LEVEL 1 (STATE LEVEL) REFEREE CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

Initial certification requirements:

- Attend a rules clinic
- Pass a written test with at least a score of 86 or above (a closed book test)
- Referee 10 matches (4 singles matches at any level, 4 doubles matches at any level, plus 2 assessed matches)
- Pass two match assessments (one singles and one doubles) with a score of at least 90 on each. These matches must be (1) a semi final or final match in the men's B (or higher) singles, and (2) a semi final or final match in the men's C (or higher) doubles. Four singles matches of the required eight must be refereed before a singles assessment can be requested. Four doubles matches of the required eight must be refereed before a doubles assessment can be requested. In addition, one of the assessed matches must use line judges. The referee being assessed must obtain the line judges for the match. The matches selected for these assessments must be approved by assessor as being ones that offer a valid test of referee skills.
- Pay a $10 fee
- Certification is valid for 3 years from the date of completion
    - **A person will only be allowed one attempt to pass the written test and/or match assessment at each tournament.**

The State Association will provide each certified referee with a referee card stating their certification and expiration date.

Certified Referee Requirements:

- Attend at least one Referee Case Study clinic each year
- A yearly-unannounced observation by a state representative will be done on each certified referee to ensure they are maintaining a high standard of refereeing skills.
- At the end of the 3-year certification, certified referees will be required to retake the written test (minimum score of 86), attend either a rules or case study clinic, pass a match assessment (minimum score of 90), and pay $10.00.

Pending Certification

- Pass the written test with a score of at least 86.
- Attend a Rules Clinic
- Pay fee of $10.00
- Working on completing the required 10 matches
- All requirements to attain certification must be completed within 12 months. Failure to do so will require the player to re-start the entire certification process from the beginning.

The State Association will offer 2 types of clinics.

- **Rules Clinic**: This clinic will go over the basic rules of the game and what the referee's responsibilities are.
- **Case Study Clinic**: This clinic will go over rules interpretation and different play scenarios that may occur while refereeing.

The State Association has the right and responsibility to revoke or place a certification in pending status in the best interest of the sport of racquetball.