

New Grassroots Referee Course



New Hampshire State Referee Committee

www.nhreferee.net

How to Stay Informed

US Soccer Learning Center

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

NH State Referee Committee website

<http://www.nhreferee.org>

IFAB App



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Annual Training Requirements

Annual Registration Required

- Registration Year: Jan 1 – Dec 31
- Training/Registration Process: July 1 – March 31
- Summer Training (starting July 1) is for “next” registration year

Annual Recertification

- Online and 2 hours in class
- Many options (~25) available November through March only
- Advanced training 2nd weekend in August (8 hours)



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How Do You Get Games to Referee?

Assignors listed on www.nhreferee.org

- Email addresses for assignors of competitive leagues
- Find recreational assignors by contacting local recreational league

It's up to you to initiate contact with an assignor



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How Do You Get Games to Referee?

Build a professional relationship with assignor

- Many assignors use different assigning systems
- Keep availability up to date
- Don't cancel within 72 hours unless an emergency
- Accepted game is a PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT
- If the assignor can't trust you to meet your commitments, you will not receive games – they have a job to do as well



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How Do You Get Games to Referee?

Unethical to receive games from multiple assignors and pick better game

- Honor commitment of first assignment
- Mark date and time unavailable for other assignors
- Certain state, regional or national games may have higher priority in which case you then have option to turn back an assignment (will be explained to you if you receive those games)



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Refereeing is a JOB!

You are a professional referee as you get paid. It is a job. Be professional.

- SAFETY OF PLAYERS IS PRIMARY ROLE
- Pay dependent on league and age
- Tax info: Most leagues will issue a 1099 for your federal taxes
- Game reports as REQUIRED for injuries, discipline (red/yellow cards), and other incidents; no game report = no pay
- Avoid conflict of interest



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Uniforms

Official Sports is the official supplier

- www.officialsports.com
- Recommend getting a starter kit
- Start slow (economy jerseys) and slowly build collection
- Get yellow shirt first



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For the Youth Referee Families

- It is a family commitment!
 - Kids make sure your parents can get you to games!
- Parents, please support your youth referee
- They may be an “authority figure” for the first time ever, with authority over adults
- All referees run into “that coach” where they may get yelled at.



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Grassroots Referee Course

- Licensed and receive badge if completed all course requirements
 - Online Grassroots Referee course
 - SafeSport (if over 18)
 - Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments
 - Grassroots Referee Certification Quiz
 - Background check (if over 18)
- Get uniform and supplies
- Contact assignors and/or local recreational league for information on how to get games



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State Referee Committee (SRC)

- SRC can support you when there are issues, but they do need to be told
- Contacts on www.nhreferee.org
 - SRA: State Referee Administrator (Mark Sadler: sra@nhreferee.org)
 - SYRA: State Youth Referee Administrator (Frank Scarito: syra@nhreferee.org)
 - SDA: State Director of Assessment (John Breda: sda@nhreferee.org)
 - SDI: State Director of Instruction (John Breda: sdi@nhreferee.org)
 - Area Representatives: Each area of the state has a primary contact
- Coaches/fans can be an issue
 - Please notify SRC and work with them to resolve and get corrective action
 - Even if referee does not correctly deal with the situation during the game, notify the SRC and/or league
- **GAME REPORTS ARE CRUCIAL:** Send to league and the SRA



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