USSF First Time Referee Program

Registration:

Registration is done through US Soccer's Learning Center at http://Learning.ussoccercom/referee

Requirements

You must be 13 years old at the time of registering for the program. The USSF certification process is comprised of online assignments PLUS a mandatory attendance at an in-person field session. The online assignments include:

Background Check (if 18 years or older. Must CLEAR background before license will be issued. Allow a min. of 10-14 days for processing. The Background check is good for 2 years.
SafeSport Training (18 years old or over)
Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments
On-line Referee Course modules
First Time Referee Quiz

Process

To register for a course:

- Log on to the US Soccer Learning Center at https://Learning.USsoccer.com/referee
- Create an account – Click **Sign up**
- Complete the information - Click "**Submit" or "Sign up Now"**
- The system should return you to your profile page. You can then enter any additional bio information and, if required by your age, initiate the Background Screening.

To Register for a Course

Once you complete your profile, click on MENU/COURSES at the top of the page, then click on AVAILABLE COURSES. Under License Pathway click on the "FIRST-TIME REFEREEs" link, then click on the Course List on the right side of the page. This will take you to a list of all the available Entry/First-time courses. Click on the COURSE DETAILS to register for the on-line assignments. Make sure you list the HOST as Illinois Soccer Referee Committee. Select a date and location for the course you want to register for. The location/date is where and when the in-person portion of the training will be held. If you don't see a location close to you or a date that you can attend, be patient, more sessions will be added. You can check back every couple of days.

Training Assignments

Once you complete the registration, click on "COURSES" at top, then MY COURSES, then RESUME/Red Arrow and click on the "ASSIGNMENTS" tab at top of page to complete online requirements. Assignments will show in green and marked "satisfactory" when completed.

Online assignments do not need to be completed before the field session training; however, they MUST be completed by posted deadline to receive your license and badge. If online assignments are not completed by posted deadline, registration will be cancelled. There are NO transfers or refunds. If the Field Session is on the weekend, then deadline for online coursework is Monday Midnight after the Field Session.

There is a $65 fee for this training. Park Ridge Soccer will reimbursement you for the USSF registration fee once you accept and officiate a game. However, they will not reimburse you for the background check.