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Referee Upgrade Program
(Regional & Provincial)

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1. Introduction

a. Purpose

The Referee Upgrade Program is designed to identify, educate, and develop Referees who seek promotion to Regional or Provincial classification in British Columbia.

b. Objectives

1. The purpose of this program will concentrate efforts towards the development and growth of Regional and Provincial Referees in the province.
2. Provide emphasis of the Referee Pathway along the Performance stream.
3. Develop a platform for advancement of Referees from District to Regional list and Regional to Provincial list.
4. Highlight and implement a standards-based approach with respects to performance measures and level of professionalism.

c. Pathway

Referees who are considered for the Referee Upgrade Program are progressing through the Referee Pathway under the Performance stream.

- Candidates entering the Regional upgrade component of the program must have at least one year of experience at the District Level and be applying as a Grade 8 referee based on the Grading Protocol. Successful completion of the program will promote the classification to a Grade 9 Regional Referee.
- Candidates entering the Provincial upgrade component of the program must have at least one year of experience at the Regional Level and be applying as a Grade 9 based on the Grading Protocol. Successful completion of the program will promote the classification to a Grade 10 Provincial Referee.

For an overview, please see the BC Grading Protocol and Referee Pathway.

Please ensure to review the appropriate section of this document for the upgrading components that apply to you.

2. Regional Upgrade

a. Overview

The Regional Upgrade component of the Program provides an opportunity for Regional promotion. The program runs annually and is comprised of three phases:

1. Application Phase
2. Entry Phase
3. Upgrading Phase

The Regional Upgrade process is in line with the BC Referee Pathway fostering learning environments for officials along the Performance Pathway seeking Regional classification. Each phase outlines specific tasks/requirements in order to move on to the next phase in the process. **Note:** Any late, incomplete or incorrectly filled/submitted forms and documents will not be accepted.

b. Cost

The cost to participate in the Upgrading Program is \$150.00, collected ahead of the in-person education weekend, which includes:

- Online Education Knowledge Checks
- The cost of **three** Assessments (Applicable to phase 3 only. Any additional assessment requirements will be at the expense of the official)
- The cost of FIFA Fitness Testing
- In-Person Education Weekend
 - Expenses & Accommodations (Included where applicable)
- BC Soccer Upgrading Apparel

c. Phase 1: Application

The following items must be completed in order to progress with the Application Phase.

Item	Detail
Application Form	Completed with all fields filled (online application form). Note: All applicants must be a registered Grade 8 Referee prior to applying for the Regional Upgrading Program. Click here to submit your application
Game Log	Must submit a game log from the previous or current season of the application year. Must only submit top 15 games as Referee and 10 as an Assistant Referee for any District Competitive 11v11 game level or higher. If the minimum number of games are not met from the previous or current season, the Application Game Log will be considered upon review. Download a game log template here
Eligible Assessment	Must have 1 assessment as a Referee at or above competency for a U16 Male or Female game or above from the previous or current season of the application year. Assessment must be district competitive 11v11 or higher. Meeting competency requires a mark of 8.3-8.4. Above competency mark is 8.5.

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d. Phase 2: Entry

The following requirements must be completed as compulsory pre-requisites to progress to the next phase if accepted to the program. Note: you must be a registered Referee to participate in any of the following requirements.

Item	Detail
Online Knowledge Checks	Participate in all mandatory online education knowledge checks.
Canada Soccer Upgrading Exam	Pass the Canada Soccer Regional Upgrade Exam with a minimum mark of 80%.
Education Weekend	Educational weekend with focus on practical training and in-class theory and law. In-person attendance is mandatory. Dates TBD.

e. Phase 3: Upgrading

The following requirements must be completed as compulsory pre-requisites to complete the upgrading program. Ensure to review the Assessable and Qualifying Games Chart once it becomes available to successfully complete the following requirements.

Item	Detail
Game Log	10 qualifying games as a Referee (Competitive U16 Games and above). 10 qualifying games as an Assistant Referee (Competitive U16 games and above).
Assessments	Three assessments above competency as a Regional Referee. One assessment must be completed for the opposite gender of the Referee. Note: Meeting competency requires a mark of 8.3-8.4. A mark above competency is 8.5.
Fitness Test	Pass the FIFA Regional Level Fitness test on or before December 31 st of the current year
Additional	Overall good standing with BC Soccer.

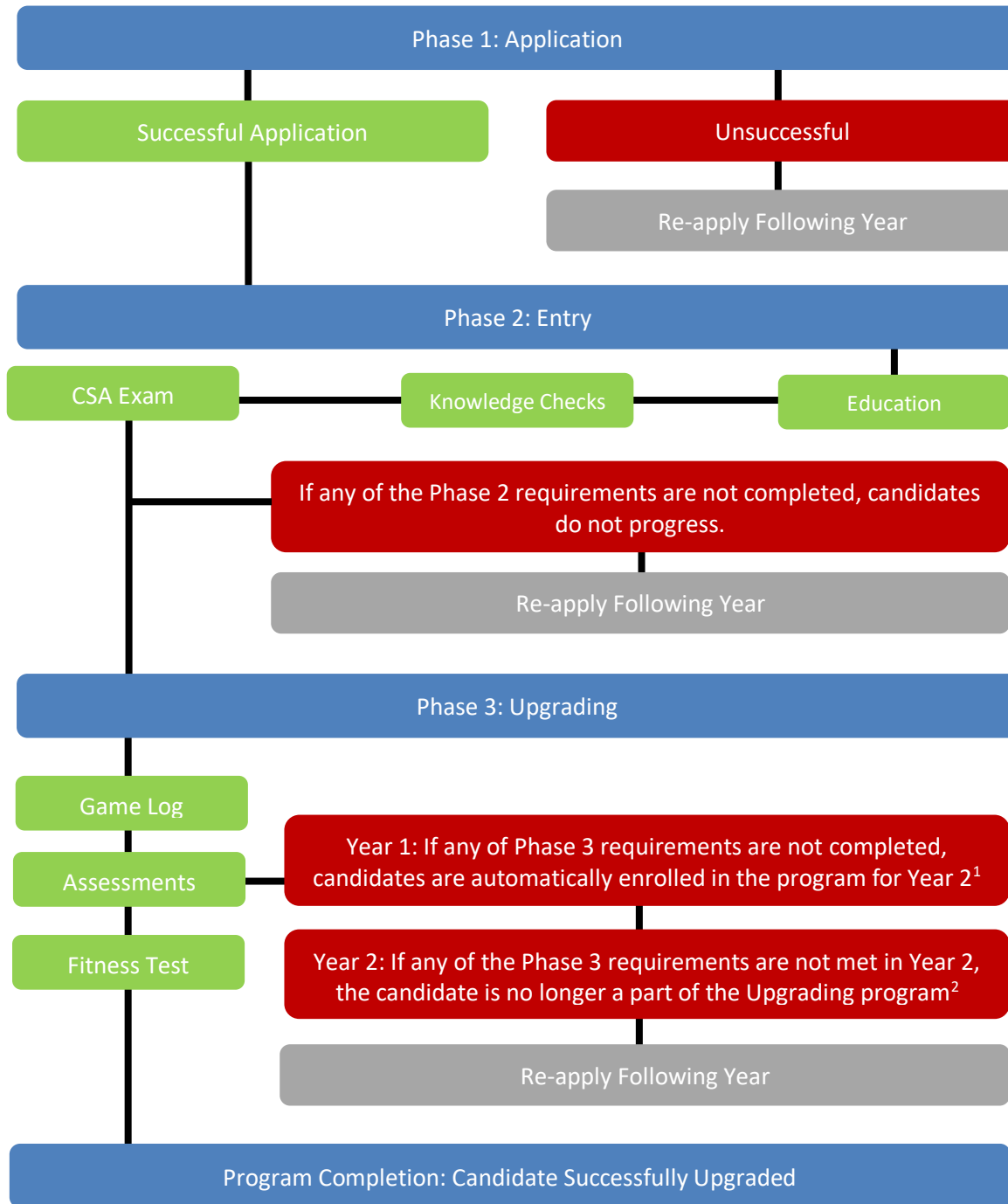
f. Assessments

Assessment	Fee
Minimum of 3 - Maximum of 5 per upgrading season will be permitted.	\$80.00 per assessment (First 3 assessments included)

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g. Outcome Overview

The following outlines the candidate upgrading pathway outlining requirements along each phase illustrated below.



¹ Unless the candidate advises in writing that they no longer wish to continue. A second program fee does not apply, but the cost of all assessments must be incurred at the expense of the candidate. Note: Candidates are required to successfully complete a FIFA Fitness test in Year 2 to proceed with the remainder of the Upgrading Requirements.

² It will be advised and recommended that officials who do not meet upgrading requirements to spend an additional year at the District classification to work on improving development areas.

3. Provincial Upgrade

a. Overview

The Provincial Upgrade component of the Program provides an opportunity for Provincial promotion. The program runs annually and comprised of three phases:

1. Application Phase
2. Entry Phase
3. Upgrading Phase

The Provincial Upgrading process is in line with the BC Referee Pathway fostering learning environments for officials along the Performance Pathway seeking Provincial classification. Each phase outlines specific tasks/requirements in order to move on to the next phase in the process. **Note:** Any late, incomplete or incorrectly filled/submitted forms and documents will not be accepted.

b. Cost

The cost to participate in the Upgrading Program is \$150.00 collected ahead of the in-person education weekend, which includes:

- Online Education Knowledge Checks
- The cost of **three** Assessment (Applicable to phase 3 only. Any remaining assessment requirements will be at the expense of the official)
- The cost of FIFA Fitness Testing
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c. Phase 1: Application

The following items must be completed in order to progress with the Application Phase.

Item	Detail
Application Form	Completed with all fields filled (online application form). Note: All applicants must be a registered Referee Regional prior to applying for the Provincial Upgrading Program. Click here to submit your application
Game Log	Must submit a game log from the previous or current season of the application year. Must only submit top 15 games as Referee and 10 as an Assistant Referee for any District Competitive 11v11 game level or higher. If the minimum number of games are not met from the previous or current season, the Application Game Log will be considered upon review. Download a game log template here
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d. Phase 2: Entry

The following requirements must be completed as compulsory pre-requisites to progress to the next phase if accepted to the program. Unlike the Regional Upgrade Entry Phase, candidates must pass the fitness test to enter the Provincial Upgrade program. This is because candidates sent to the CSA Provincial Promotion course must have passed the provincial fitness test. Note: you must be a registered Referee to participate in any of the following requirements.

Item	Detail
Online Knowledge Checks	Participate in all mandatory online education knowledge checks. These will be distributed via RefCentre on a schedule that is to be determined.
Canada Soccer Upgrading Exam	Pass the Canada Soccer Provincial Upgrade Exam with a minimum mark of 80%.
Fitness Test	Pass the FIFA Provincial Level Fitness test on or before May 1 st of the current year.
Education Weekend	Educational weekend with focus on practical training and in-class theory and law. In-person attendance is mandatory. Dates TBD.

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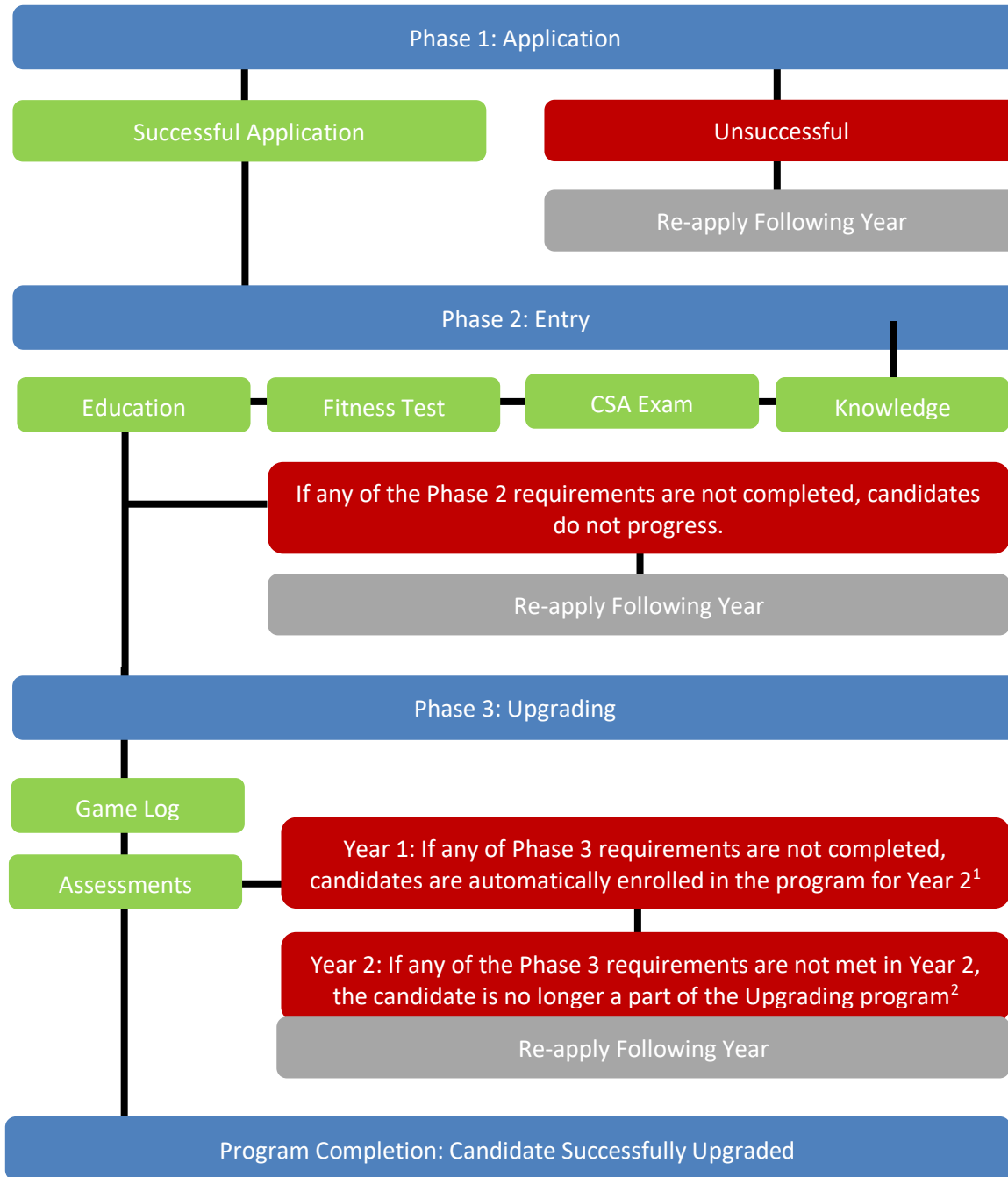
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