



## REGISTRATION

U.S. Soccer's registration window opens July 1 and closes on June 30 of the following year. The registration is valid from January 1 through December 31. (E.g. 2023 registration is open July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023 but is valid from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.)

First time referees and recertifying referees that register after July 1 can referee immediately after completion of certification until December 31 of the following calendar year. (E.g. a referee who completes certification July 1 2022 can referee until December 31, 2023.)

## U.S. SOCCER REFEREE COMMITTEE

The U.S. Soccer Referee Committee is a standing committee of the United States Soccer Federation, Inc. The Referee Committee is appointed annually by the President of U.S. Soccer and approved for the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors.

The Referee Committee meets twice a year and has responsibilities related to the qualification requirements for referee grades, reviewing training curriculum, advising on policies concerning the Referee Program, and selection of the U.S. Soccer FIFA Panel of Officials.

[U.S. Soccer Referee Committee Members](#)

[U.S. Soccer Referee Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

## BYLAWS AND POLICIES

The [Bylaws and Policies](#) pertaining to the U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program include the following:

- Bylaw 531 - General Policies
- Bylaw 532 - Referee Registration Required
- Policy 431-1 - Federation Standing Committees
- Policy 531-1 - Referee Administration
- Policy 531-2 - Referee Registration Fee
- Policy 531-3 - Referee Registration Cards
- Policy 531-4 - Referee Uniform
- Policy 531-5 - Referee Authority



- Policy 531-6 - Restriction on Referee as a Player
- Policy 531-7 - Federation FIFA Referee and Assistant Referee Qualifications
- Policy 531-8 - Assignment of Game Officials
- Policy 531-9 - Misconduct Toward Game Officials
- Policy 531-10 - Misconduct of Game Officials
- Policy 531-11 - National Referee Development Program



## STATE REFEREE ASSOCIATION

There are 55 State Referee Associations that support the U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program at the local level. Each association is responsible for promoting and implementing U.S. Soccer's initiatives and programs in support of all affiliated members and competitions within their jurisdiction.

The State Referee Association should include, but is not limited to:

- State Referee Committee (SRC)
- State Referee Administrator (SRA)
- State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA)
- State Director of Instruction (SDI)
- State Director of Assessment (SDA)
- State Director of Assignment

## STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

The State Referee Committee is responsible for:

- Leading the State Referee Association in promoting and implementing U.S. Soccer's referee initiatives and programs in support of all affiliated members and competitions within their jurisdiction
- Establishing a technical and administrative network that is responsive and accountable
- Assisting in the appointment of positions within the State Referee Association
- Preparing an annual budget and reporting financial details as required
- Supporting the development of high performing and up-and-coming officials

## STATE REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR

The State Referee Administrator is responsible for:

- Overseeing the administrative and technical needs of the State Referee Association
- Verifying and processing registration records
- Upgrading and downgrading officials as needed
- Recruiting and retaining officials to ensure coverage on all affiliate games
- Coordinating the duties and efforts of the State Director of Instructions, State Director of Assessment and the State Assignment Coordinator
- Distributing badges, books and other referee materials as needed



- Maintaining open lines of communication with the U.S. Soccer Referee Department
- Assuming the responsibilities of the State Referee Committee should one not exist in the State Referee Association

## STATE YOUTH REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR

The State Youth Referee Administrator is responsible for:

- Overseeing the administrative and technical needs of the State Referee Association specific to referee grades as designated by U.S. Soccer
- Organizing and instructing courses and clinics for officials
- Supporting the youth recreational needs of the State Referee Association
- Verifying and processing registration records

## STATE DIRECTOR OF ASSIGNMENT

The State Director of Assignment is responsible for:

- Developing an assignor network that meets the needs of the State Referee Association
- Working collaboratively with assignors and competitions
- Organizing and instructing courses and clinics for assignors
- Developing in-service training materials for assignors

## STATE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

The State Director of Instruction is responsible for:

- Developing an instructor network and overseeing the instruction needs of the State Referee Association
- Developing in-service training materials for instructors
- Organizing and instructing courses and clinics for officials
- Working with the State Director of Assessment in the development of in- service training materials for officials
- Providing clarification on the interpretation and application of the Laws of the Game
- Organizing and instructing courses and clinics for Referee Mentors and Referee Coaches



## STATE DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT

The State Director of Assessment is responsible for:

- Developing an assessor network and overseeing the assessment needs of the State Referee Association
- Developing in-service training materials for assessors
- Working with the State Director of Instruction in the development of in-service training materials for officials
- Assisting with the assignment of assessors in support of officials committed to advancement and development
- Organizing and instructing courses and clinics for Referee Coaches