



## Policy for the Nomination and Selection of National List Officials

The CSA Referee Committee agreed at its meeting in February 2007, to revise the way nominations to the National List of Match Officials will be made. Detailed below is the procedure and the criteria required to carry out the nomination process that was approved at the Referee Committee meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 (revised March 2016).

### Criteria:

- Registered as a Provincial Official for the season of, and the one immediately prior to, nomination.

### REFEREE NOMINATION

- Officiated in the previous season in a minimum of 20 qualifying games\* as a referee and a minimum of 5 qualifying games as an assistant referee, in outdoor 11-a-side matches involving men's teams over the age of 16 years.
- Have a minimum of 5 assessments, of which 2 must be as an assistant referee, within the 12 months prior to nomination. Assessments must have been carried out by a CSA accredited Provincial Assessor or an Assessor on the National List.
- Successfully completed the FIFA fitness test to the International Standard for Referees (for men or women, as appropriate) in August of the year of nomination.
- Attend a Club National Championships, in October of the year of nomination, as determined by the CSA Referee Committee

### ASSISTANT REFEREE NOMINATION

- Officiated in the previous season in a minimum of 20 qualifying games\* as an assistant referee and a minimum of 5 qualifying games as a referee in outdoor 11-a-side matches involving men's teams over the age of 16 years.
- Have a minimum of 5 assessments, of which 2 must be as a referee, within the 12 months prior to nomination. Assessments must have been carried out by a CSA accredited Provincial Assessor or an Assessor on the National List.
- Successfully completed the FIFA fitness test to the International Standard for Assistant Referees (for men or women, as appropriate) in August of the year of nomination.
- Attend a Club National Championships, in October of the year of nomination, as determined by the CSA Referee Committee.

**\*Qualifying Games** A match that may be counted towards promotion for a registered referee as determined by Canada Soccer from time to time. Note: Irrespective of the number of games officiated on the same day in Tournaments or other Competitions, only one match per day may be recorded as a qualifying game

### Procedure

Provincial Associations are to:

- Nominate to the CSA, by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year, those who have demonstrated outstanding ability as a Provincial referee and are judged worthy of consideration for advancement to the National List.
- Provide the CSA Referees Committee with a résumé of the Referee's career to date of nomination together with a supporting recommendation from the Provincial RDC.
- Confirm that the referee has met the minimum officiating requirements in the previous season.
- Provide the CSA Referees Committee with copies of the assessments as detailed in the criteria above.
- Arrange a fitness test in the year of nomination, prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>, and provide the CSA Referees Committee with the results of that test, on the appropriate form, by no later than September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This test may only be supervised by a member of the CSA Referees Committee, CSA Staff



member or an individual appointed/approved by the CSA. Provincial Associations must contact the CSA at least six (6) weeks in advance of the test date to ensure that a suitable supervisor is appointed to administer the test. (As this test is labour intensive it is important that the Provincial Association set its test dates, in accordance with the requirements outlined above, well in advance to give adequate notice to both the officials and those involved in organizing and supervising the test).

- Confirm the availability of the nominated official to attend the Club National Championships in the year of nomination.
- Provincial Associations may nominate National List Assistant Referees for consideration to the National List of Referees at this time, providing that they meet the minimum officiating and assessment requirements as a referee. For such nominations the Provincial Association is required to provide reasons, by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of nomination, why the individual should be considered for a move from the assistant referee list to the Referee List.

### **Process**

The CSA Referees Committee will, upon receipt of the nominations in July, consider the recommendations of the Provincial Associations. Match officials who have successfully completed all of the requirements for nomination, subject to selection by the CSA Referees Committee, will be required to attend a National Club Championship Tournament, in that year, as appointed by the CSA. At this tournament match officials will be required to referee and/or act as assistant referee and/or act as a fourth official. Here, they will be assessed by National List assessors, and members of the Referee Committee will observe their performance. They will also receive education sessions during the tournament and may be required to attend an interview to ascertain their suitability to be promoted to the National List.

Following this process the most suitable referees will be invited to join the National List of Match Officials (either as Referee or as Assistant Referee) subject to meeting the criteria in force in respect of the National List of Officials, as determined by the Association from time to time.

### **National List Match Officials**

Where the CSA Referee Committee, at the review of performance, identify that a national list match official is not consistently meeting the performance standards expected for that level, the official may be invited to attend a Tournament. His or her performance may be assessed by National assessors over a number of days, to determine whether he or she still meets the requirements for the National List. The match official will have been apprised of his or her shortcomings and appropriate steps will be taken to provide development advice and education to support the individual. Where a referee is removed from the National List he or she will be classified as Provincial referee for the following season, subject to meeting the criteria in force for Provincial officials at that time. The referee may be re-nominated to the National List by the Provincial Association after one season as a Provincial official provided that the criteria for nomination is met.