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Referee Instructor Program

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1. Introductions

a) 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. The aim of the program 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 Referee Instructor. In this way, they can be qualified to deliver the various Grassroots Referee education sessions with an 'In-Club' delivery model.

b) 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.

2. Instructor Program

a) Accreditation Overview

BC Soccer consistently aims to strengthen its Instructor pool to conduct courses 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

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.

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
Phase 01: Application This phase outlines the entry requirements only to the program.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register for the 'Instructor Accreditation Clinic' once available through your Ref Centre 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend the in-service Instructor Accreditation training hosted by BC Soccer. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In-class theory and methodology. b. On-field practical component. 2. Complete the BC Soccer Instructor Onboarding Module/Training. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Online Asynchronous Onboarding Module b. Instructors may be subjected to additional training from time-to-time. 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. 	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 District Instructors identified along the Instructor classification chart below. All Instructors must comply with the Safe Sport requirements outlined in the Re-Accreditation section of this document.

b) Development Pathway

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

Example: for instructors that have recently completed the accreditation course. the criterion outlined in the 'District' class must be completed to achieve the 'District' class.

Class	Experience	Education	Evaluations	Course Log
District	5 years as referee	2 day accreditation course	One (1) Evaluation	One (1) Co-Delivery
Regional	2 years as District Instructor	Regional Upgrading In-Service Training (BC Soccer)	Three (3) Evaluations	Ten (10) Sessions/Courses
Provincial	2 years as Regional Instructor	Provincial Upgrading In-Service Training (Canada Soccer)	Three (3) Evaluations	Ten (10) Sessions/Courses
National	Determined by Canada Soccer	Determined by Canada Soccer		

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

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

c) Instructor Maintenance

The following chart outlines the requirements to maintain classifications as a BC Soccer accredited Referee Instructor. Instructors may also be evaluated from time to time based on performance in Law exams, course feedback and failure to instruct the annually required number of courses.

Class	Education	Law Exam	Course Log
District	Re-Accreditation Biennially	80%	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
Regional	Re-Accreditation Biennially	80%	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
Provincial	Re-Accreditation Biennially	80%	Four (4) Sessions/Courses
National	Determined by Canada Soccer	80%	Determined by Canada Soccer

- As of August 2024, candidates must additionally attain and maintain the following Safe Sport certifications to maintain their status in the program:
 - Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check
 - NCCP Emergency Action Plan Module
 - NCCP Respect in Sport – Officials Module
 - NCCP Making Ethical Decisions Module
 - NCCP Rule of 2 Module

3. Appendix

a) Apparel

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

b) Cost

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