



Rules Referee Training and Certification

CGA Mission: To represent, promote and serve the best interests of golf in Colorado.

CGA Vision: To be recognized as a leading and collaborative resource for the game of golf in Colorado.

CGA Values: Collaboration, Inclusivity, Innovation, Integrity, Professionalism

The Colorado Golf Association strives to administer the best tournaments in the country with high quality, knowledgeable referees. The goal of the Colorado Golf Association's referee training and certification program is to continually cultivate and develop a volunteer force of tournament referees that help us meet our association goals.

Referees will determine their degree of involvement with the CGA based on their love of the game, available time, and interest in and knowledge of the Rules of Golf. The CGA's responsibility is to provide each referee with the resources and training necessary to fulfill expectations and goals while giving back to the game.

The CGA has three levels of referees based on training received, tournament experience, demonstrated performance and knowledge of the Rules of Golf.

Apprentice level precedes certification and provides initial training to new volunteers. Apprentices will be matched with a mentor who is a Certified Rules Referee to help them through Level 1. Two or more "ride along" days at a CGA tournament will provide opportunities to shadow a Certified Rules Referee and learn on-course procedures for referees. Once an apprentice has satisfactorily completed Level 1, they will decide if they wish to move onto Level 2 and become a Certified Rules Referee and be on-course alone at CGA tournaments. Those wishing to move on will work through satisfactorily completing the referee exam with a mentor.

Certified Rules Referees are comfortable on-course assisting players and have a sound understanding of course set-up and the Rules of Golf. Those wishing to become a mentor have the option of working with apprentices. Those wishing to become a Senior Referee have the option of working with a mentor Senior Referee.

Senior Referee are very comfortable on-course assisting players, have demonstrated ability in tournament operations and leadership roles, and have an advanced understanding of course set-up and the Rules of Golf.



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Level	Requirements
Level 1 Apprentice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a CGA Rules of Golf Seminar in person <u>or</u> watch the Webinar recordings. • Attend the CGA Rules Referee Training Day in person <u>or</u> watch the Apprentice On-Course Refereeing webinar series. • Read the CGA On-Course Referee Manual. • Complete the CGA Apprentice Exam. <i>*Must complete before first ride along</i> • Complete at least two “ride along” days with a Certified Rules Referee. • Satisfactorily complete the CGA Apprentice On-Course Checklist during ride alongs.
Level 2 Certified Rules Referee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a CGA Rules of Golf Seminar in person <u>or</u> watch the Webinar recordings. • Attend the CGA Rules Referee Training Day in person <u>or</u> watch the CGA On-Course Refereeing webinar series. • Read the CGA On-Course Referee Manual. • Satisfactorily complete the CGA Rules Referee Exam by scoring at least 75%. <i>*Must complete once each rules cycle.</i> • Referee at least three CGA tournament days each year.
Level 3 Senior Referee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Level 2 requirements. • Read the CGA Senior Referee Manual. • Satisfactorily complete <u>either</u> the 80 or 100 question USGA exam by scoring at least 75%. <i>*Must complete once each rules cycle.</i> • Lead at least one CGA tournament each year. • <u>New Senior Referees:</u> Shadow a senior referee before leading your own tournament. <p>** Current Senior Referees, and Certified Rules Referees wanting to become a Senior Referee that have successfully completed the exam will have their fee reimbursed. <i>*Once per rules cycle.</i></p>

Rules Referee Training and Certification – Glossary of Terms

Event	Description
Current Rules Cycle	2023 - 2028
CGA Rules of Golf Seminar/Webinar	One - six hours. Covers a variety of common Rules situations and their practical applications on the golf course. *In person and virtual/recorded
CGA On-Course Refereeing Webinars	Covers topics, procedures, and Rules situations specific to on-course refereeing at tournaments. Available at both the Apprentice and Certified Rules Referee level. *Recorded
CGA Rules Referee Training Day	6 hours. Meet staff and other referees. Covers topics, procedures, and Rules situations specific to on-course refereeing at tournaments.
Ride Along	Shadow a Certified Rule Referee at a tournament. Learn on-course procedures for referees.
CGA Apprentice On-Course Checklist	List of topics, procedures, and Rules situations common to on-course tournament referring that must be discussed and demonstrated during ride along. *Checklist available on next page.
CGA On-Course Referee Manual	Full document covering volunteering with the CGA, course set-up and refereeing procedures, and common Rules refereeing situations.
CGA Senior Referee Manual	Full document covering Senior Referees roles and responsibilities.
CGA Apprentice Exam	20 questions on basic Rules knowledge. *Virtual. Open book.
CGA Rules Referee Exam	40 questions on Rules knowledge. *Virtual. Open book.
CGA Tournaments	Includes CGA, USGA, CHSAA, and Colorado Opens.



Apprentice On-Course Checklist

Topic	Discuss	Demo	Comments
Radio Professionalism			
Course Set-up			
Moving Around Course & Approaching Players			
Pace of Play			
Suspension & Resumption of Play			
Player Withdrawals			
Rule 7: Searching		REQUIRED	
Rule 14: Mark, Lift, Drop, Replace		REQUIRED	
Rule 15: Loose Impediments & Moveable Obstructions		REQUIRED	
Rule 16: Abnormal Course Conditions		REQUIRED	
Rule 17: Penalty Areas		REQUIRED	
Rule 18: Lost, Out of Bounds & Provisionals		REQUIRED	
Rule 19: Unplayable		REQUIRED	
Other			

Apprentice Name: _____

Rules Referee Name/Date: Ride Along #1: _____ Ride Along #2: _____

