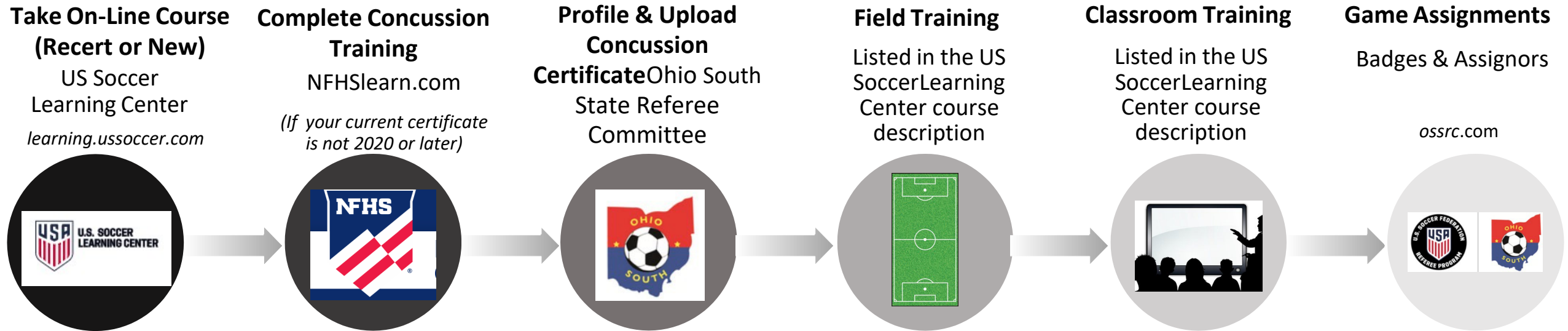


# Steps For 2022 Ohio South Referee License Registration





# Learning Center: **NEW REFEREES**

2022 US SOCCER – OHIO SOUTH GRASSROOTS NEW REFEREES: \$55

BACKGROUND (required for 18 & older; valid for 2 years): price set by US Soccer

US Soccer licenses expire every year on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Learning Center communicates to the OSSRC system weekly and updates license status. To become a new referee:

- Login or sign-up to view US Soccer Learning Center profile to view expiration dates.
- Purchase appropriate Ohio South licensure course when available.
- **Hybrid – Online Learning Center purchase course classroom with required assignments that are self-paced and participation in a course specific scheduled on-field training session.**

US Soccer will immediately suspend a Learning Center license at expiration of background approval or expiration of SafeSport training.

Background approval is valid for two years from approval and SafeSport is an annual requirement. Click below for appropriate 2022 US Soccer Ohio South New Licensure Course:

**(please be sure that host is Ohio South State Referee Committee)**

**NEW REFEREES:** <https://learning.usoccer.com/referee/courses/available/6/course-info>



# Learning Center: **RECERTIFYING**

2022 US SOCCER – OHIO SOUTH RECERTIFICATION: Grassroots (\$55), Regional (\$75), & Emeritus (\$75)

BACKGROUND (required for 18 & older; valid for 2 years): price set by US Soccer

US Soccer licenses expire every year on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Learning Center communicates to the OSSRC system weekly and updates license status. To recertify as a referee:

- Login or sign-up to view US Soccer Learning Center profile to view expiration dates.
- Purchase appropriate Ohio South licensure course when available.
- Complete all assignments associated with purchased course IN THE DIGITAL CLASSROOM IN THE US SOCCER LEARNING CENTER.

US Soccer will suspend a license at any time for expired profile items (background & SafeSport).

Background approval is valid for two years from approval and SafeSport is an annual requirement. Click below for appropriate 2022 US Soccer Licensure Course:

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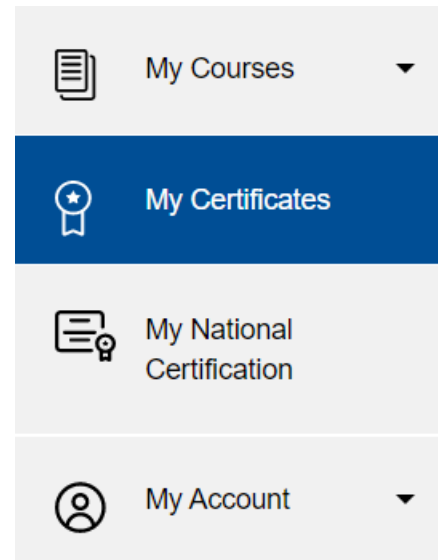
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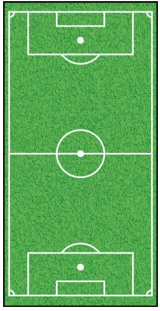


# National Federation of High School

Sign up or login, complete Ohio (select state) concussion course. Choose option to download pdf certificate. You will need this saved file for your Ohio South State Referee Committee profile as it is required by Ohio state law for referees.

Previous certificates can be downloaded on your NFHSLEARN Dashboard:





# Field Training – Required for New

- Assignments need to be complete in the online course in the Learning Center to avoid MAJOR delays in receiving a badge and working games.
- All new referees are required to attend the field training associated with your assigned date and time in your new referee course in the US Soccer Learning Center.
- Items needed for field training (if available): referee flags, whistle, soccer ball, shin guards, and water.
- Physical activity related to officiating and soccer will be required during the outdoor training. Please contact the instructor prior to the training if there are any questions or concerns.



# Classroom Training

- Required for Regional, G7+, G7, and upgrades.
- Any required classroom training will be listed in the US Soccer Learning Center purchased course.
- Missing online assignments or paperwork will cause MAJOR delays in receiving a badge and working games.



# Ohio South State Referee Committee

- Existing members need to update any new contact information and upload current NFHS concussion training 2020 or later.
- New Referees will receive an email from OSSRC with OSSRC profile login information sometime after receiving their license from US Soccer.
- Check and update concussion date on your OSSRC profile. **Must be dated with year 2020 or later to be valid.**
- Upload new NFHS pdf (see above step).

[OSSRC PROFILE LINK \(NEW & MEMBERS\)](#)



# Ohio South State Referee Committee

The OSSRC website ([ossrc.com](http://ossrc.com)) is where your work (OSSRC profile) will be reviewed by your local district administrator: US Soccer License and NFHS Concussion upload. IT TAKES UP TO 14 DAYS for the US Soccer and OSSRC to complete the sync process, your admin to review your profile, and a badge to sent to you via US Postal Mail.

Badges will be mailed once you have completed all requirements. Every failure to complete requirements will result in a week “stall” in the process.



# GAME ASSIGNMENTS

## **Getting Ohio South Game Assignments**

- ❖ As a certified US Soccer Referee you are an independent contractor and are qualified to be assigned and work in Ohio South youth competitive league and/or tournament matches.
- ❖ All game assignments must be approved by and made through a Certified US Soccer Assignor and the level of assignment is solely at the discretion of the Assignor.

## **Finding a Certified US Soccer/OSSRC Assignor**

- ❖ A list of all OSSRC Certified Assignors along with their pertinent contact information can be accessed using the OSSRC website.
  - Log in as a member using your OSSRC ID number and password, click on “Member Information” and search by “Member Type (Assignor)”.
  - The names of all Certified OSSRC Assignors along with their District, e-mail address and contact phone number(s) are included in this listing.
- ❖ Specific lists of OSSRC Certified League and Tournament Assignors can also be found using the OSSRC website.
  - Click on the “Assigning” drop-down menu along the top of the OSSRC home page for access to “League Assignors” and “Tournament Assignors”
  - Assignor’s name, District and e-mail address are listed for all sanctioned Ohio South youth Leagues and Tournaments.

## **General Assigning Process**

- ❖ There are over seventy (70) Ohio South Certified Assignors who are qualified to assign officials to youth league and tournament games.
- ❖ There are also several different assigning platforms being used by these assignors, each of which uses a different way of implementing the assigning process.
  - Each Assignor also has their own unique set of requirements that an official must follow in order to be assigned to their games.
  - Referees must understand that they are subject to the specific and different requirements of each Assignor for whom they are working.
  - Referees must not assume that all Assignors operate in the same manner, the assigning process can vary significantly from Assignor to Assignor.





# GAME ASSIGNMENTS

## **Responsibilities of the Referee**

- ❖ Referees must initiate contact with any Assignor(s) of their choosing in order to be placed on an Assignor's League and/or Tournament list and subsequently be scheduled to officiate their games.
- ❖ Referees may choose to work for one or several Assignors.
- ❖ Initial communication with any Assignor will require the Referee to share their individual data regarding age, experience, preferences, availability, conflicts, comfort level, e-mail address, phone number(s) and/ or any other pertinent info that may be requested by the Assignor.
- ❖ Referees are responsible for their own schedule and may choose to accept or not accept games from an Assignor, but once a mutual agreement has been made between the Assignor and the Referee a binding contract is in place and the Referee may not drop the assigned game(s) in order to officiate another game(s).

## **Responsibilities of the Assignor**

- ❖ Assignors must share with Referees whom they assign to matches - preferably in writing - the rules and/or expectations by which the Referee must follow, the game fees, the method of payment and how to use their assigning platform.
- ❖ Assignors must inform their Referees on how to best communicate with the Assignor to request, accept or decline game(s) assignments.
- ❖ Assignors must respond within a reasonable time frame regarding any assignments (or non-assignments).

## **The Assigning Communication Process**

- ❖ When the schedule of games is posted or made available to the Referee community or the Assignor's list of Referees the following steps are required:
  - 1) Referee notifies Assignor of their availability
  - 2) Assignor notifies Referee of initial game(s) that they are being assigned
  - 3) Referee responds to the Assignor's initial schedule --- accepts, declines or requests changes
  - 4) Assignor sends Referee confirmation of final schedule
  - 5) Referee acknowledges receipt of Assignor's confirmation
- ❖ A binding contract is in effect when (and ONLY when) all five (5) steps are completed.