



CHSAA / HSSO Referee Rating Qualifications

Referee

100 Level Referee

The 100-level Referee should be able to officiate as the referee on any level high school match in the state. Including state semi-final and championship games.

The 100-level Referee should be fit. And, able to keep up with play at the highest level of the high school game. We may require passing a fitness test in 2021-2022, USSF/NISOA or a revised NFHS test.

Some areas of consideration for 100-level Referees may be, current, or previous college experience. USSF grade Regional or above. Previous state tournament selection for quarter-final, semi-final or championship games.

Average in the top 15% playoff vote over the previous 4 seasons. If coming directly from USSF, a Referee would need 2 years as a Regional or above to be considered for the 100-level.

At some point in the future we may add attendance at an officiating camp. Either at the High School, USSF or College level. This requirement would need to be met at least once every three years.

200 Level Referee

The 200-level Referee should be able to officiate as the referee on any match up to the state quarter-finals.

The 200-level Referee should be fit enough to keep up with play on most of the games in the state (a fitness test would not be required). To move from the 200-level to the 100-level would require a fitness test starting in the 2021-2022 school year.

Some areas of consideration for the 200-level Referee may be, previous USSF and High School years of experience. Average in the top 50% of the playoff vote over the previous 4 seasons.

At some point in the future we may add attendance at an officiating camp. Either at the High School, USSF or College level. This requirement would need to be met at least once every three years.

300 Level Referee

The 300-level Referee should be able to officiate as the referee on most middle to lower level varsity high school games in the state.

Fitness may not be a prime consideration for a 300-level Referee.

Some areas for consideration for the 300-level Referee may be, reliability of timely attendance for assigned games. The ability to keep up with play on the middle and lower level games. Newer USSF or High School officials with 3 or less years of combined experience.

400 Level Referee

The 400-level Referee should be primarily utilized on sub-varsity matches. They should be used on middle or lower level varsity matches as a last resort. And, then only an Assistant Referee.

Some areas of consideration for the 400-level Referee may be, lack of fitness, inability to keep up with play on higher level games. Poor Referee skills, positioning, foul recognition, rules knowledge and game management.

500 Level Referee

Referees who have shown a poor record of timely arrival for accepted matches. Or, other disciplinary areas of concern, school complaints, etc.

All sub-varsity only Referees.

550 Level Referee

All provisional level Referees.

Assistant Referee

100 Level Assistant Referee

The 100-level Assistant Referee should be able to officiate as the assistant on any level high school match in the state. Including state semi-final and championship games.

The 100-level Assistant Referee should be fit. And, able to keep up with play at the highest level of the high school game. We may require passing a fitness test in 2021-2022, USSF/NISOA or a revised NFHS test.

Some areas of consideration for 100-level Assistant Referees may be, current, or previous college experience. USSF grade Regional or above. Previous state tournament selection for quarter-final, semi-final or championship games.

Average in the top 15% playoff vote over the previous 4 seasons. If coming directly from USSF, an Assistant Referee would need 2 years as a Regional or above to be considered for the 100-level.

At some point in the future we may add attendance at an officiating camp. Either at the High School, USSF or College level. This requirement would need to be met at least once every three years.

200 Level Assistant Referee

The 200-level Assistant Referee should be able to officiate as the assistant in any match up to the state quarter-finals.

The 200-level Assistant Referee should be fit enough to keep up with play on most of the games in the state (a fitness test would not be required). To move from the 200-level to the 100-level would require a fitness test starting in the 2021-2022 school year.

You could have an official that you would rate as a 200-level Referee, but as a 100-level Assistant Referee. This would normally be due to overall game management skills.

Some areas of consideration for the 200-level Assistant Referee may be, previous USSF and High School years of experience. Average in the top 50% of the playoff vote over the previous 4 seasons.

At some point in the future we may add attendance at an officiating camp. Either at the High School, USSF or College level. This requirement would need to be met at least once every three years.

300 Level Assistant Referee

The 300-level Assistant Referee should be able to officiate as the assistant on most middle to lower level varsity high school games in the state.

Fitness may not be a prime consideration for a 300-level Assistant Referee.

Some areas for consideration for the 300-level Assistant Referee may be, reliability of timely attendance for assigned games. The ability to keep up with play on the middle and lower level games. Newer USSF or High School officials with 3 or less years of combined experience.

You could have an official that you would rank as a 300-level Referee, but as a 200-level Assistant Referee.

400 Level Assistant Referee

The 400-level Assistant Referee should be primarily utilized on sub-varsity matches. They should be used on middle or lower level varsity matches as a last resort. And, then only an Assistant Referee.

Some areas of consideration for the 400-level Assistant Referee may be, lack of fitness, inability to keep up play on higher level games. Poor referee skills, positioning, foul recognition, rules knowledge and game management.

500 Level Assistant Referee

Assistant Referees who have shown a poor record of timely arrival for accepted matches. Or, other disciplinary areas of concern, school complaints, etc.

All sub-varsity only Assistant Referees.

550 Level Assistant Referee

All provisional level Assistant Referees.