

ADVANCED REFEREE TRAINING

OSSRC will schedule advanced referee training in various locations throughout the year. The topics included are designed to improve the overall professionalism of any official. All registered officials, regardless of grade level, are invited to attend at no cost. The dates, times and locations of these clinics will be posted on the OSSRC website.

REFEREE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The primary purpose of the USSF assessment program is the improved performance of all officials using on-the-field observation, evaluation, instruction and mentoring. This process takes on several forms.

MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

A formal match assessment is required of all State Referee Grade 6 and higher officials each year. It is also recommended for all Grade 7 Referees.

UPGRADE ASSESSMENTS

Any Referee desiring to upgrade must request an assessment via the District Director of Assessment. The match must consist of two 45 minute halves. The level of the match must be in accordance with USSF guidelines for the grade level of the referee, as long as the Assessor deems it to be a competitive-level game. The official requesting the assessment will pay the assessor a fee as set forth by the OSSRC. These assessments may occur either during tournaments or scheduled league play.

MENTORING ASSESSMENTS

OSSRC's goal is for the assessors to mentor all of our officials, especially the first and second year referees, by observing parts of their games and offering constructive feedback, both verbal and written.

REFEREE ACADEMY

OSSRC's Referee Academy is a concentrated program being developed to provide training for selected officials at youth and adult tournaments, using Assessors and/or State and National Referees.



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BECOMING A SOCCER OFFICIAL

As the growth of players in Ohio South grows, the demand for good officials increases. The Ohio South State Referee Committee (OSSRC), a member of United States Soccer Federation (USSF) is the governing body for the training of officials in Ohio South. OSSRC offers entry level, intermediate and advanced training throughout the year.

Each candidate must attend all the training sessions and pass a written test at the end of the course. The fees are set by OSSRC and are posted on www.ossrc.com

ASSISTANT REFEREE COURSE

The course consists of 9-hours of classroom (typically three 3-hour clinic sessions) and 2-hours of outdoor training. Upon successful completion, the referee is then registered with USSF as a Grade 12 AR and is eligible to officiate any level youth match but only as an Assistant Referee.

ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE COURSE

This course consists of 15-hours of classroom (typically five 3-hour clinic sessions) and 2-hours of outdoor training. Upon successful completion, the referee is then registered with USSF as a Grade 8 Referee and is eligible to officiate any level youth match, either as a Referee or as an Assistant Referee.

RECREATIONAL REFEREE COURSE

This course consists of 9-hours of training, and upon successful completion, the referee is then registered with USSF as a Grade 9 Recreational Referee. A Grade 9 official is only eligible to serve as a Referee on recreational youth matches U-14 and younger, or as an AR on any U-14 and younger youth matches.

UPGRADING TO GRADE 8 REFEREE

A Grade 12 or a Grade 9 official can upgrade to a Grade 8 Referee by successfully completing the last 9-hours of classroom training of the Entry Level Referee course.

ANNUAL RE-CERTIFICATION

Each year officials are required to complete additional hours of training to continue officiating at their current referee grade. Training Modules "A", "B" and "C", along with specialized training clinics, provide updates on Law changes and interpretations, testing on the Laws, and completion of annual registration requirements with OSSRC via www.ossrc.com.

Annual re-certification requirements are as follows:

Recreational Referee Grade 09

Grade 09 Recreational Referees must attend 2.5-hours of recertification training, as designated by the OSSRC.

Assistant Referee Grade 12

Grade 12 Assistant Referees must attend 2.5-hours of recertification training, as designated by the OSSRC.

Referee Grades 07-08

Grades 07 and 08 referees must attend 5-hours of recertification training, as designated by the OSSRC. In addition, Grade 07 referees also need to pass a physical fitness test.

State Referee Grades 05-06

State Referee Grades 05 and 06 are required to pass an annual maintenance assessment and a physical fitness test. They must also attend a 5-hour recertification clinic on the first Saturday in August, as structured by the State Director of Instruction.

The schedules of Entry-Level Referee Clinics and Referee Re-Certification Clinics are posted on the Ohio South State Referee Committee website at:

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