



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. Two or more "ride along" days at a CGA tournament will provide opportunities to shadow a Rules Captain 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 have the option of a mentor Rules Captain to help them through completing the referee exam.

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 Rules Captain have the option of a mentor Rules Captain.

Rules Captains 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/Webinar. • Attend the CGA Apprentice On-Course Refereeing webinar series, <u>or</u> the CGA Rules Referee Training Day. • 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 Rules Captain. • 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/Webinar at least twice each rules cycle. • Attend the CGA On-Course Refereeing webinar series, <u>or</u> the CGA Rules Referee Training Day. <i>*Must complete before first tournament day worked.</i> • 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> <p><u>Current Referees:</u> Must complete before first tournament day worked. <u>New Referees:</u> Must complete before first non-ride along tournament day worked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referee at least three CGA tournament days each year.
Level 3 Rules Captain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Level 2 requirements. • Attend the CGA Rules Captain webinar. <i>*Must complete before first captain tournament day worked.</i> • Attend a USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Workshop, <u>and</u> satisfactorily complete either the 80 or 100 question exam by scoring at least 75%. <i>*Must complete once each rules cycle.</i> • Captain at least one CGA tournament each year. • <u>New Captains:</u> Read the CGA Rules Captain Manual and shadow a Rules Captain at least once. <p>** Current Rules Captains, and Certified Referees wanting to become a Rules Captain that have attended a USGA/PGA workshop and have successfully completed the exam will have their workshop attendance fee reimbursed. <i>*Once per rules cycle.</i></p>

Rules Referee Training and Certification – Glossary of Terms

Event	Description
Current Rules Cycle	2023 - 2026
CGA Rules of Golf Seminar/Webinar	Two - four hours. Covers a variety of common Rules situations and their practical applications on the golf course. *Recorded
CGA On-Course Refereeing Webinars	Two, one-hour 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 rules captain 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 Rules Captain Manual	Full document covering Rules Captains 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 14: Mark, Lift, Drop, Replace		<i>REQUIRED</i>	
Rule 7: Searching		<i>REQUIRED</i>	
Rule 15: Loose Impediments & Moveable Obstructions		<i>REQUIRED</i>	
Rule 16: Abnormal Course Conditions		<i>REQUIRED</i>	
Rule 17: Penalty Areas		<i>REQUIRED</i>	
Rule 18: Lost, Out of Bounds & Provisionals		<i>REQUIRED</i>	
Rule 19: Unplayable		<i>REQUIRED</i>	
Other			

Apprentice Name: _____

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