



Hello Referee Candidates,

New Referee courses are currently being offered by the Wisconsin Soccer Referee Development Program (WisRef) for 2022 registration. The USSF registration year is July 1 through June 30th, with the 2022 USSF Referee license expiring 12/21/2022.

The successful Referee candidate will have the opportunity to officiate games for the Fall 2021 soccer season and all of the 2022 calendar year.

Minimum age per US Soccer policy is 13 years old at the time of registering for the course. There are **NO** exceptions or waivers to this U.S. Soccer Policy.

This course is for new, first time Referees that have not been previously registered as a Referee **or** a previously registered Referee who has had a lapse in registration.

Course Requirements

New Grassroots Referees must, in order:

- (1) Complete all US Soccer required assignments in the Learning Center
- (2) Create a GameOfficials account
- (3) Successfully complete all WisRef pre-course work
- (4) Attend an in-person Virtual on-line course

This is a 16 Hour Course

The first 8 hours will be in the US Soccer Learning Center completing their required assignments.

4 hours additional WisRef pre-course work (on your own)

4 hours Virtual on-line Zoom Course (with Instructors)

This will meet the requirements to register you as a new Grassroots Referee.

Here are the Steps to Register as a 2022 USSF Referee

- 1) Create a Referee profile in the US Soccer Learning Center: <https://learning.ussoccer.com/>

Directions: <https://ussoccerfederation.force.com/lcsupport/s/article/Sign-Up-for-an-Account>

If you are 18 or older, you will be prompted to pay for and complete a 2-year background check and complete the SafeSport module - if you turn 18 during a registration period, you will be required to complete the background check and SafeSport in order to continue refereeing.



All Referees will first register in the Assignment Course and complete the requirements and then will be transferred into a Virtual course.

<https://ussoccerfederation.force.com/lcsupport/s/article/How-to-find-and-sign-up-for-a-course-in-the-Learning-Center>

- 2) Register in the following course: **2022-New Grassroots Referee -Assignment Course**
- 3) Complete all US Soccer required assignments in this course.

Go to: **Courses/My Courses/Go to Classroom/Assignments**

Remember to log out if you take a break from the training and to continually save your progress.

- 4) Set up a **GameOfficials** account for assignments: (click on this link to access our WI GameOfficials account) <https://wisref.gameofficials.net>

This account is for the Referee, **not** the parent. Full mailing address is required.

- 5) After completing steps 1-4, notify sue@wisref.org for instructions for the WisRef pre-course work
- 6) Once the pre-course work is completed, again notify sue@wisref.org to choose a date/time for the Virtual on-line course. You will be able to pick a Virtual course date from one of the following: August 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th, on a first come – first serve basis.
- 7) Attend a Virtual on-line course.
- 8) Badges will be mailed out upon successful completion of all the above steps.

New & lapsed Referee candidates who successfully complete all of the requirements in August will receive a full reimbursement of their registration fee and background check fee from WisRef & Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, plus a 10-piece referee uniform starter kit.

WisRef's Sue Walter will notify the WYSA of successful Grassroots Referee registration and course completion, in order that a reimbursement check can be sent to the address as it appears in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.

Sue will also notify Stefan's Soccer of the successful course completion, and eligibility for the uniform package. You will then be notified as to how you will be able to order the uniform package from Stefan's; the notification will be in the form of an email sent to the email address as it appears in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.

Note: If you know of others who may be interested in becoming a Referee, please send their names and emails to tom@wisref.org.

Thanks, and good luck!