



**Promoted International Matches  
Standards for Match Officials  
Updated - March 2019**

A. Foreign National Team vs. Foreign National Team (Non-FIFA Competition)

Game Fees

Referee	\$ 380.82 per day (two day minimum)
Assistant Referees	\$ 380.82 per day (two day minimum)
4 <sup>th</sup> Official	\$ 380.82 per day (two day minimum)

B. All Matches between Foreign Pro Club Teams or between Foreign Club Teams and Pro Div. 1/Div. 2 Team

Game Fees

Referee	\$ 380.82 per day (two day minimum)
Assistant Referees	\$ 380.82 per day (two day minimum)
4 <sup>th</sup> Official	\$ 380.82 per day (two day minimum)

C. All Matches between Foreign Pro Club Teams and Pro Div. 3/NWSL Team

Game Fees

Referee	\$ 507.76
Assistant Referees	\$ 380.82
4 <sup>th</sup> Official	\$ 253.88

D. Foreign U-23 National Team (or younger) vs. Foreign U-23 National Team (or younger)

Games Fees

Referee	\$ 253.87
Assistant Referees	\$ 190.41
4 <sup>th</sup> Official	\$ 126.94

E. Foreign National Team or Foreign Pro Club Team vs. Domestic Amateur Team or College Team

Game Fees

Referee	\$ 412.57 (No per diem)
Assistant Referees	\$ 247.54 (No per diem)
4 <sup>th</sup> Official	\$ 165.03 (No per diem)

F. Foreign Amateur Club Teams vs. Domestic Amateur Team

Game Fees

Referee	\$ 253.87 (No per diem)
Assistant Referees	\$ 190.41 (No per diem)
4 <sup>th</sup> Official	\$ 126.94 (No per diem)

#### G. MLS Preseason Matches between MLS Domestic Team and Foreign Amateur or Professional Club Team

##### Game Fees

Referee	\$300 per match (Per diem: \$41 for every 12 hrs. worked)
Assistant Referees	\$300 per match (Per diem: \$41 for every 12 hrs. worked)
4 <sup>th</sup> Official	\$300 per match (Per diem: \$41 for every 12 hrs. worked)

#### H. Closed Door Training match (any level)

##### Game Fees

Referee	\$150 (no per diem)
Assistant Referees	\$100 (no per diem)
4 <sup>th</sup> Official	\$100 (no per diem)

If a match features teams from different categories, the rate for the higher category will apply. Officials will be paid a minimum game fee of two days for Category A and B matches.

##### Procedure for Payment/Reimbursement:

All game fees, meal per diems and travel reimbursements will be paid by U.S. Soccer. Officials are responsible for buying their own meals and will receive a \$86.94 per day per diem payment to cover these expenses in addition to their game fee. Valid receipts for travel reimbursement (airport parking, mileage, shuttles, taxis, baggage fees, etc.) must be received by U.S. Soccer no later than 7 days after the match.

When appropriate, U.S. Soccer will reimburse mileage at the standard government rate (58 cents per mile for 2019).

##### Airfare and Hotel

When airfare is required, arrangements must be made with Anthony Travel once the match assignment has been accepted (except when other arrangements are made by the promoter and U.S. Soccer). Air reservations ticketing will be made by Anthony Travel using the lowest fares available. When an overnight stay is required, hotel arrangements will be made by Anthony Travel (except when other arrangements are made by the promoter and U.S. Soccer).

U.S. Soccer may require promoter to pay for airfare and hotel in addition to the required Performance Bond prior to match approval.

##### Assignments

U.S. Soccer will assign officials for the match. Considerations such as match location and referee availability may mean that air travel is required for certain matches.

##### Uniforms

Officials are required to wear Official Sports (OSI) uniforms. U.S. Soccer may allow for exceptions if foreign officials are assigned.

##### Assessor

U.S. Soccer may assign an assessor to the match. If assigned, the assessor will be permitted in the press box to observe the match.

##### Complementary Tickets

Each official is entitled to receive three complimentary game tickets (Category 1 or 2) and a parking pass to be delivered to the officials the day prior to the match.

##### Cancelled Matches

If a match is cancelled within 21 days of the date of the game, the referee crew will receive 50% of the game fees except for matches cancelled due to weather and advance notice is given.

### Match Day Expectations

Each official shall be provided with contact information for the referee liaison along with any pertinent local logistical details at least 24 hours before the match. The referee liaison should also assist with all referee crew movements before, during and after the game. Parking at the venue for the official should be secured and away from any spectator parking. U.S. Soccer asks that the officials be provided with adequate security/escort while at the stadium.

It is also expected that the referee team's locker room has suitable shower facilities with soap, shampoo and a minimum of two towels per official. U.S. Soccer also asks that the locker room contain bottled water, sports drinks, and healthy foods (yogurt, granola bars, fruit, etc.) for postgame nutrition. Also, no persons shall enter the referee locker room without consent from the referee crew.

### Closed Door Matches

For matches played behind closed doors, U.S. Soccer will work with the teams involved to maintain as many of these as standard as possible but not all fees or allowances may be provided.