game footage that can be edited and shared with Referees to support their development.

c. **Program Requirements**

For December 2021/January 2022, BC Soccer will communicate a call for Expression of Interest to current Regional, Regional Upgrading, Provincial & Provincial Upgrading Referees.

Program Entry Requirements:

- Currently a BC Soccer Registered Referee and active
- Must be classified as any of the following along the Performance Pathway
 - Grade 8 currently enrolled in the Regional Upgrade Program
 - Grade 9
 - Grade 9 currently enrolled in the Provincial Upgrade Program or
 - Grade 10 official.
- Successful completion of entry Laws of the Game Exam.
- Successful completion of FIFA Fitness Test

Supplementary components are reviewed upon application for entry:

- Pre-season screening match appointments.
- Assessment review from previous season/year.