

LTA REFEREE GRADING STRUCTURE 2026

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 2026.
3. All referees should complete the appropriate online Referee Tests by 15 November 2026.
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 2026. LTA Officiating will review all records for the official, carefully consider the circumstances, and decide whether to waive the requirements in 2026.
6. Officials may receive a warning letter if they fail to meet a retention requirement as detailed in the table below. If an official receives a warning letter for failing to meet any retention requirement in two consecutive years, a re-grade to a lower or inactive grade would be considered.

Grade	Retention Requirement	Warning Letter Issued	Re-Grade Considered
R1	Four tournaments	3 tournaments	0-2 tournaments
	20 Days as a Referee	16-19 Days as a Referee	0-15 Days as a Referee
	One R1 category tournament	0 tournaments in R1 category	N/A
R2	Three tournaments	2 tournaments	0-1 tournaments
	15 Days as a Referee	12-14 Days as a Referee	0-11 Days as a Referee
	One R2 category tournament	0 tournaments in R2 category	N/A
R3	10 Days	8-9 Days	0-7 Days
	5 Days as a Referee	4 Days as a Referee	0-3 Days as a Referee

7. In order to be considered for promotion, officials must have met the retention requirement for their existing grade.
8. Licensed referees with zero days in a calendar year may be classified as an "Inactive Referee" (RZ). To reactivate their grade officials must contact LTA Officiating who will decide on their revised grade.
9. Any referee may be considered for selection to referee a competition listed in the assignment eligibility of the grade above at the discretion of the LTA Competitions Team.
10. The R1 & R2 tournament categories are:

R1 Category

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.

R2 Category

Any tournament listed in the R1 tournament category.

Grade 4 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.

11. If an official is re-graded from R1 to R2, or from R2 to R3, they may be required to attend the relevant course to gain promotion back to their previous grade. This will be at the discretion of LTA Officiating.

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Level	Assignment Eligibility	Minimum Requirements for Retention	Minimum Requirements for Promotion
National (R1)	Grade 1 to 7 and recreational competitions	Four tournaments (Grade 1-5) in 2026 as a Referee 20 days as a Referee in 2026 At least one tournament in the R1 tournament category	Pass ITF White Badge School as a Referee
Regional (R2)	Grade 3 to 7 and recreational competitions	Three tournaments (Grade 1-5) in 2026 as a Referee 15 days as a Referee in 2026 At least one tournament in the R2 tournament category	Pass LTA National Referee Course LTA recommendation
County (R3)	Grade 4 to 7 and recreational competitions	10 days, with a minimum of 5 days as a Referee in 2026	Pass LTA Regional Referee Course LTA recommendation
Local (R4)	Grade 5 to 7 and recreational competitions	5 days in 2026 LTA Licensed Official & LTA Officiating Endorsement	10 days, with a minimum of 5 days as a Referee in 2026 LTA recommendation