

# How to Become A Referee

You will need to successfully complete an Entry Level Referee Course.

## New Referee Training

The **New Referee** training course is a 16-hour course with half of the time spent online and the other half in the classroom. It is designed to provide entry level referee skills and information through classroom and field training for candidates. Emphasis is on preparing for youth program participation – including recreational and competitive games. Field emphasis is on practice of specific procedures.

Participants must be at least 12 years old at the beginning of clinic to attend a New Referee course; those under 14 years old will be registered as a Level 9 Referee and can only be assigned to recreational games. Administration of the USSF written examination is included at the course. Minimum passing score is 75%.

## Costs

There are costs associated with becoming a referee – you should budget for approximately \$100-\$125. Referees can quickly earn that back after officiating their first few games. A course fee of approximately \$25-\$35 (depending on area) covers the costs associated with attending the course. A registration fee of \$40 covers your registration with the United States Soccer Federation. You'll also need a new uniform. Entry level starter uniform kits start around \$37 (Source: <http://officialsports.com/off-field-apparel/starter-kits/>).

## To Register for a Course

- 1) <http://wisref.org/>
- 2) Under Referee Course click on New Referee
- 3) Click on Sign Up for a Course
- 4) Click on Entry Level Course
- 5) Click on the Course Number that works best for your schedule