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2023 License Requirements - Referee Coach Pathway

U.S. Soccer Referee Program



REFEREE COACH PATHWAY

NATIONAL REFEREE COACH

REFEREE COACH

REFEREE MENTOR

REFEREE MENTOR CERTIFICATION



REFEREE MENTOR – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
LICENSING COURSE ENROLLMENT	REFEREE MENTOR LICENSING COURSE REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS AS A REFEREE (ANY LICENSE)
COURSE TRAINING	ONLINE COMPONENT (U.S. SOCCER) AND IN-PERSON MEETING
RISK MANAGEMENT	SAFESPORT TRAINING SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS BACKGROUND CHECK
ONLINE COMPONENT ASSIGNMENTS	LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE
IN-PERSON MEETING ASSIGNMENTS - 3	ONE (1) LEADING A VIDEO ANALYSIS SESSION ONE (1) LEADING A PRACTICAL EXERCISE ONE (1) OBSERVING THE PERFORMANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE MENTOR

REFEREE MENTOR RE-CERTIFICATION



REFEREE MENTOR – RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
LICENSING COURSE ENROLLMENT	REFEREE MENTOR LICENSING COURSE REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	ACTIVE REFEREE MENTOR LICENSE WITHIN PREVIOUS 3 REGISTRATION YEARS
COURSE TRAINING	ONLINE COMPONENT REFRESHER (U.S. SOCCER)
RISK MANAGEMENT	SAFESPORT TRAINING SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS BACKGROUND CHECK
ONLINE REFRESHER ASSIGNMENTS	LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS – 3 MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE REGISTRATION YEAR	ONE (1) LEADING A VIDEO ANALYSIS SESSION ONE (1) LEADING A PRACTICAL EXERCISE ONE (1) OBSERVING THE PERFORMANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

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REFEREE MENTOR CERTIFICATION and RECERTIFICATION



- During the COVID-19 pandemic, State Referee Committees have the option to run the Referee Mentor certification and recertification courses virtually based on return to play, state and, local public health guidelines

REFEREE COACH CERTIFICATION



REFEREE COACH – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

AGE	21 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
LICENSING COURSE ENROLLMENT	REFEREE COACH LICENSING COURSE REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD A REFEREE MENTOR LICENSE, REGIONAL ASSESSOR, OR REGIONAL INSTRUCTOR LICENSE FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO REGISTRATION YEARS
COURSE TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS – 7 (U.S. SOCCER)	FOUR (4) IN THE PRE-MEETING PERIOD THREE (3) IN THE IN-PERSON MEETING
RISK MANAGEMENT	SAFESPORT TRAINING SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NCSI BACKGROUND CHECK
ONLINE COMPONENT ASSIGNMENTS	LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE
POST-COURSE ASSIGNMENT	SELF ASSESSMENT AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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REFEREE COACH RE-CERTIFICATION



REFEREE COACH - RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	21 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
LICENSING COURSE ENROLLMENT	REFEREE COACH LICENSING COURSE REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD A REFEREE COACH LICENSE OR A NATIONAL REFEREE COACH LICENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 3 REGISTRATION YEARS
COURSE TRAINING	ONLINE REFRESHER (U.S. SOCCER)
RISK MANAGEMENT	SAFESPORT TRAINING SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS BACKGROUND CHECK
ONLINE REFRESHER ASSIGNMENTS	LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS - 7 MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE REGISTRATION YEAR	ONE (1) LEADING A VIDEO ANALYSIS SESSION ONE (1) LEADING A PRACTICAL EXERCISE FIVE (5) EVALUATING OR OBSERVING THE PERFORMANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS INCLUDING: POST-GAME REFLECTION WITH THE REFEREE TEAM & WRITTEN FEEDBACK FOR THE REFEREE TEAM



NATIONAL REFEREE COACH CERTIFICATION



NATIONAL REFEREE COACH – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	25 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
LICENSING COURSE ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MINIMUM ONE (1) YEAR AS A REFEREE COACH AND ACTIVE REFEREE COACH LICENSE
COURSE TRAINING	U.S. SOCCER NATIONAL CAMP IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL MEETING
RISK MANAGEMENT	SAFESPORT TRAINING SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NCSI BACKGROUND CHECK
ONLINE ASSIGNMENTS	LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE VIDEO TEST
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS - 5	FIVE (5) EVALUATING OR OBSERVING THE PERFORMANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS INCLUDING: POST-GAME REFLECTION WITH THE REFEREE TEAM WRITTEN FEEDBACK FOR THE REFEREE TEAM
ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS - 2	ONE (1) LEADING A VIDEO ANALYSIS SESSION ONE (1) LEADING A PRACTICAL EXERCISE
ALL ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE REGISTRATION YEAR	



NATIONAL REFEREE COACH RE-CERTIFICATION



NATIONAL REFEREE COACH – RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	25 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER
LICENSING COURSE ENROLLMENT	SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	ACTIVE NATIONAL REFEREE COACH LICENSE
COURSE TRAINING	U.S. SOCCER NATIONAL CAMP IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL MEETING
RISK MANAGEMENT	SAFESPORT TRAINING SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS NCSI BACKGROUND CHECK
ONLINE REFRESHER ASSIGNMENTS	LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE VIDEO TEST
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS - 7	SEVEN (7) EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF MATCH OFFICIALS INCLUDING: POST-GAME REFLECTION WITH THE REFEREE TEAM WRITTEN FEEDBACK FOR THE REFEREE TEAM
ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS - 2	ONE (1) LEADING A VIDEO ANALYSIS SESSION ONE (1) LEADING A PRACTICAL EXERCISE
ALL ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE REGISTRATION YEAR	





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