

Certification levels

LEVEL I

- To prepare the new official for assignment on the sideline (Head Linesman or Line Judge), in minor leagues and high school football. To begin the familiarization process with instructional techniques, training aids, and training manuals.

LEVEL II

- To improve the official's understanding of the sideline position and to refine sideline officiating mechanics. To prepare sideline officials for assignments in the Umpire positions in a 3 and/or 4 official system in minor and high school levels of football.

LEVEL III

- To refine the officials understanding of the Umpire position – positioning and mechanics and to introduce the Umpire's position in the 5 official system. To introduce the official to the Back Umpire position – 5 official system. To prepare officials for assignments to Referee positions in minor and high school football. This level is required to participate at the Football Canada Cup.

LEVEL IV

- To prepare officials for assignment to any position in CIS or CJFL football. Officials will progress from position to position with experience at higher levels of play. Officials will be introduced to the six official system before introduction to CIS or CJFL levels of play. With experience, the official, at this level, may be assigned to any inter-provincial playoff games, including CIS and/or CJFL National playoff contests.

NOTES

With the exception of Level 1, certification at all levels is a two-part process, combining a Theory Clinic and a Practical On Field Evaluation. Written examinations have been prepared for each level. The content of the examination will be based partially on rules and partially officiating techniques and theory (Rules 25%, Theory 75%)