

## **Referee Emeritus**

The purpose of the emeritus grade is to retire from the highest level the referee has attained. It may not be used to circumvent the testing and registration procedures of U.S. Soccer.

The emeritus grade allows a National or State Referee the option of retiring from those levels of officiating while retaining that grade and continuing to referee at a lower level.

To become an Emeritus Referee, the official must submit a personal letter of intent to the State Referee Administrator who will initiate the appropriate paperwork. The referee must have held the grade for a minimum of three years prior to the request. (The three years do not have to be consecutive or immediately preceding the request for emeritus status – but at anytime in the referee's career.)

Active Emeritus Referees must qualify each year for the level that they will be officiating and pay the published fees for that level. Emeritus Referees will receive an Emeritus Referee Badge, a card, law book and all general mailings.

An Emeritus Referee may reinstate as an active referee at the level the official retired from once all the criteria for the grade has been met.