



NH State Referee Committee

Funding for Referees Traveling Out of New Hampshire

The policy is two tiered:

- Regional Referees who are seeking National Candidacy
- All other grades

Regional Referees:

Regional Referees who are seeking National Candidacy have requirements to fulfill that are described by US Soccer. These requirements will require significant time and travel. It is to the benefit of the NH Referee program to aide these referees as conditions allow. Funding for Regional Referees seeking National Candidacy will be decided by the SRA as deemed appropriate at the time.

All other NH Referees:

All other NH referees who are good standing with NHSA, US Soccer and SafeSport, and are at a minimum of 18 years of age are eligible to apply for funding.

Application for funding is submitted to the SRA via a simple request form (see attached form). This form **must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the event start date**.

Criteria for consideration of funds:

Any event that NHSA or the NH SRC is already funding referees to attend is not eligible for a referee to apply for funds. For example, regional events or any other event NH is required or invited to send referees to AND that we are funding the costs for those referees.

The following minimal criteria must be met by the referee:

1. Pass the US Soccer Referee fitness test per the guidelines for a Regional Referee.
2. If a fitness test must be scheduled for the referee, the referee is responsible for the cost of the SDI supplying a licensed Referee Coach or Instructor to proctor the fitness test. If the fitness test is passed, this fee is waived. The fee will be set at \$50.
3. Any referee who has been found guilty in a NHSA disciplinary hearing may not be eligible for this program, for the duration of the referee's career in NH.
4. Referee must be in good standing with the NH SRC, US Soccer and SafeSport
 - a. No pending disciplinary actions
 - b. Commitments for state events have been met
 - c. Annual training requirements are met.

5. Within 10 days of return to NH referee must provide a brief reflection of the experience achieved at the event. The NH SRC may invite the referee to speak at a future training session to share the experience with other NH referees.
6. The annual total of funds has not been met. The annual total is at the discretion of the SRC on an annual basis. A suggested total is \$4000 (estimated 10 referees at max per person cost).
7. Referee will be reimbursed upon attending the event and providing the event reflection to the SRC.
8. Referee is eligible for one event being funded, at any level, per calendar year.
9. Failure to provide reflection or attend training as requested will forfeit following years funding eligibility

Funding Model:

A referee is limited to funding for one event per calendar year.

Funding is limited based on geographic region being visited:

Travel to East Region event: Maximum of \$200

Travel to Midwest Region event: Maximum of \$300

Travel to South Region event: Maximum of \$300

Travel to Far West event: Maximum of \$400

Travel to International event: Maximum of \$400

Supplied funds are NOT to exceed the cost of travel and housing for the event.

Application for NH SRC Funding

(email to SRA: sra@nhreferee.org)

Name: _____ USSF Referee License: _____

Years of Referee Experience: _____ Date first licensed: _____

Event to attend: _____ Location: _____

List experience in NH State Competitions in the last two years.

List experience in East Region and National competitions:

List other NH leagues, tournaments and game experience:

List 3 goals this event will allow you achieve at this event:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Does the event supply housing or a stipend? _____ If "yes" what amount or type: _____

Does the event supply a travel stipend? _____ If "yes" how much: _____

Estimated Game Fees: Referee: _____ AR: _____

Funding requested from NH SRC: _____

Max Funding: East Region event: \$200; Midwest and South Region events: \$300; Far West or International events: \$400