<u>**Mississippi Soccer Referee Association Upgrade Procedures**</u>

The procedures and standards for upgrading to a high grade as a United States Soccer Federation referee within the Mississippi state referee program is as follows:

<u>**GRADE 9 REFEREE TO A GRADE 8 REFEREE:**</u>

A Grade 9 referee must take and successfully pass the USSF Bridge course. The Grade 9 referee does NOT have to be 14 years old to take the course nor does the referee have to apply for the Upgrade Program by contacting the State Referee Coordinator found on the MSA web site under Referee Contacts.

<u>**GRADE 8 REFEFREE TO A GRADE 7:**</u>

A Grade 8 referee must:

1. Be at least 17 years old.
2. Have been a Grade 8 referee for at least one year.
3. Apply for the Upgrade Program by contacting Scott Hannah, the Coordinator of Referee Advancement at scott.hannah71@att.net and pay the applicable program fee. This is not the class room fee.
4. Worked a total of 100 games of which at least 25 games must be centers on a U-17 game or higher age group.
5. Successfully pass the USSF Grade 7 Upgrade course. There are no longer assessment and physical testing requirements.

<u>**GRADE 7 REFEREE TO A GRADE 6 REFEREE**</u>:

A Grade 7 referee must:

1. Be at least 18 years old.
2. Have been a Grade 7 referee for at least one year.
3. Apply for the Upgrade Program by contacting Scott Hannah, the Coordinator of Referee Advancement at scott.hannah71@att.net and pay the applicable program fee. This is not the class room fee.
4. Work a total of 125 games of which at least 20 games must be centers on U-19 games or higher age group and at least 5 must be centers on Adult games.
5. Successfully pass the USSF Grade 6 Upgrade course.
6. Successfully pass the FIFA Sprint and Interval Test.

7. Successfully pass two (2) assessments as a center referee on games of which at least one must be an Adult game. The assessor must be different for each game.

Please note that when you enter the Upgrade Program the State Referee Advancement Coordinator will contact you and discuss how to supply the game count and other information you need.