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Re: Announcement - Updated National Referee Assessment Requirements

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Recently, U.S. Soccer introduced updated assessment requirements for Professional, National Referees and National Referee Candidates. The criteria specifically modify the category of games that can be used for upgrade and the category of assessments needed (see attached Referee Game Category Matrix). All referees certifying and recertifying at Grade 4 or higher must meet these requirements for recertification in 2011. Therefore, it is necessary to update the current Referee Administrative Handbook, specifically pages 22-25. This announcement provides notice of that update. These will be included in the next publication of the handbook this Spring.

Thank you

