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INSTRUCTOR UPGRADE GUIDELINES

Recreational Youth Referee Instructor: Candidates must successfully complete the 9 hour Recreational Youth Referee Instructor Course. Anyone certified as a Recreational Youth Referee Instructor can be eligible to take the Associate Referee Instructor Course after demonstrating teaching proficiency at the RYRI level.

Associate Instructor: Candidates must successfully complete the 2 day, 16 hour, Associate Instructor Course. Initial registration will be at the Provisional level. Following one year of satisfactory performance, the Provisional status may be removed allowing for certification at the Associate Instructor level. Before requesting an upgrade to Referee Instructor, you must perform satisfactorily for one year as an Associate Instructor.

Referee Instructor: Successful completion of the 4 day, 32 hour, "Instructional Theory Into Practice" (ITIP) is required. Registration will be at the Provisional level for year one. Following satisfactory performance the Provisional status may be removed and certification will be at the Referee Instructor level. Before requesting an upgrade to State Instructor, you must perform satisfactorily for one year as a Referee Instructor.

State Instructor: Required course work includes two, 32-hour modules: "Train the Trainer" (TT) and "Improving Instructor Effectiveness" (IIE). Successful completion allows the candidate to register as State Instructor Provisional. Satisfactory performance in teaching the Referee Instructor (ITIP) course allows the removal of the Provisional status and registration as State Instructor. Before requesting an upgrade to National Instructor or National Instructor Trainer, you must perform satisfactorily for one year as a State Instructor.

National Status: There are two paths to achieve National Status. **NATIONAL STATUS IS NOT GRANTED AUTOMATICALLY.** In addition to the statements below, the candidate must be known and respected by the general soccer community and recognized for valuable contributions to the program.

- **National Instructor:** Candidates must have refereed at the highest levels of the game. National or International Panel personnel having held that status for at least 3 years are the principal candidates for National Instructor. Candidates must also have successfully completed, Referee and State Referee Instructor course work as well as 2 National Instructor Modules or 1 Module and a Special Project. Appointments will be made by the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office. Consideration will be based upon candidates individual expertise as an instructor and his or her knowledge and experience of refereeing at the highest levels of the game during the time the individual was refereeing.

INSTRUCTOR UPGRADE GUIDELINES

- National Instructor Trainer:

Candidates must possess skills and competencies required and valued by the National Program for Referee Development, but may not be required to have refereed at high levels of the game. Candidates must have successfully completed Associate, Referee and State Referee Instructor course work as well as all available National Instructor Modules and a special project. Candidates may be required to provide a portfolio of original soccer and or soccer instructional work. Appointments will be made by the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office. Consideration will be based upon the candidates individual expertise as an instructor or in a specific area of skill or competency possessed by that individual. National Instructor Trainers must meet all the law knowledge requirements that a National Instructor is required to meet.

JOB DESCRIPTION NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR

Title:	National Instructor
Function:	<p>Serves on special nationwide panel of referee instructors to offer expertise in all facets of referee development. May be involved in any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist in designing, implementing and conducting special projects, courses, clinics and seminars as assigned by the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office• Assist in implementing standardized interpretations of the Laws of the Game as assigned by the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office
Requirements:	<p>Displays an extremely high level of proficiency in the Laws of the Game and the elements of instruction</p> <p>Is a State Referee Instructor in good standing, demonstrating a very high degree of commitment and competency that is a credit to the National Program for Referee Development</p>
Appointment:	By the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office with concurrence of the Instructional Educational Staff Committee
Reports To:	United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office
Duties:	<p>To serve as cadre at national, regional courses and in service training clinics, conducting the instruction, training and testing of referees and instructors</p> <p>To assist in developing and implementing curriculum, materials, tests and evaluations for instructional activities</p>
Registration:	Annually

**JOB DESCRIPTION
NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR TRAINER**

- Title:** National Instructor Trainer
- Function:** Assists in developing, planning, implementing and/or instructing at instructor courses, clinics and seminars as assigned by the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office
- Requirements:** An instructor in good standing, having met the requirements of State Referee Instructor in effect at the time of nomination as National Instructor Trainer
- Demonstrates, over a sustained period of time, a very high degree of commitment and competency that is a credit to the National Program for Referee Development
- Completed all available National Instructor Development courses plus a project for the National Program of Referee Development
- May be required to submit a portfolio of documentation, including samples of original work and National Referee contributions made to the National Program for Referee Development.
- Appointment:** By the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office with concurrence of the Instructional Educational Staff Committee
- May be required to complete one (1) year provisional status before appointment
- Reports To:** United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office

**JOB DESCRIPTION
NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR TRAINER**

- Duties:** To serve as cadre at national, regional courses and in service training clinics, instruction, training and testing of referees and instructors
- To assist in developing and implementing curriculum, materials, tests and evaluations for instructional activities by providing competence and expertise in any or all of the following:
1. Educational training, including curriculum design and development
 2. Instructional skills, design and assessment, including development of test questions
 3. Administrative and management. skills
 4. Information Technology competence such as audio, video, computer hardware and software technology, and photography
 5. Psychology and "Man" management
 6. Physical performance
- Registration:** Annually

**JOB DESCRIPTION
NATIONAL STAFF INSTRUCTOR**

- Title:** National Staff Instructor
- Function:** Serve as a specialized cadre of instructors whose primary function is to teach at the Federation sponsored courses and in service training clinics
- Requirements:** Staff members must possess the highest competency in teaching and knowledge of the Laws. Each member shall be a National Instructor, National Instructor Trainer or a highly qualified State Referee instructor with the potential for upgrading.
- Appointment:** United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office
- Reports To:** United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office
- Duties:**
1. To serve as cadre at national and/or regional courses and in service training clinics
 2. To assist in all matters pertaining to the training, instructing and development of referees and instructors, as may be requested by the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office
- Assignments:** The United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office will make the assignments, with a high percentage of assignments being within the Staff member's home Region. However, to promote the instructional program and to achieve a basis of consistency throughout the country, assignments will involve Staff members traveling to other Regions.

JOB DESCRIPTION STATE REFEREE INSTRUCTOR

- Title:** State Referee Instructor (Provisional) and State Referee Instructor
- Function:** Assist in developing the State Association's Instructional Program by exhibiting knowledge of the Laws of the Game and high competency in the elements of instruction
- Requirements:** **State Referee Instructor (Provisional)**
- Displays the commitment and competency at a level that would allow the State Director of Instruction to recommend him/her to the Federation as a candidate for the State Referee Instructor Course
 - To successfully complete the Train the Trainer (TT) and then the Increasing Instructor Effective (IIE) Modules of the State Referee Instructor course
- State Instructor**
- To have successfully met the State requirements of teaching one ITIP course and to have been certified for at least one year as a State Instructor (Provisional)
- Appointment:**
1. Upon successfully completing the State Referee Instructor Course, candidates shall be appointed State Referee Instructors (Provisional) by the SDI, with the approval of the Manager of Referee Development and Education
 2. State Referee Instructors (Provisional), who have met the requirements outlined above, may be upgraded to State Referee Instructors upon the recommendation of the State Director of Instruction and have taught at both modules of the Referee Instructor (ITIP) course
- Reports to:** State Director of Instruction

JOB DESCRIPTION
STATE REFEREE INSTRUCTOR

Duties: To assist the State Director of Instruction in promoting the Instructional Program by:

1. Meeting State requirements, such as accepting assignments to conduct Entry Level Referee Courses, In-Service Training Clinics, and Recertifications; attending Instructor Meetings
2. Supervising and evaluating Associate Instructors and Referee Instructors
3. Being highly proficient in the Laws of the Game and the elements of instruction
4. Readily accepting assignments that may require travel, including out-of-jurisdiction

Registration: Annually, through the State Director of Instruction

JOB DESCRIPTION REFEREE INSTRUCTOR

- Title:** Referee Instructor (Provisional) and Referee Instructor
- Function:** Teaches at the Entry Level Referee Course, conducts in-service training clinics and recertification training sessions
- Requirements:** **Referee Instructors (Provisional)**
- Meets the State requirements regarding the Instructional Program
 - Successfully completes the Referee Instructor Course (Instructional Theory Into Practice) (ITIP)
- Referee Instructors**
- Meets the State requirements regarding the Instructional Program and to have been certified for at least one year as a Referee Instructor (Provisional)
- Appointment:** By the State Director of Instruction, who shall notify the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office
- Reports To:** State Director of Instruction
- Duties:** To promote the Instructional Program by:
- Meeting all State requirements, including accepting all assignments to conduct Entry Level Referee Courses, In-Service Training Clinics and Re certifications; attending all Instructor Meetings; adhering to the Code of Ethics For Instructors
 - To be highly proficient in the Laws of the Game
- Registration:** Annually, through the State Director of Instruction

JOB DESCRIPTION ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR

- Title:** Associate Instructor (Provisional) and Associate Instructor
- Function:** Teaches at the Entry Level Referee Course, under the close supervision and evaluation of the State Director of Instruction, or a State Referee Instructor who has been assigned to evaluate
- Requirements:** **Associate Referee Instructors (Provisional)**
- Meets the State requirements regarding the Instructional Program
 - To have been a referee of good standing
 - Successfully completed the Associate Instructor Course
- Associate Referee Instructors**
- Meets the State requirements regarding the Instructional Program
 - To have been certified for at least one year as an Associate Instructor (Provisional)
- Appointment:** By the State Director of Instruction, who shall notify the State Referee Administrator of all such appointments
- Reports To:** State Director of Instruction
- Duties:** To promote the Instructional Program by:
- Meeting all State requirements, including accepting all assignments to teach Entry Level Referee Courses; to assist instructors in teaching In Service Training Clinics and Recertifications; attending all Instructor Meetings; adhering to the Code of Ethics For Instructors
 - To be highly proficient in the Laws of the Game
- Registration:** Annually, through the State Director of Instruction

JOB DESCRIPTION
RECREATIONAL YOUTH REFEREE INSTRUCTOR

Title:	Recreational Youth Referee Instructor
Function:	Teaches the Recreational Youth Referee Course, provides in-service training clinics for re-certifying Recreational Referees as requested
Requirements:	Associate Referee Instructors (Provisional) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Referee grade 8 for three years• Must be 21 years of age• Demonstrate mastery of the Recreational Referee Course and the RYRI Instructor Course• Pass the Recreational Referee written test with a minimum score of 75%• Demonstrate an ability to read, write and communicate well enough to conduct classes in an adult education program• Have some experience in training or presentation
Appointment:	By the State President or the State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA) or the SDI when so designated by the State Youth Association
Reports To:	SYRA (or to the State Director of Instruction when so designated by the State Youth Association)
Duties:	To promote the Instructional Program by: Properly implementing the course material approved for the training of Recreational Referees; demonstrating proficiency with regard to the policies and procedures of the U.S. Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development, and by adhering to the Code of Ethics for Instructors, including accepting assignments to teach the Recreational Referee Training Course
Registration:	Annually, through the SYRA or the SDI (when so designated by the State Youth Association)

JOB DESCRIPTION ASSIGNOR INSTRUCTOR

- Title:** Assignor Instructor
- Function:** Serves as a member of a State Association's referee training staff, under the supervision of the State Director of Instruction
- Training functions include: (1) basic and in-service instruction of Referee Assignors; (2) implementing and furnishing assignor instructional programs and materials; (3) communicating current interpretations for the Laws of the Game; and (4) support to affiliated programs
- Requirements:** Successfully complete an Assignor Instructor course conducted by a certified Assignor Instructor Trainer
- Certification:** Certified and registered as a Referee Instructor (Grade 8 or higher)
- Current Assignor Instructors who are not Referee Instructors must meet this requirement by September 1, 2000
- Reports To:** State Director of Instruction
- Duties:** Conducts training for Referee Assignors
- Helps develop curriculum and materials for use in the State's referee development program
- Helps implement the State's in-service referee assignor development program

**JOB DESCRIPTION
ASSIGNOR INSTRUCTOR TRAINER**

Title: Assignor Instructor Trainer

Function: This is a training function

Serves as a member of a State Association's referee training staff, under the supervision of the State Director of Instruction

Training functions include: (1) basic and in-service instruction of Referee Assignors; (2) implementing and furnishing assignor instructional programs and materials; (3) communicating current interpretations for the Laws of the Game; (4) training of Assignor Instructors; and (5) support to affiliated programs

Requirements: Successfully complete an Assignor Instructor course conducted by a certified Assignor Instructor Trainer

Certification: Certified and registered as a State Referee Instructor (Grade 6 or higher)

Current Assignor Instructors Trainers who are not State Referee instructors must meet this requirement by September 1, 2000

Reports To: State Director of Instruction

Duties: Conducts training of Assignor Instructors

Conducts training for Referee Assignors

Helps develop curriculum and materials for use in the State's referee development program

Helps implement the State's in-service referee assignor development program

**JOB DESCRIPTION
STATE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION**

Title:	State Director of Instruction (SDI)
Function:	<p>Carries out the National Instructional Program at the State Association level by conducting (1) Entry Level Referee Courses (Courses); (2) In-Service Training (Clinics) for referees; (3) Training and development of referee instructors; and (4) Developing and furnishing materials, aids and interpretations to support the instructional program</p> <p>Interprets the Laws of the Game, at the State Association level</p> <p>Serves as liaison in matters pertaining to instruction and interpretations of the Laws between the Federation and the State Associations</p>
Requirements:	<p>A State Referee Instructor for at least one year. It is possible for a Referee Instructor to be appointed as Acting SDI, provided he has been a Referee Instructor for at least three years, is scheduled to attend the next State Referee Instructor Course. The SDI is to be competent in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning, designing, implementation, and administration, including the ability to conclude projects• Referee program instruction and training• Knowledge of the Laws of the Game, including referee procedures, techniques and mechanics
Appointment:	<p>By the State Referee Administrator and/or the State Referee Committee, with the concurrence of the adult and youth state associations</p> <p>Initial appointment is for a specified two (2) year term, with subsequent appointments at the pleasure of the appointing authority(s)</p>
Reports to:	State Referee Administrator as appropriate, with functional responsibility to the United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office

JOB DESCRIPTION
STATE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

Duties:

1. Referees

- a) Develops, implements, evaluates and provides at least (5) hours of In-Service training for all levels of referees through State Referee
- b) Administers and conducts Entry Level Referee Courses
- c) Conducts recertification of physical fitness test for Grade 7 referees, or higher; and written test for all referees
- d) Conduct upgrade courses for upgrades as sanctioned by USSF
- e) Provides at least six (6) hours of preparatory training for National Referee candidates only

2. Referee Instructors

- a) Supervises and evaluates the instructional staff within the State Association(s)
- b) May recommend instructors for upgrading; or may dismiss instructors. All such recommendations and/or dismissals are to be reported to the Manager of Referee Development and Education, and the State Referee Administrator or State Referee Chairman, as appropriate
- c) Responsible for ensuring course content integrity of Federation sanctioned Instructor Courses (Associate Instructor)
- d) Instructional Theory Into Practice (ITIP) Referee Instructor Courses is taught by a nationally approved instructor with the assistance of the SDI
- e) Conducts annual in-service training for all instructors to disseminate new material, Laws of the Game changes, Laws of the Game testing, and ITIP refresher modules
- f) Approves the assignment of all instructors, including out-of-jurisdiction. When the assignment is out-of-jurisdiction, the guidelines cited in this document must be followed
- g) Registers all instructors, except National, residing within the State Association jurisdiction with the Federation

JOB DESCRIPTION
STATE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION

3. Instructional Programs and Materials

- a) Assures in-service training programs are up to date, and conform to Federation guidelines
- b) Disseminates Federation training material to all instructors
- c) Approves all non-Federation sanctioned instructional materials to be used within the State Association(s)

4. Law Interpretation

- a) Acts as the sole interpreter of the Laws of the Game within the State, disseminating standardized interpretations. Defers to United States Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development office if uncertain about specific interpretations of the Laws of the Game.

5. Liaisons and Advisor

- a) Acts as liaison between the members of the State Instructional Program Committee for all matters pertaining to instruction, application, and interpretation of the Laws of the Game
- b) Assists the State Director of Assessment, when requested, in matters pertaining to instruction, application, and interpretation of the Laws of the Game
- c) Upon invitation, may advise affiliated Leagues, Clubs and Associations in the application and interpretation of the Laws
- d) Acts as liaison between appropriate officials in matters concerning interstate teaching assignments

6. Administration

- a) Maintains record of all Clinics, Courses and Recertifications held within the state association to include attendees and instructors
- b) Maintains communication with the State Referee Administrator

OUTLINE OF USSF REFEREE TRAINING COURSES

(Status as of 8/28/01)

The following Table compares the topics of the *Assistant Referee (AR)*, *Small Sided match*, *Entry*, *Intermediate*, *State Level Referee Courses*, and *In-Service* modules and the respective year of completion. Spaces are provided for additions and changes. Training for Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be conducted with advanced In-service modules.

Course Title	AR	Rec.	Entry	Interm.	State	In-Serv.	In-Serv.
Year of course completion	1996	1996	1992	1995	1996	1998	1998
Year of course revision			1999	2000	2000		
Topics / USSF Referee Grade	12	9	8	7	6	6-8	3-5
Diagonal System of Control							
- Club AR	X	x	x				
- Basic AR Skills	X	x	x				
- Field Session		x	x	x			
- Running the Line				x			
- Lining - The Professional Way						x	
Procedures and Mechanics							
- Fundamentals		x	x				
- The Pre-Game Conference				x			
- Bench Control and Spectators				x			
- Kicks from the Penalty Mark				x			
- The Referee Report				x			
- The Duties of the Fourth Official				x			
- Handling Injuries and Substitutions						x	
Fouls and Misconduct							
- Basics		x	x				
- Dealing with Foul Challenges				x			
- Serious Foul Play/Violent Conduct						x	
- Game Situations (video)				x	x		
- Foul Recognition						x	x
- Violence							x
Offside							
- Basics	x	x	x				
- Offside Duties				x			
- Game Situations (video)				x	x		
- Historical Perspective					x		
Refereeing Skills							
- Basics / Powers and Duties		x	x				
- Eight Keys to Communication				x			
- Reading the Game						x	
- Modern Team Tactics & Officiating				x			
- Tactical Thinking for Referees					x		
- Advantage & Trifling Offenses					x		
- Obstruction						x	
- Game Analysis (video & discussion)							x
The Referee as Manager							
- Coaching the Referee					x		
- Referee Ethics				x	x	x	
- Match Management/Art & Technique					x		
- Gamesmanship (includes video)					x		
- Psychology of Refereeing					x		
- People Management						x	x

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

Purpose	The Referee Training is designed to develop the highest level of competency possible among all Referees. This development is implemented through a series of training modules and materials relevant to soccer officiating.
Components	<p>The National Program for Referee Development comprises of two segments, the first of which is designed to help candidates reach the next higher level through a series of Entry Level and Upgrading Courses (Courses). The second segment is designed to help referees maintain and improve their refereeing competency through In-Service Training (Clinics).</p> <p>Each of these two segments contains six categories of expertise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laws of the Game• The Diagonal System of Control and Game Management Techniques• Refereeing Psychology, Discretion and People Management Techniques• Personal Management• Fitness• Administrative Skills, Reports
Courses	<p>Entry Level Courses allow the candidate to enter a particular level of referee classification, such as Associate Referee, Referee or State Referee</p> <p>Specific details and time allocations pertaining to each Course are outlined in the appropriate manuals</p> <p>Upgrading Courses allow referees to upgrade to the next higher level, such as a Grade 8 Referee may upgrade to a Grade 7 Referee</p> <p>The specific details and time allocations pertaining to each Course are outlined in the appropriate manuals</p>

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

Clinics

In-Service Training Clinics are a means for referees to enhance their knowledge and application of the Laws

The State Director of Instruction (SDI) is required to provide the proper number of hours of training clinics for Assistant Referees, Referees and State Referees, and for Recreational Referees when requested to do so by the State Youth Association or the SYRA. See the current edition of the Referee Administrative Handbook for the requirements for each grade.

The scheduling of these Clinics, and the selected subject matter, is at the discretion of the SDI

It is recommended the State Director of Instruction make available at least six (6) hours of Clinics for National Referees and candidates for National Referees

The scheduling of such Clinics is at the discretion of the SDI

Expertise Categories

Laws of the Game: To elevate the competency of the Referee to the highest level, in all areas: knowledge and application of the Laws; and duties and responsibilities

The Diagonal System of Control: To standardize guidelines for Positioning, cooperation and general field procedures

Refereeing Psychology, Discretion and Techniques: To reflect on management of players, coaches, and others involved in competitive stress. Includes the use of discretionary techniques and applications

Personal Management: To deal with the referee's personal preparation for the game, personal grooming, including refereeing equipment, self-development, and the professional conduct required of all Referees

Fitness: To deal with the development of a personal awareness and physical fitness required of each Referee

Administrative Skills and Reports: To establish competency in administrative and managerial skills needed to prepare and submit reports and to maintain records

TRAINING COURSE SUMMARY
ASSISTANT REFEREE COURSE, GRADE 12

Course	Assistant Referee Course
Referee Level	Candidates successfully completing this Course attain the level of Assistant Referee, Grade 12
Course Criteria & Requirements	<p>Candidates must complete the Assistant Referee Course</p> <p>Minimum age of 18 years old; must have played at least three years of adult, college, or competitive youth soccer, or officiated at least three years as a Recreational Referee.</p> <p>Successful candidates will be assigned to adult and youth league games as an Assistant Referees <u>CANNOT BE ASSIGNED AS THE REFEREE ON ANY MATCH!</u></p>
Course Cadre	<p>All levels of instructors are eligible to teach the Assistant Referee Course, provided they are in good standing</p> <p>Should Associate Instructors be assigned to teach, it is expected that they will be supervised by experienced instructors</p> <p>It is recommended that this supervision be conducted by Referee Instructors, and higher</p>
Authority	The Assistant Referee Course is sanctioned by the State Director of Instruction
Goal	To provide basic classroom training in the Laws of the Game for a Assistant Referee; and, to the degree necessary, some insight into the psychology of assisting the referee and personal management

TRAINING COURSE SUMMARY ASSISTANT REFEREE COURSE, GRADE 12

Course Content

Classroom instruction shall consist of:

Candidates shall be taught a portion of the Laws of the Game, and shall receive a current copy of the Laws of the Game

Specifics regarding the Course Content are outlined in the Federation's Assistant Referee Course Manual

This Manual contains lesson plans, sequence of presentation, samples of handouts and transparencies and time allocations for each lesson plan

Successful candidates must score 75 on the USSF Assistant Referee exam

Other Criteria

Course sites, dates, and schedules are to be negotiated between the State Director of Instruction, or a designee, and the host organization. It is recommended that the local authority evaluate each Assistant Referee during his/her initial matches

**GENERAL CONTENT AND TIME
ALLOCATIONS FOR THE ASSISTANT
REFEREE COURSE, GRADE 12**

		Hours = 7.5	
		Modules	Classroom
			m
			Field
Classroom			
Introduction			.50
Laws 1, 2, 3, 4			
Laws 7, 8, 9, 10	Grade 9		1.00
Laws 15, 16, 17			
Laws 12, 13, 14	Grade 8		1.50
Law 11	Grade 8		2.00
Laws 5, 6			
DSC	Grade 8		1.50
Uniform and Equipment			
Exam			1.00
COURSE TOTAL HOURS			7.50

NOTE: The above outline compliments the Federation's Assistant Referee Course Manual, which details the specific content and time allocations.

TRAINING COURSE SUMMARY
RECREATIONAL REFEREE COURSE, GRADE 9

Course	Recreational Referee Course
Referee Level	Candidates successfully completing this Course attain the level of Recreational Referee
Course Criteria & Requirements	<p>Candidates must complete the Recreational Referee Course</p> <p>There are no prerequisites, such as minimum age or physical fitness conditioning</p> <p>Successful candidates will be assigned to recreational league games as a Referee</p>
Course Cadre	<p>All levels of instructors are eligible to teach the Recreational Referee Course, provided they are in good standing</p> <p>Should Associate Instructors be assigned to teach, it is expected that they will be supervised by experienced instructors</p> <p>It is recommended that this supervision be conducted by Referee Instructors, and higher</p>
Authority	The Recreational Referee Course is sanctioned by the State Director of Instruction
Goal	To provide basic classroom training in the Laws of the Game for a Recreational Referee; and, to the degree necessary, some insight into the psychology of refereeing and personal management
Course Content	<p>Classroom instruction shall consist of:</p> <p>Candidates shall be taught the Laws of the Game, and shall receive a current copy of the Laws of the Game</p> <p>Specifics regarding the Course Content are outlined in the Federation's Recreational Referee Course Manual</p> <p>This Manual contains lesson plans, sequence of presentation, samples of handouts and transparencies and time allocations for each lesson plan</p> <p>Successful candidates must score 75 on the Certification Test</p>

TRAINING COURSE SUMMARY
RECREATIONAL REFEREE COURSE, GRADE 9

Other Criteria Course sites, dates, and schedules are to be negotiated between the course administrator, or a designee, and the host organization

It is recommended that the local authority evaluate each Recreational Referee during his/her initial matches

**GENERAL CONTENT AND TIME
ALLOCATIONS FOR THE
RECREATIONAL REFEREE COURSE,
GRADE 9**

	Hours = 8.0	
	Classroom	Field
Classroom		
Introduction	.25	
What is Needed to Play (Laws 1, 2, 3, 4)	.50	
How to Play the Game (Laws 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17)	.50	
Things Players Do (Laws 12, 13, 14)	1.00	
Break	.25	
Offside (Law 11)	.50	
You are In Charge Now (Law 5, 6; Diagonal System of Control)	1.00	
Lunch Break and Move to Field		
Field Exercise		
Mechanics, Signals		.75
Field Exercise Assistant Training		.50
Fouls, Caution, Send Off, Free Kicks, Penalty Kicks		1.00
Dealing with Adults		.50
Break and Move to Classroom		.25
Classroom		
Certification Test	.50	
Grading & Reviewing Certification Test	.50	
COURSE TOTAL HOURS	5.00	3.00

NOTE: The above outline compliments the Federation's Recreational Referee Course Manual, which details the specific content and time allocations.

TRAINING COURSE SUMMARY REFEREE COURSE, GRADE 8

Course	Referee Course
Referee Level	Candidates successfully completing this Course attain the level of Referee, Grade 8
Course Criteria & Requirements	<p>Candidates for Referees must complete the Referee Course</p> <p>There are no prerequisites, such as minimum age or physical fitness conditioning</p> <p>It is recommended successful candidates initially be assigned as referees for the younger age groups of youth soccer</p>
Course Cadre	<p>All levels of instructors are eligible to teach the Referee Course, provided they are in good standing</p> <p>Should Associate Instructors be assigned to teach, it is expected that they will be supervised by Referee Instructors or higher</p>
Authority	The Referee Course is sanctioned by the State Director of Instruction
Goal	<p>To provide basic classroom training in the Laws of the Game and, to the degree necessary, some incite into the psychology of refereeing and personal management</p> <p>Emphasis is placed on preparing the candidates for officiating youth games</p>
Course Content	<p>Candidates shall be taught the Laws of the Game, and shall receive a personal copy of the Laws of the Game</p> <p>Successful candidates shall attain a score of 75 on the Entry Level Referee Test; and, upon graduation, shall receive a current USSF badge</p> <p>Specifics regarding the Course Content are outlined in the Federation's Entry Level Referee Course Manual</p> <p>This Manual contains lesson plans, sequence of presentation, samples of handouts and transparencies and time allocations for each lesson plan</p>

TRAINING COURSE SUMMARY
REFEREE COURSE, GRADE 8

**Other
Criteria**

Course sites, dates, and schedules are to be negotiated with the individual or an association hosting the Course

It is strongly recommended that arrangements be made at the local level to provide evaluations of each Referee during his/her initial matches

**GENERAL CONTENT AND TIME
ALLOCATIONS FOR THE REFEREE,
GRADE 8**

Hours=16.0

	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Field</u>
Laws of the Game		
Certification	.50	
Historical View of Soccer and Laws	.50	
Laws 1 - 4, 7 - 10	3.00	
Laws 13 - 17, 11	4.00	
Laws 12, 5, and 6	4.00	
Other Criteria		
Referee techniques and mechanics		2.00
Grading & Reviewing Entry Level Referee Test	2.00	
COURSE TOTAL HOURS	14.00	2.00

NOTE: The above outline compliments the Federation's Entry Level Referee Course Manual, which details the specific content and time allocations.

TRAINING COURSE SUMMARY
INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL REFEREE COURSE, GRADE 7

Course	Intermediate-Level Referee Course
Referee Level	Candidates successfully completing this Course attain the level of Referee, Grade 7
Course Criteria & Requirements	<p>Candidates for Intermediate-Level Referee must complete the Intermediate-Level Referee Course</p> <p>Candidates must be at least eighteen (17) years old at the time of registering for this Course; must have officiated for at least one year as a Grade 8 Referee; and must meet the other requirements stipulated in the Laws of the Game</p>
Course Cadre	Referee Instructors, or higher, are eligible to teach the Entry Level Intermediate-level Referee Course
Authority	State Director of Instruction
Goal	To prepare the candidates for officiating at the adult level, by providing a basic review in the Laws of the Game; by providing incite into the psychology of refereeing and personal management; and by providing in-depth analysis in refereeing discretion and techniques
Course Content	<p>Candidates shall be taught the Laws of the Game, and shall receive a personal copy of the Laws of the Game</p> <p>Successful candidates shall attain a score of 85 on the Entry Level Referee Test; and, upon graduation, shall receive a current USSF badge</p> <p>Specifics regarding the Course Content are outlined in the Federation's Intermediate-Level Referee Course Manual</p> <p>This Manual contains lesson plans, sequence of presentation, samples of handouts and transparencies and time allocations for each lesson plan</p>
Other Criteria	Course sites, dates, and schedules are to be negotiated with the individual or association hosting the Course

**GENERAL CONTENT AND TIME
ALLOCATIONS FOR THE INTERMEDIATE-
LEVEL REFEREE, GRADE 7**

	Hours =13.50	
	Classroom	Field
Introduction		
Structure of the National Referee Program	.25	
Requirements for Upgrade to Grade 7	.25	
Offside		
Active Participation in Offside Judgment	1.00	
Crime and Punishment		
Game Situations (Video)	1.00	
Fouls and Misconduct		
Incidents Involving the Goalkeeper	.50	
Identifying Foul Challenges	1.00	
Judging Challenges	1.25	
Being a Referee or Assistant Referee		
Running the line	.75	
The pre-game conference	.75	
Bench control	.50	
Kicks from the penalty mark	.50	
Writing reports	.75	
Referee ethics	.75	
Eight keys to communications	.75	
Modern Team Tactics	1.00	
Field Session		
Training in game day duties		2.50
Practical exercises for officiating a game		2.50
COURSE TOTAL HOURS	11.00	5.00

NOTE: The above outline compliments the Federation's Intermediate-Level Referee Course Manual, which details the specific content and time allocations.

TRAINING COURSE SUMMARY
STATE REFEREE COURSE, GRADE 6

Course	State Referee Course
Referee Level	Candidates successfully completing this Course attain the level of State Referee, Grade 6
Course Criteria & Requirements	<p>Candidates for State Referee must complete the Entry Level State Referee Course</p> <p>Candidates must be at least eighteen (18) years old at the time of registering for this Course; must have officiated for at least one year as a Grade 7 Referee; and must meet the other requirements stipulated in the Laws of the Game</p>
Course Cadre	Only State Referee Instructors, or higher, are eligible to teach the Entry Level State Referee Course
Authority	State Director of Instruction
Goal	To prepare the candidates for officiating at the adult level, by providing a basic review in the Laws of the Game; by providing incite into the psychology of refereeing and personal management; and by providing in-depth analysis in refereeing discretion and techniques
Course Content	<p>Candidates shall be taught the Laws of the Game, and shall receive a personal copy of the Laws of the Game</p> <p>Successful candidates shall attain a score of 80 on the State Referee Test; and, upon graduation, shall receive a current USSF State Referee badge</p> <p>Specifics regarding the Course Content are outlined in the Federation's State Referee Course Manual</p> <p>This Manual contains lesson plans, sequence of presentation, samples of handouts and transparencies and time allocations for each lesson plan</p>
Other Criteria	Course sites, dates, and schedules are to be negotiated with the individual or association hosting the Course

**GENERAL CONTENT AND TIME
ALLOCATIONS FOR THE STATE
REFEREE, GRADE 6**

	<u>Hours =12.0</u>	
	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Field</u>
Offside		
Historical Perspective	1.00	
Game Situation (Video)	1.00	
Crime and Punishment		
Dealing with Foul Play: Game Situations (video)	1.00	
Being a Referee or Assistant Referee		
Tactical Thinking of Referees	1.00	
Advantage & Trifling Offenses	1.00	
Assistant Referee - The Professional Way	1.00	
Professionalism and Ethics	1.00	
Gamesmanship (include video)	1.50	
Psychology of Officiating		
Art & Technique of Match Management	1.00	
Coaching the Referee	1.00	
Psychology of Refereeing	1.50	
COURSE TOTAL HOURS	12.00	

NOTE: The above outline compliments the Federation's State Referee Course Manual, which details the specific content and time allocations.