

2018-19 ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE TRAINING

INSTRUCTIONS

ON-LINE TRAINING?

The on-line lesson modules are part of the required training to become a USSF soccer official. The intent is to provide you with the basic information about the Laws of the Game (LOTG). The information contained in the on-line lesson modules covers all of the Laws 1 thru 17. Several of these Laws will not be covered in detail in the classroom sessions. Therefore, you need to study this specific material prior to the first classroom session.

These lessons may be done over different periods of time (no need to do them all in one sitting); they may be repeated any number of times; and, if possible, you are encouraged to work and/or discuss together with a friend (or group) when reviewing this material.

Step 2 ... First thing, print out a blank copy of the [2018-19 On-Line Review Question Answers Worksheet](#). Review questions (120) are embedded within each of the on-line modules (**Steps 3 thru 11**) that will need to be recorded on this sheet as you go thru the material. Print your name on this worksheet and bring to the In-Class Clinic Session 1 as your ticket of admission. **BE FOREWARNED:** No answer sheet or an uncompleted answer sheet is **not acceptable** and will be reason not to admit you in the classroom session.

Step 3 ... consists of eighteen (18) lesson modules. You **MUST** review each Law module and place your answers to the review questions on your printed-out answer worksheet. You may click on the links to each lesson module in any order of your choosing and in whatever time frame works for you.

Step 4 ... reviews the [Small-Sided Playing Rules](#), which is a compilation of the rule differences, as they relate to the small-sided games played by the 12-U and younger players.

Steps 5 & 6 The [“Offside Made Easy”](#) and [“Offside Made Easy – What If?”](#) modules are an in-depth explanation, with appropriate examples, of Law 11 based upon US Soccer’s *“Offside Made Easy”* text.

Step 7 is a link to the US Soccer text [“Guide to Procedures”](#), which describes the methods and signals to be used by the Referee and the Assistant Referees during the game. The material in this text is an integral part of the Laws of the Game and it is information that you must review and be familiar with prior to going out on the field to officiate a game. The test will include questions on this material.

Steps 8 & 9 The [“Foul Recognition”](#) and [“Restart”](#) modules relate directly to the essential duties and responsibilities that a referee must be fully aware in order to officiate a soccer game.

Steps 10 The [“Soccer Uniform Criteria”](#) module lists the acceptable apparel that must/should be worn in a game by both the players and the officials.

Step 11 ... The [“Lightning”](#) module defines the criteria that game officials need to follow in severe weather situations.

Step 12 The State of Ohio law mandates that all sports officials (regardless of age) must complete a training module regarding the understanding of player concussions. See the requirements to complete [“Concussion Training Certificate”](#).

Steps 13 ... You should now be ready to take the [“On-Line Test”](#) which is the Ohio South Grade 8 Entry Level Referee Exam. This is not a closed book test ... don’t guess at an answer ... go and find correct answer if need be ... you need to know the Laws. **This test must be completed before the first in-class session that you attend.** The results of your test will be automatically sent to the course instructors. **In order to be certified as a soccer referee you must eventually score at least 80% on this exam. You may repeat this test as many times as needed until you achieve a passing grade.**

HOW LONG WILL THIS ON-LINE PROCESS TAKE?

You **MUST** review all of the LOTG, as noted. All of the on-line training modules are an integral and mandatory part of the overall referee training and must be completed **BEFORE** your first classroom session. You should be especially familiar with the LOTG covering “What is needed to Play” (Laws 1, 2, 3, 4); “How to Play the Game” (Laws 7, 9, 10); “Restarts” (Laws 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17); “Dynamic Play” (Laws 11, 12) and “Officials” (Law 5,6). It is expected that this should require 3 to 6 hours of your time to complete all these lesson modules, so do not wait until the last minute. These on-line modules have replaced 6+ hours of in-class training material.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!! If you try and do this material at the last minute you will not finish and it will be a waste of time to attempt attending in-class sessions.

WHAT IF I HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE MATERIAL AND CAN NOT COMPLETE IT IN TIME?

Not completing the on-line prior to the first class is really NOT acceptable. If you are having problems with completing the on-line material, you need to contact your District Director of Instruction noted below for recommendations/requirements prior to attending the first classroom session.

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WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO DO PRIOR TO THE CLASSROOM TRAINING?

As a new soccer referee, you must complete the NFHS on-line concussion training, which can be accessed thru the “Concussion Training Certificate” module (Step 12), which will direct you to the NFHS concussion training link. Follow the directions posted on this website to complete this mandated training. At the end of the training you will be given a certificate in a PDF format that you can save to your computer. Save it and print out a copy of your completed certificate and bring it to the first in-class clinic session. You will also need to keep a copy and be prepared to present it at various league and tournament game sites during the upcoming season.

REMEMBER !!!

When you come to the first class session you **MUST** bring with you the following items as your “tickets of admission” to the clinic sessions:

- 1) Completed 120-Question On-Line Review Questions Answers Worksheet
- 2) Copy of “**Concussion Awareness**” certificate

AND

- 3) You must have achieved at least an 80% grade on the On-Line Test (Step 13).

BEWARE: Any missing or incomplete “ticket of admission” material may subject you to being denied admission to the in-class sessions. You are responsible for having completed all of the on-line material and, as such, you will be tested on that material in each of the in-class sessions.

Come prepared to actively participate and have fun while doing the training.