

Information For Referee Mentors & Referee Coaches

Referee Mentor

Referee Mentor Certification:

- **Age:** 18 Years Of Age And Older
- **Licensing Course Enrollment:** Referee Mentor Licensing Course Registration
- **Previous Certification Experience:** Minimum Of 2 Years As A Referee (Any License)
- **Course Training:** Online Component (U.S. Soccer) And In-Person Meeting (Member Association)
- **Risk Management:** SafeSport Training, Safe and Healthy Playing Environments, NCSI Background Check
- **Online Component Assignments:** Laws Of The Game Update And Quiz, Profile Of The Referee Mentor Quiz, Continuing Education Quiz
- **Practical Assignments – 3:** One (1) Leading A Video Analysis Session, One (1) Leading A Practical Exercise And One (1) Observing The Performance Of Match Officials

Referee Mentor Re-Certification:

After obtaining Referee Mentor certification, subsequent year's certification possesses the following requirements:

- **Age:** 19 Years of Age And Older
- **Licensing Course Enrollment:** Referee Mentor Licensing Course Registration
- **Previous Certification Experience:** Active Referee Mentor License
- **Course Training:** Online Component Refresher (U.S. Soccer)
- **Risk Management:** SafeSport Training, Safe And Healthy Playing Environments, NCSI Background Check
- **Online Refresher Assignments:** Laws Of The Game Update And Quiz, Profile Of The Referee Mentor Quiz, Continuing Education Quiz
- **Practical Assignments – 3:** One (1) Leading A Video Analysis Session, one (1) Leading A Practical Exercise And One (1) Observing The Performance Of Match Officials

Purpose of the Referee Mentor:

- Contributes to the development of U.S. Soccer Grassroots Referees
- Inspires match officials to self-develop and to improve from game to game.
- Facilitates a fair, fun, and safe environment conducive for learning where Grassroots Referees and Referee Mentors engage in training.
- Facilitates understanding and application the Laws of the Game for Grassroots Referees and Referee Mentors
- Provides constructive feedback about performance of Grassroots Referees to create a positive learning experience.

Responsibilities and Roles of the Referee Mentor:

- Prepares prior to the game, offers feedback at half-time (where applicable), and mentors and reflects with the referee team after the game.
- Takes notes during the game that highlight positive behavior by the referee team and notes the areas of improvement.
- Guides the referee team in the reflection session after the game.
- Takes ownership of self-development through on-line and field session opportunities offered by the competition, State Referee Programs, and /or U.S. Soccer
- Prepares prior to an education session to deliver the best experience for audience (Grassroots Referees and/or Referee Mentors)
- Reflects after each task to develop a plan for self-improvement.

Referee Coach

Becoming a Referee Coach:

After obtaining and possessing Referee Mentor certification for a minimum of two (2) years, If you are interested in upgrading to the certification level of Referee Coach, please contact either the **State Referee Administrator** or the **State Director of Instruction** for details and information

Referee Coach Certification:

- **Age:** 21 Years Of Age And Older
- **Licensing Course Enrollment:** Referee Coach Licensing Course Registration
- **Previous Certification Experience:** Minimum Of Two (2) Years As A Referee Mentor And Active Referee Mentor License Or Regional Assessor License For The Previous Two (2) Registration Years
- **Course Training Assignments – 10 (U.S. Soccer):** Three (3) In The Pre-Meeting Period, Three (3) In The In-Person Meeting And Four (4) In The post-Meeting Period
- **Risk Management:** SafeSport Training, Safe And Healthy Playing Environments And NCSI Background Check
- **Online Component Assignments:** Laws Of The Game Update And Quiz, Profile Of The Referee Coach Quiz And Continuing Education Quiz
- **Post-Meeting Assignments Or Practical Evaluations – 4:** One (1) Leading A Video Analysis Session, One (1) Leading A Practical Exercise, Two (2) Evaluating The Performance Of Match Officials Including: Post-Game Reflection With The Referee Team & Written Feedback For The Referee Team

Referee Coach Re-Certification:

After obtaining Referee Coach certification, subsequent year's certification possesses the following requirements:

- **Age:** 22 Years Of Age And Older
- **Licensing Course Enrollment:** Referee Coach Licensing Course Registration
- **Previous Certification Experience:** Must Have Held A Referee Coach License Or A National Referee Coach License Within The Previous 3 Registration Years
- **Course Training:** Online Component Refresher (U.S. Soccer)

- **Risk Management:** SafeSport Training, Safe And Healthy Playing Environments, NCSI Background Check
- **Online Component Assignments:** Laws Of The Game Update And Quiz, Profile Of The Referee Coach Quiz And Continuing Education Quiz
- **Post-Meeting Assignments Or Practical Evaluations – 7:** One (1) Leading A Video Analysis Session, One (1) Leading A Practical Exercise, Five (5) Evaluating Or Observing The Performance Of Match Officials Including: Post-Game Reflection With The Referee Team & Written Feedback For The Referee Team

Purpose of the Referee Coach:

- *Contributes to the development of U.S. Soccer match officials transitioning from Grassroots Referee into Regional Referee*
- *Inspires match officials to self-develop and to improve from game to game*
- *Facilitates a fair, fun and safe environment optimal for training match officials and Referee Mentors*
- *Facilitates understanding and application of the Laws of the Game for match officials and Referee Mentors*
- *Designs field session exercises/activities that address a general deficiency for a population of match officials.*
- *Provides constructive feedback about performance of match officials.*
- *Completion of five (5) full assessments during the previous 12 months (January 1 until December 31)*

Responsibilities and Roles of the Referee Coach:

- *Prepares prior to the game, offers feedback at half-time (where applicable), and coaches and reflects with the referee team after the game*
- *Demonstrates leadership before, during, and after the game*
- *Takes notes during the game that highlight positive behavior and notes areas of improvement for the referee team*
- *Leads the referee team in the reflection session after the game*
- *Writes the evaluation of the referee team performance*
- *Takes ownership of self-development through on-line and field session opportunities offered by the competition, State Referee Programs, and/or U.S. Soccer*
- *Prepares prior to an education session to deliver the best experience for match officials and/or Referee Mentors*
- *Reflects after each task of the National Referee Coach to develop a plan for self-improvement*

