



OSDA Referee Application / Certification Procedure

Qualifications

Any person with adequate knowledge of the current OSDA Rules may apply to take the current year's version OSDA Rules Test to qualify as an OSDA Referee.

Any OSDA Referee may apply to become an OSDA Certified Referee.

OSDA Referee

Applicant is required to completely fill out and submit an OSDA Referee Application.

Applications may be submitted online to oldschoolda@gmail.com.

Applications may be mailed to:

Ken Sikes, Founder
Old School Derby Association
507 Windsor Court, Apt. C-3
Bensalem, PA 19020

Applicant may choose between three methods of testing; Organized Classroom Testing, Individual Online Testing or Individual Random Call Testing.

The Application Fee is \$5 for Organized Classroom Testing and \$10 for Individual Online Testing or Individual Random Call Testing. This covers the cost of test administration and the OSDA or OSDA Certified uniform patch successful Applicants will receive. Please make check or money order payable to: Old School Derby Association. Online payments via PayPal may be made to oldschoolda@gmail.com.

Test fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Organized Classroom Testing

The OSDA Referee Written Test will be administered by an active OSDA Certified Referee in good standing or other qualified OSDA member as approved by the OSDA Director of Referee Certification and Training.

Testing shall be conducted at a time and place that allows all the decorum and security of any professional test administration.

The OSDA Referee Written Test is comprised of 25 questions from a pool of questions approved by the OSDA Director of Referee Certification and Training. Questions are designed to be answered in one sentence. There may be more than one version of the OSDA Referee Written Test used at any testing session.

Testing Time will be limited to one (1) hour in length.

Organized Classroom Testing dates and locations will be announced as they are scheduled throughout the year.

Individual Online Testing

Test material will be from the same pool of questions as administered in the Organized Classroom Testing.

The OSDA Referee Online Test is comprised of 25 questions designed to be answered in one sentence. There may be more than one version of the OSDA Referee Online Test in use. Testing time will be limited to 1 hour in length.

Applicant is responsible for listing no fewer than three (3) Preferred Testing Date & Times on the OSDA Referee Application. Applicant is responsible to be available at dates and times provided and be prepared to accept online contact from Test Administrator at any and all of those dates and times..

The Test Administrator will choose one of the Preferred Testing Date & Times listed at their discretion and contact the Applicant via email WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE to give instructions to begin the test AT THAT TIME. Should the Applicant fail to be available for contact during any of the Preferred Date and Times they have listed, they will be deemed as a "no-show". Their OSDA Referee Online Test score shall be recorded as a [-0-]. No Refunds of Testing Fees.

The OSDA Referee Online Test will be administered one question at a time, with Test Administrator submitting each question in writing via web post. Applicant will have 15 seconds to begin response to question or may elect to type "pass" as their answer. If Applicant does not respond within 15 seconds, Test Administrator will automatically proceed to submit the next test question.

There will be no time limit for posting answers; however, the test will end no longer than one hour after the first question has been submitted.

If the final question of the test has been answered and there is any time remaining of the 1 hour Testing Session, The Test administrator will begin to submit unanswered questions a second time with no break in the test. Applicant may choose to answer the question this second time, or may choose to "pass" again. Test Administrator will continue to submit unanswered questions in rotation until a) the Testing Session hour is ended or b) There are no unanswered questions remaining.

If at any time it is the opinion of the Test Administrator that the Applicant is attempting to utilize answer resources during the course of the test, the Testing Session will be terminated immediately and the Applicant will be barred from any future testing or OSDA Referee Certification.

Should the Testing Session be terminated for this reason at the discretion of the Test Administrator, the Applicant will be entitled to a full refund of the Testing Fee paid. Refunds will be made in check form and delivered by US Mail. Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing.

Individual Random Call Testing

Test material will be from the same pool of questions as administered in the Organized Classroom Testing.

The OSDA Referee Random Call Test is comprised of 25 questions designed to be answered in one sentence. There may be more than one version of the OSDA Referee Random Call Test in use. Testing time will be limited to 1 hour in length.

Applicant is responsible for listing no fewer than three (3) Preferred Testing Date & Times on the OSDA Referee Application. Applicant is responsible to be available at dates and times provided and be prepared to accept telephone contact from Test Administrator at any and all of those dates and times.

The Test Administrator will choose one of the Preferred Testing Date & Times listed at their discretion and contact the Applicant via telephone WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE to give instructions to begin the test AT THAT TIME. Should the Applicant fail to be available for contact during any of the Preferred Date and Times they have listed, they will be deemed as a "no-show". Their OSDA Referee Online Test score shall be recorded as a [-0-]. No Refunds of Testing Fees.

The OSDA Referee Random Call Test will be administered one question at a time, with Test Administrator submitting each question verbally. Applicant may verbally respond to question or may answer "pass" to the next question.

There will be no time limit for answers; however, the test will end no longer than one hour after the first question has been submitted.

If the final question of the test has been answered and there is any time remaining of the 1 hour Testing Session, The Test administrator will begin to submit unanswered questions a second time with no break in the test. Applicant may choose to answer the question this second time, or may choose to "pass" again. Test Administrator will continue to submit unanswered questions in rotation until a) the Testing Session hour is ended or b) There are no unanswered questions remaining.

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Passing Score / Status Notification

Passing either the written or online version of the OSDA Referee Test requires an 80% or higher score. A Passing Score qualifies the successful Applicant as an OSDA Referee.

All tested Applicants will be notified via US Mail no later than 10 Business Days following the Test Date of their scores. Successful Applicants will receive a Certificate of Completion, an OSDA Certified Referee Application and an OSDA patch for their uniform.

OSDA Certified Referee

Any OSDA Referee may qualify to apply to be an OSDA Certified Referee by completing the following requirements:

1. OSDA Certified Referee Applicants must have submitted an OSDA Certified Referee Application with fee of \$5.00.

The Application must contain signed confirmation of having officiated at a minimum of 3 OSDA Sanctioned games. These games must be officiated within one year of taking the OSDA Referee Test. Applicant must be under the supervision of an OSDA Certified Referee or other OSDA Referee as approved by the OSDA Director of Referee Certification and Training for game to count towards Certification.

2. Applicants must obtain a letter of Recommendation from one OSDA Certified Referee, to be turned in with the OSDA Certified Referee Application.

As of 2008, all OSDA Sanctioned Games are required to have a minimum of 3 OSDA Referees (to include at least 1 OSDA Certified Referee) to be considered "Sanctioned". Only OSDA Certified Referees or other qualified OSDA member as approved by the OSDA Director of Referee Certification and Training are allowed to act as Head Referee for an OSDA Sanctioned Game.

OSDA Annual Test

Each January, the OSDA Rules Committee and Executive Board members discuss, approve and incorporate changes in the OSDA Rules for that calendar year. The update process will be completed no later than January 31 of each year.

Each February 1, the OSDA Annual Test will be available online. The OSDA Annual Test verifies the knowledge of OSDA Referees and OSDA Certified Referees regarding the changes that have been made for that calendar year. All OSDA Referees and Certified Referees are required to complete the OSDA Annual Test prior to March 15.

The number of questions on the OSDA Annual Test will be determined by the number of changes made to the rules. There will be one question per change on the Annual Test.

Any OSDA Referee or OSDA Certified Referee who fails to download / take / submit the OSDA Annual Test prior to March 15 will be considered on Probationary Status.

An OSDA Referee on probationary status may not consider any game officiated as counting towards the required 3 for OSDA Certified Referee status.

An OSDA Certified Referee on probationary status may not function as Head Referee for any OSDA sanctioned game or supervise any OSDA Referee for Certification purposes.

Any Probationary OSDA Referee or Probationary OSDA Certified Referee who fails to download / take / submit the OSDA Annual Test prior to April 1 will be considered ineligible to officiate.

Anyone who is considered Ineligible to Officiate for failure to download / take / submit the OSDA Annual Test in a timely manner must reapply to begin the process again by taking the OSDA Referee Written Test in its entirety.

There is no fee for the Annual Test.

Information on the Certification Application Process for OSDA Head Referee coming soon!