

## Referee Assessor Roundtable, EXPO 2023 2023-03-17

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37 participants

- **For Assessments, are there hard criteria for recommendation for further observation?**
  - It's akin to Judge Potter Stewart statement about pornography: "I know it when I see it"
  - Reference and apply the Field Narratives in the National Referee Program Manual <https://ayso1ref.com/nrpm>
  - Was the match a typical match for the level of certification?
  - Did the candidate referee the match, do what needed to be done to control it and keep it fair?
  - Assessment criteria today is more forgiving than 10 years ago: today's norm is entry level performance for grade being sought
  - Mythology factors in:
    - Wide & deep
    - Get to every flag
    - Has to be misconduct
    - Has to be full teams (11 players)
  - Section 11 is planning an Assessment Calibration match for Advanced 4/8 and another for National 4/29
  - SDAs assign Assessors for National Referee Assessments
  - The ability to assess a Referee and Assistant Referee on a given match can differ
  - Assessors are expected to assess the match they observe not the one they haven't
- **Loss of knowledge of upgrades in progress**
  - Data is difficult to get to
  - Loss of volunteers has brought a loss of knowledge of state of the program
  - AYSOU has completion data available back 365 days
- **Guidelines for upgrades are published in each Section**
  - While differences exist, all compliant with National Referee Program guidelines.
  - National Referee Program Manual Is published on AYSOU
  - Field narratives should be provided to all Assessors for them to be familiar with
- **Assessors do too few assessments each year**
  - S11 has a few who do most of the assessments
  - Some assessors may be disqualified
  - Assessors may assess the same candidate for multiple assessments. Not recommended.
  - How do we get feedback on assessors?
- **Referees should do what the game needs**
- **Why do we require full-length matches?**
- **How do Assessors in progress get the over-the-shoulders?**
  - Could we have Assessor mentors?