



TRRA Pathway & Standards - Local Referee Organization (LRO)

The following pages outline the different levels of certifications and the pathways to reach each as they pertain to the Texas Rugby Referee Association (TRRA). There are several points to consider as you progress through the various levels:

- Each level describes the minimum requirements.
- Meeting the minimum requirements does not constitute guaranteed promotion.
- There is no minimum or maximum time required to be spent in each level.
- Each progression in level corresponds directly with the level of match you will be assigned. (For example a C1 will have D1 matches) There are times when lower level referees will be assigned higher level matches but that is on a case by case basis.
- A referee can never be demoted. However, if a referee is not maintaining the standards in accordance with the level they are assigned, they will be assigned lower level matches until they correct their deficiencies.
- If you want to promote in a reasonable and timely manner, you should, in addition to the pathways, obtain a referee coach and mentor (can be different people), you communicate regularly with your coaches and mentors, provide video of the matches you referee, and participate in projects for the TRRA.



C4 - Entry Level Newly certified referee.	
Requirements	1. USA Rugby CIPP 2. Referee Level 1 Course 3. IRB Rugby Ready Certification
Grade Standards	COMMUNICATION <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Signals <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle Skills CONTROL/SAFETY <input type="checkbox"/> Overall Safety Management. <input type="checkbox"/> Law Knowledge FITNESS <input type="checkbox"/> Beep Test Level 6
Promotion Requirements to C3	1. Minimum of one season (Fall, Spring, or Summer 7s) of refereeing. 2. Recommendation from Referee Coach or Mentor. 3. Participate in TRRA Online Law Tests. 4. Fitness should be at a level 7 on the beep test. 5. Touch Judge Certification (Recommended).
Additional Comments	<p>You will make mistakes. Everyone does. Most importantly is how you learn from your mistakes. It's highly recommended that you attend matches and observe C1 referees and how they manage the match. The more you expose yourself to all aspects of a rugby referee the more comfortable you will become match to match. Volunteering to AR can also help elevate your game quite quickly.</p>



C3 - Developmental

Referee is still developing and learning how to manage many areas of the game.

Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum of 1 year refereeing experience. 2. Touch Judge Certification 3. Assistant Referee Certification 4. Fitness should be at least a level 7 on the beep test. 5. Upholds TRRA Policies & Procedures.
Grade Standards	<p>COMMUNICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle, Signal, Verbal <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle tone begins to have variance according to decision. <input type="checkbox"/> Begins using preventative communication. <p>CONTROL/SAFETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Observes/Sanctions dangerous play/tackles. <p>TACKLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to understand 1, 2, 3 management and the responsibilities of each participant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Tackler 2) Tackled player 3) Arriving players <p>RUCK/MAUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify rucks & mauls. <input type="checkbox"/> Verbal communication at rucks/mauls. <p>SCRUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Correct engagement sequence. <input type="checkbox"/> Observe & ensure fair & safe competition for the ball. <p>LINEOUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establish & maintain a proper gap distance. <input type="checkbox"/> Identify non-straight throws. <p>ADVANTAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to use advantage signal & verbal communication. <p>FITNESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Beep Test Level 7
Promotion Requirements to C2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum of one year of refereeing (minimum of 1-2 matches a month). 2. Recommendation from Referee Coach or Mentor. 3. Participate in TRRA Online Law Tests. 4. Fitness should be at a level 8 on the beep test.
Additional Comments	It's usually during this level that you decide if you are happy with an occasional match or want to go full time and promote up the levels. We hope it is the latter.



C2 - Intermediate

Referee shows competency in C3 standards and is advancing their understanding of game management.

Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referee should be part-time (at least 2 matches per month) but would ideally be full-time. 2. Fitness should be at a level 8 on the beep test. 3. Upholds TRRA Policies & Procedures.
Grade Standards	<p>COMMUNICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle tone is distinctive according to decision. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Scrum/Lineout=Short blast <input type="checkbox"/> Penalty=long, loud blast <input type="checkbox"/> Begins using simultaneous whistle & signal followed by secondary signal. <p>CONTROL/SAFETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Controls unsafe behavior & foul play promptly & effectively. <p>TACKLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates use of 1, 2, 3 management. <p>RUCK/MAUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to ensure the availability & fair/safe contest of the ball. <p>SCRUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure fair/safe contest for the ball. <input type="checkbox"/> Works to create space by monitoring & managing back row & scrumhalves. <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to observe & manage wheeling, collapsing or lifting of scrums. <p>LINEOUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manage all offside lines of participating and non-participating players. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure fair/safe contest for the ball. <p>ADVANTAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous advantage signal & communication. Also declares “advantage over” when appropriate. <p>POSITIONING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Third person to arrive at tackle, if necessary uses preventative language. <input type="checkbox"/> Works to keep shoulders parallel to the try lines. <p>RESTARTS & KICKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> On restart ensures correct type of kick is used. <input type="checkbox"/> Enforces proper offside lines. <p>FITNESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Beep Test Level 8
Promotion Requirements to C1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fitness should be at a level 9 on the beep test. 2. Recommendation from at least two CMOs or Referee Evaluators. 3. Participate in TRRA Online Law Tests. 4. Referee Level 2 Course (Completed within year of promotion).
Additional Comments	<p>C2 is typically the longest path to the next level. The window of competencies is large and varied but must be displayed with consistency to be considered for promotion.</p>



C1 - Advanced

Referee shows competency in all grade standards.

Creates SAFE, fair contest & space by monitoring & managing all aspects of the game.

<p>Requirements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referee should be full-time (at least 2-3 matches per month). 2. Active TRRA Mentor 3. CMO Coaching Course. (Completed within year of promotion) 4. Fitness should be at least a 9 on the beep test. 5. Upholds TRRA Policies & Procedures.
<p>Grade Standards</p>	<p>COMMUNICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous whistle & signal followed by secondary signal. <input type="checkbox"/> Explanation of penalty is concise & specific when needed. <p>CONTROL/SAFETY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manages captains/players with preventative language to maintain compliance. <input type="checkbox"/> Observes unfair play, dangerous play or misconduct & applies the appropriate punitive measures. <input type="checkbox"/> Remains calm in tense situations. <p>TACKLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensures the availability & fair/safe contest of the ball. <p>RUCK/MAUL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manages hands-in, “truck & trailer” (obstruction), unbinding players & loiterers. <p>SCRUM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manages binding of all front/back row players & proper body positioning. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not have repeated reset of scrums. Problems causing reset scrums are identified & solved. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensures that non-participants remain onside & maintaining space. <input type="checkbox"/> Correctly identifies legal and non-legal wheels. <p>LINEOUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manages non-participants when ball is held in the lineout. <input type="checkbox"/> Proper implementation of quick throw-ins. <p>ADVANTAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plays advantage in all appropriate situations to allow continuity of play. <input type="checkbox"/> Communicates the type of infringement & team (e.g., “Blue advantage, penalty” or “Blue advantage, scrum”). <p>POSITIONING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Positions themselves correctly at scrums, lineouts & goal-line situations. <p>RESTARTS & KICKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Proper application of the Offsides under 10-meters law.
<p>Promotion Requirements to Zone List</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CMO Coaching Course. 2. Fitness must be at a level 10 on the beep test. 3. Recommendation from Referee Coach or Mentor.
<p>Additional Comments</p>	<p>Congratulations! You have reached the highest level of referee in the TRRA. If you want to pursue promotion to the National level, you need to advise the TRRA of your intentions.</p>

