



# OHIO SOUTH STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

## OSSRC Referee Program

<b>Annual Referee Re-Certification and Registration</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Page No.</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Policy No.</b>
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**A. Clinics**

1. The dates, times, locations, and format of the annual re-certification clinics will be established by the State Referee Administrator (SRA) in conjunction with the State Director of Referee Development (SDRD) or the District Referee Development Administrator (DRDA).
2. Recertification courses for Grade G8 and G8+ Referees will be scheduled online between July 1 and March 31 in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.
3. The in-person recertification clinics for Grade 6 Regional Referees, Grade RE, and Grade RC Referees will be scheduled by the State Referee Administrator (SRA) in conjunction with the State Director of Referee Development (SDRD).

**B. Grade G8 Referee Recertification Requirements with three (3) years or less experience**

1. Must register and pay for appropriate Referee licensure course in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.
2. Must complete all assignments associated with licensure course:
  - a) Complete or maintain a U.S. Soccer approved NCSI Background Check (18 years and older).
  - b) Complete SafeSport training (18 years and older).
  - c) Complete all associated U.S. Soccer Learning Center Referee on-line assignments.
3. Must complete the NFHS concussion training within two (2) years of recertification (Ohio Law) and upload a pdf copy into their OSSRC profile.

**C. Grade G8+ Referee Recertification Requirements with more than three (3) years of experience**

1. Must register and pay for appropriate Referee licensure course in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.
2. Must complete all assignments associated with licensure course:
  - a) Complete or maintain a U.S. Soccer approved NCSI Background Check (18 years and older).
  - b) Complete SafeSport training (18 years and older).
  - c) Complete all associated U.S. Soccer Learning Center Referee on-line assignments.
3. Must complete the NFHS concussion training within two (2) years of recertification (Ohio Law) and upload a pdf copy into their OSSRC profile.

**D. Grade RC Regional Candidate Referee Recertification Requirements**

1. Must register and pay for appropriate Ohio South Regional Candidate licensure course in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.
2. Must complete all assignments associated with licensure course prior to attending associated in-person course meeting:
  - a) Complete or maintain a U.S. Soccer approved NCSI Background Check (18 years and older).
  - b) Complete SafeSport training (18 years and older).

- c) Complete all associated U.S. Soccer Learning Center Ohio South Regional Candidate on-line assignments.
- 3. Must complete the NFHS concussion training within two (2) years of recertification (Ohio Law).
- 4. Must attend registered in-person OSSRC Regional meeting.
- 5. Must work a minimum of five (5) U.S. Soccer affiliated adult games annually (at least one as a referee on an adult match).
- 6. Must be formally evaluated every year on a U.S. Soccer affiliated assignment as a referee at an adult match with a minimum of 45 minutes halves.
- 7. Must **pass** the Women's FIFA Referee sprint and interval test per **OSSRC Policy 2.3**.

***Note: Any Grade RC Regional Candidate Referee not meeting all of the recertification requirements will be downgraded to a Grade G8+ Referee for a minimum of one (1) year before being eligible to upgrade to a Grade RC Regional Candidate Referee.***

#### **E. Grade R6 Regional Referee Recertification Requirements**

- 1. Must register and pay for appropriate Regional licensure course in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.
- 2. Must complete all assignments associated with licensure course prior to attending associated in-person course meeting:
  - a) Complete or maintain a U.S. Soccer approved NCSI Background Check (18 years and older).
  - b) Complete SafeSport training (18 years and older).
  - c) Complete all associated U.S. Soccer Regional Referee Learning Center on-line training assignments.
- 3. Must complete the NFHS concussion training within two (2) years of recertification (Ohio Law) and upload a pdf copy into their OSSRC profile.
- 4. Must attend registered in-person Regional meeting.
- 5. Must work a minimum of five (5) U.S. Soccer affiliated adult games annually as a Referee.
- 6. Must pass a minimum of two (2) formal evaluations on U.S. Soccer affiliated assignments as a referee.
  - a) A minimum of one (1) match must be at the Adult level or higher.
  - b) One (1) match may be at the Highest Youth Level, U18 or U19.
  - c) All matches to be a minimum of 45-minute halves completed by two (2) different Referee Coaches at the Regional or National level.
  - d) **All evaluations will be documented on the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.**
  - e) The referee is accountable for payment to the Referee Coach if the referee is paid for the game.
  - f) The Referee Coach for the match shall be assigned or formally approved by U.S. Soccer or the State Director of Referee Development (SDRD).
- 7. Must pass the Women's FIFA Referee sprint and interval test or higher for Regional Referees per **U.S Soccer Referee Pathway**.

***Note: Any Grade R6 Regional Referee not meeting all of the recertification requirements will be downgraded to a Grade 8+ Referee for a minimum of one (1) year before being eligible to upgrade to a Grade RC Regional Candidate Referee.***

## **F. Grade RE Regional Emeritus Referee Recertification Requirements**

1. Must register and pay for appropriate Regional licensure course in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center.
2. Must complete all assignments associated with licensure course prior to attending associated in-person course meeting:
  - a) Complete or maintain a U.S. Soccer approved NCSI Background Check (18 years and older).
  - b) Complete SafeSport training (18 years and older).
  - c) Complete all associated U.S. Soccer Regional Emeritus Referee on-line training module(s).
3. Must complete the NFHS concussion training within two (2) years of recertification (Ohio Law) and upload a pdf copy into their OSSRC profile.
4. Must attend registered in-person Regional meeting.
5. Should work a minimum of five (5) adult games annually as a Referee.

## **G. FEES AND REGISTRATION**

1. All Regional referees must sign up for a clinic in the US Soccer Learning Center (walk-ins will not be accepted).
  - a) Must complete the NFHS concussion training within two (2) years of recertification (Ohio Law) and upload a pdf copy into their OSSRC profile prior to attending a clinic.
  - b) All Grade R6 and those Grade RC referees working Adult games must bring a copy of a signed Maintenance-Upgrade form.
2. Annual recertification fees for each referee grade level are set annually by the Ohio South State Referee Committee (OSSRC) and are as posted in the **OSSRC Policy 1.2, Schedule "A"**.
  - a) Recertification fees are included in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center licensure course.
  - b) All fees are payable only to U.S. Soccer.
3. All Regional referees who fulfill all of their re-registration requirements will be issued their appropriate referee badge upon completion of the clinic.
  - a) The referee badges will not be mailed to the referee by U.S. Soccer or OSSRC.
  - b) A referee must display the current year's badge.
4. All re-certification requirements (i.e. forms, fees, test, evaluations and attendance) for the New Year must be completed by the end of February; otherwise it will be considered a late re-registration.
  - a) Referees not completing all of their re-registration requirements until after the end of February deadline may be charged an additional late fee, as determined annually by the OSSRC and posted in the **OSSRC Policy 1.2, Schedule "A"**.
5. All re-registrations must be completed by June 1 of the current year.
  - a) Any referee who misses completing any of the requirements by the June 1<sup>st</sup> re-registration deadline will be ineligible to re-register for that current registration year and will not be eligible to work any U.S. Soccer games.

**H. REVISION RECORD:**

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Update to comply with new U.S. Soccer standards, re-numbered to section 2.0	11/29/2012	M. Goenner
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