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Referee assessors have been using the phrase “Insufficient Test” for some time now when writing the individuals evaluation. ALL games have decisions in them where the referee has to see, interpret, and decide. The evaluator must use their skills to explain those decisions in the game to all match officials and coach them to improve their performance. It is too easy to write in the assessment, “Insufficient Test” for the Referee.

**Insufficient Test was removed from assessments in 2017.**

There are four categories when scoring an evaluation based on the performance of each member of the referee team regardless if the game is considered to have been Easy, Competitive, or Difficult.

Unacceptable: 69 or below  
Easy: 70 – 73  
Acceptable: 74 to 79  
Very Good: 80

Evaluators should start at 75 and move up or down depending on the number of “Key Match Incidents” in the game.

**ANY SCORE OF 70 AND ABOVE IS CONSIDERED PASSING FOR MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE EVALUATIONS.**

SDA's and SDI's should work together to provide training opportunities throughout the year to keep the pool of assessors and instructors relevant to the IFAB Laws of the Game including topics such as tactical fouls, penalty area incidents, challenges, offside, handball, and positioning/movement and reading the game