



## BCRRS Referee Re- Accreditation Document (2016-17)

### **Re-Accreditation of Rugby Referees in BC**

Largely because of our geography, Canadian referees exist in a diverse confederation of groups at different stages of evolution and with their own unique challenges and traditions. It has been recognized by Rugby Canada that, a “one size fits all” solution for a re-accreditation model is unattainable. Thus, it was requested that each individual Provincial Society submit to Rugby Canada, its own preferred model. A model which reflects their needs and structures for the re-accreditation of referees under their jurisdiction.

The BC administrative model in this document has been approved by Rugby Canada and the principles of the model have been in effect for BC, since September 1st, 2007; there have been minor changes from time to time.

To be initially accredited as a Rugby referee, a person needs to complete the World Rugby Level 1 - Officiating Fifteens course. It is an 8 hours course in which attendance is the main requirement. In BC, people taking the course must also complete the World Rugby on-line courses for the Laws, RugbyReady and Concussions. They must obtain the certificates of completion for each course.

The accreditation for the Level 1 course lasts for 4 years... ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> year. If a referee wishes to continue a career in refereeing beyond the 4 years, they must be re-accredited.

Beyond the Level 1 course, there are further courses: World Rugby Level 2 - Officiating Fifteens and World Rugby Level 3 - Officiating Fifteens

How a referee gains re-accreditation depends on the latest course they took.

### **Level 1**

Referees who have been accredited by attending a World Rugby Level 1 course can become re-accredited by completing another Level 1 course.

#### Notes:

Referees who are members of a local referee society and the BCRRS are encouraged to become re-accredited by completing a Level 2 course.

There are no limitations on the number of times a person can repeat the Level 1 course. Each repetition of the course will allow the referee to be educated in the most current Laws and clarifications or interpretations of Law.

## **Level 2 and Level 3**

Rugby Canada requires that re-accreditation, for these levels, be according to a model containing four components:

- i) Refereeing Activity,
- ii) Refereeing Education,
- iii) The Law,
- iv) Physical Fitness.

To be re-certified a BC referee must supply evidence that during the 4 years of their accreditation they have attained the requirements in each of the four components.

### 1. Activity Component

The referee must referee a minimum of 4 hours of refereeing per year.

A log of games refereed is sufficient evidence for this component.

### 2. Education Component

The referee must be involved in an ongoing education process through attendance at a minimum of 4 hours per year of continuing referee education  
ie. society meetings in which a portion of the meeting is devoted to referees' technical and management issues.

Meeting minutes with attendance or a log of meetings or other Rugby educational events attended is sufficient evidence for this component.

### 3. Law Component

The referee must annually, successfully complete the test on Laws of the Game found at (<http://laws.worldrugby.org>).

The certificate, which is downloadable after completing the test, is the sufficient evidence of this component.

### 4. Fitness Component

In year 2 and year 4 of the period of accreditation, the referee must successfully complete an aerobic test (e.g. Multistage Shuttle Run **OR** 2400m run) and a 40m sprint, to the following minimum standards.

#### **Multistage Shuttle Run:**

Leger 20m Beep test: Level 5 or higher

or

Yo-Yo Intermittent Recovery Beginner Level 1 test: Stage 2-1 / Level 2 (80m) or higher

Note: Referees only seeking this minimum level are NOT to complete the Yo-Yo Intermittent Recovery Advanced Level 2 test.

**2400m run:**

under 14:55mins

**40m Sprint** from standing start timed from first movement:

<under 7.0secs (laser) or under 7.3sec (hand held)

Alternately, if a member does not meet the minimum BCRRS fitness standards, they may be observed referring a game by a CMO. If the CMO determines that the member's fitness standard is sufficient to the level of game the member was refereeing, the member may continue to referee at that (or lower) level. Unless they successfully meet the minimum BCRRS standards of fitness, they may not referee any higher-level games.

A report from the person timing the fitness tests is sufficient evidence for this component

Notes:

*The requirements for re-accreditation and for attaining a grade in a society can be similar but are related to different principles. Accreditation is a "license" to referee while the grade reflects the level of skill and experience of a referee.*

A single piece of evidence (ie. on-line completion certificate or fitness test) can be used for re-accreditation, for annual requirements and for grading requirements.

Individuals who do not referee but act as match official coaches or match official educators and who, in order to fulfill these roles, still need to be referee certified, do not have to attain the fitness portion of the model. Also, they can fulfill the activity requirement by completing six referee-coaching reports in each of the 4 years

In the event that a referee may not have been able to remain active or do fitness tests, for reasons such as illness, injury or other acceptable reasons (as determined by the BCRRS executive) the referee's average activity within each of the components over the years in which they were active, would have to be higher than the minimums shown. The key is they must be able to show that they have current understanding of the Laws and refereeing of rugby.

Individual referees are responsible for presenting documentation that they have fulfilled the 4/step requirements for re-accreditation.

The executive of the local societies will be responsible for verifying the documentation presented by a referee seeking re-accreditation. The executive would then notify the BCRRS and Rugby Canada of the referee's re-accreditation.