

## **RANKING**

Officials have two rankings on the referee association website, a Center Referee (CR) rank and an Assistant Referee (AR) rank. (This is NOT your USSF grade.)

Ranking serves only one purpose. It allows officials to self-assign to most youth matches.

### **WHAT IS MY RANK?**

We assign a CR:4 and AR:5 to most new officials coming out of the USSF entry level clinic.

### **WHAT GAMES CAN I SELF ASSIGN TO?**

All matches have a rank. Go to Services/Rankings on the IESRA website and you will see a list of all of the match levels. A black shirt symbol indicates the official can self assign to the CENTER of that level of match. A blue shirt symbol indicates the official can self assign to the LINE of that level of match.

In order to self assign to a match, the official's rank must be equal to or higher than the match rank.

For example: An official with a CR: 4 AR: 5 is able to self assign to a U11 line but is unable to assign to a U13 middle.

### **HOW DO I INCREASE MY RANK?**

Ranking is a privilege, not a right. Rankings are based on a number of factors, experience, fitness, professionalism, etc., and may be increased or decreased at any time.

Every 6 months the assignors along with the Director of Assigning and the Director of Mentoring re-evaluate the officials. Rankings may be changed during this meeting.

We have hundreds of officials in our organization. We depend on YOU to also monitor your ranking and alert us when they are too low.

If you want a ranking change there are steps to take:

1. Provide a written reference from an assignor or senior official who you have worked for with their recommendations for ranking.
2. Include training attended and tournaments worked in past year.
3. Include what level you believe you should be ranked and your future path as a referee.
4. Submit the paperwork, via email, to the Director of Mentoring for consideration.