

US Soccer Federation (USSF) Certified Referee Program

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Referee Payments/Benefits:

- LAYS� – **Reimburse** Referee certification costs (Background & Certification Course) with proof of certificate and receipts.
- LAYS� – **Reimburse** Referee, and Referee’s children, soccer registration fees.
- LAYS� – Certified Referees **paid** \$20/hour for Center Referee and \$10/hour for Assistant Referee plus prep time.
- Duke City Soccer League (DCSL) – Show Referee Badge for **FREE parking/entry** (normally \$5).
- DCSL – Certified Referees **paid** \$20 – 45.

Certified Referee US Soccer Learning Center (avg time ~ 6 hours + Background check) –

- Certification period runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year, but is valid from January 1 to December 31. If you register after July 1, then you may referee immediately after certification until December 31 of the **following calendar year**.
- The US Soccer Learning Center is where you view your USSF ID number, license history, or download your current license.
<https://learning.ussoccer.com>
- USSF system has all clinic/course registration and training online only at US Soccer Learning Center:
<https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee>

1. Create a Profile at US Soccer Learning Center (must be at least 13 years old)

<https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee>

- a. **If you already have a Referee profile, login to your Referee profile to complete all training requirements.**
- b. If NEW to US Soccer Learning Center, then click “**Sign Up**” in upper right corner to create a Referee profile role (you may also create a Coach profile role at the same time)
- c. **Each user must have a unique email address (used by USSF for identification purpose).**
- d. **If you already have a Coach profile, log in and switch to Referee to create a Referee profile.**
- e. **Important:** If a previously certified referee is prompted, continue with the import of your “Legacy Data”. Otherwise, you will end up as a new referee candidate with no USSF history.

ALL of the following steps require you to Login to your US Soccer Learning Center REFEREE profile (not Coach profile), as stated in Item 1 above, to access the requirement or training.

2. Background Screening – (ONLY required if 18 years or older) (valid for 2 years – process may take 48 hours to 10 days) (Cost: \$30 + ~\$2 fee)

<https://learning.ussoccer.com/safeguarding>

COURSES > AVAILABLE COURSES > SUPPLEMENTAL COURSES > Background Screening

- a. **If the background is not complete, you will not be permitted to register for any clinics/courses except the SafeSport.**

3. Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments Training (Concussion Training) (annual requirement) (~1 hour) (Free)

<https://learning.ussoccer.com/safeguarding>

COURSES > AVAILABLE COURSES > SUPPLEMENTAL COURSES > Intro to Safety

4. SafeSport Training (ONLY required if 18 years or older) (annual requirement) (~1 hour) (Free)

<https://learning.ussoccer.com/safeguarding>

COURSES > AVAILABLE COURSES > SUPPLEMENTAL COURSES > SafeSport

- a. If you have already completed SafeSport training and it doesn’t show in the system, log in to your account, click on your name in top right corner; click Profile; scroll down to Safety Certifications and click on “I’ve already done SafeSport”. Enter your certificate unique identifier.

5. Online Referee Clinic (annual requirement) (~4-6 hours) (\$75 new/\$60 recert)

- a. If 18 years or older, you will **not** be able to register for a referee clinic until your background results are approved by US Soccer, which may take between 48 hours and 10 days (see Item 1 above).

- b. **If this is your first time to certify, then take the First Time Grassroots Referee Certification Clinic (\$75)**

<https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee/courses/available/10000006/details/10007327>

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- c. **If you've previously certified within the past 30 months, then register for the Grassroots Referee Recertification Clinic (\$60)**

<https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee/courses/available/10000007/details/10007329>

COURSES > AVAILABLE COURSES > LICENSES > Grassroots Recertifying Referees > GO TO COURSE LIST > REGISTRATION

- d. **Laws of the Game Update** (~ 20 min) – changes and clarifications for the season are reviewed.
e. **First Time Grassroots Referee Quiz** (~ 45 min) – you must get 50 questions correct to pass, but incorrect answers do not take away from your correct answer count.

6. Receive Referee Badge – NMSRA does not have a budget line item to mail badges out to referees individually

- a. Choose one of the following methods to receive your badge:
- Badges may be left at the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association (NMYSA) office for pickup. Please call first to confirm they'll be there as they have limited hours 505-830-2245
 - Mail in a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a badge will be placed in that envelope and mailed back. Envelope should be mailed to:
Rowdy Davis
c/o NM Youth Soccer Association
2825 Broadbent Parkway NE, Suite D
Albuquerque, NM 87107
 - Find Rowdy Davis at the DCSL soccer complex in Bernalillo or contact him at 909-890-8966 / NMSDI@nmysa.net

7. NM State Referee Receipt Reimbursement – for reimbursement of the Background Check and Course charges AND request FREE Gear, please fill out this NM State Referee Association form:

<https://www.nmsra.net/> - Click on the "Uniform and Course Reimbursement" in the middle-right section

8. Game Assignments:

- a. DCSL <https://dukecity.org/referee> : Each Referee must submit their own Referee questionnaire
- Complete Referee Availability Form available from TJ Wilham at tjwilham@gmail.com
 - Post Game** – you must fill out a game report (DCSL at ref shack AND designate which LA team receives ref credit).

9. Order Referee Uniform/Gear (if you did not request it in Item 7 above)

- a. This is a less expensive website store (sponsored by NMYSA) called Score:
<https://scoresports.com/estore/nmys/nmys/nmys-mens-referee-apparel.html>
- b. US Soccer recommend Official Sports (but that's their "partner" and sponsor) which is more expensive:
<https://officialsports.com/>
- Yellow Jersey
 - Black Shorts
 - Black Socks
 - Flags (usually supplied by center referee; Duke City has extras in Referee Building)
 - Whistle
 - Yellow/Red Card

10. Resources Including IFAB Laws of the Game (LOTG) & Changes:

<https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee/resources>

<https://www.ussoccer.com/referee-program/resource-center>

- a. USSF Referee Training Videos
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsAXIYtop5OuwwRbZmHjRVBsDfvZlzkhC>
- b. Laws of the Game & Updates & available as an app on Android and iOS.
<http://www.theifab.com>
<https://www.theifab.com/documents>
- c. NM Soccer Referee Association: <https://www.nmsra.net/>
- d. New Mexico Youth Soccer Association: <https://www.nmysa.net/>
- e. Duke City Soccer League: <https://dukecity.org/>
- f. Los Alamos Youth Soccer League: <https://laysl.org/>

11. In-person Referee Training/Mentoring – optional since all certification must go through the online process at US Soccer Learning Center (training may be done by NM State Director of Instruction (SDI))

- a. Clinics may be listed at: <https://nmsra.net/>
- b. Please let us know if you're interested in an in-person training course. Contact Sharon Seitz, LAYSL Referee Coordinator, 505-660-7484 (text or call) or email layslinbox@gmail.com