

LTA REFEREE GRADING STRUCTURE 2024

1. **All referees must be an LTA Licensed Official and have LTA Officiating endorsement to retain their current grade and be considered for promotion.**
2. **All referees must maintain an up-to-date online Referee Work Card in order to retain their current grade and be considered for promotion. All Referee Work Cards must be completed online by 15 November 2024.**
3. **All referees should complete the appropriate online Referee Tests by 15 November 2024.**
4. Any official who feels they no longer wish to fulfil the duties commensurate with their grade should contact LTA Officiating at any time to inform them of their desire to be re-graded.
5. If an official cannot meet the requirements for retention of their grade because of circumstances affecting their ability to work, they should notify LTA Officiating. Such notification should be received as soon as practicable but by 1 December 2024. LTA Officiating will review all records for the official, carefully consider the circumstances, and decide whether to waive the requirements in 2024.
6. Officials may receive one warning letter if they are within 10% below each retention requirement for their grade in a three year period before being considered for a re-grade to a lower grade. For the avoidance of doubt, a re-grade to a lower grade would be considered if the official fails to meet a retention requirement for which a warning letter has already been issued within the last three years.
7. In order to be considered for promotion, officials must have met the retention requirement for their existing grade.
8. Days worked overseas will not count towards the required days for retention or promotion of grade.
9. To be considered a “Satisfactory Evaluation”, the overall rating must be 4 or above. To be considered an “Adverse Evaluation”, the overall rating must be 3 or below.
10. Licensed referees with zero days in a calendar year may be re-graded to RZ (Inactive Referee). To reactivate their grade officials must contact LTA Officiating who will decide on their revised grade.
11. R1 / R2 specific tournaments include:
 - Grade 1 or 2 tournaments of 4 or more days with 2 or more events, where the Referee is responsible for making the draws, the scheduling of the tournament and the publishing of the same.
 - Grade 3 tournaments of 5 or more days with 8 or more events, where the Referee is responsible for making the draws, the scheduling of the tournament and the publishing of the same.
 - An ITF or Tennis Europe tournament.
12. Internationally certified chair umpires and chief umpires who wish to become referees must pass the LTA Referee Course and be graded as appropriate by LTA Officiating.
13. Any referee may be considered for selection to referee a tournament one tournament grade above that of their referee grade.

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Grade	Definition	Assignment Eligibility	Minimum Requirements for Retention	Minimum Requirements for Promotion
R1	Potential ITF Certified Referee and former certified referees still officiating at this level	British Tour (Grade 1-3), Junior National Championships, County Cup (Group 1 and below & Finals), National League Finals, Grade 1 National tournaments and tournaments listed below	30 days with a minimum of 20 days as a Referee and at least one tournament in the R1/R2 specific tournament category in 2024	Pass ITF White Badge School as a Referee to become an ITF White Badge Referee
R2	Experienced referees, who have a minimum of 3 years' experience as a referee	British Tour (Grade 2 or 3), County Cup (Group 2 and below, Finals & Qualifying Events), Grade 2 National tournaments and tournaments listed below	25 days, with a minimum of 15 days as a Referee and at least one tournament in the R1/R2 specific tournament category in 2024	Satisfactory evaluation in current grade in 2022-2024 30 days with a minimum of 20 days as a Referee and at least one tournament in the R1/R2 specific tournament category in 2024 LTA recommendation
R3	Referees who have passed the National Referee Course	County Cup (Group 3 & below & Qualifying), Winter National Tours, British Tour (Grade 3), Grade 3 Regional tournaments, and tournaments listed below	20 days, with a minimum of 10 days as a Referee in 2024	Satisfactory evaluation in current grade in 2022-2024 25 days or more, with a minimum of 15 days as a Referee. At least 5 days as a Referee at Grade 3 tournaments or higher in 2024. LTA recommendation
R4	Referees who have passed the LTA Referee Course (or equivalent) and have gained some experience.	Regional Tour, Grade 4 County tournaments and tournaments listed below	10 days, with a minimum of 5 days as a Referee in 2024	Pass LTA National Referee Course 20 days, with a minimum of 10 days as a Referee in 2024 Satisfactory evaluation in current grade in 2022-2024 LTA recommendation
R5	Referees who have passed the LTA Referee Course	County Tour, Grade 5 to 7 tournaments, or other tournaments	5 days in 2024 LTA Licensed Official & LTA Officiating Endorsement	10 days, with a minimum of 5 days as a Referee in 2024 No adverse evaluations in current grade in 2022-2024 LTA recommendation