



Becoming a Referee

*Why become a referee? Learn the game. Become a better player. Make friends.
And of course...make (a lot of) money.*

1. Certification Process

The certification and recertification tasks are all completed in the [U.S. Soccer Digital Learning Center](#).

[HOW TO BEGIN THE PROCESS](#) [Minnesotasrc.com New Referee Document](#)

Steps:

- 1) Create an account
- 2) Register for the online course
- 3) Pay the fees (\$60)*
- 4) Complete online courses (~4 hours)
- 5) Attend in-person clinic (~2-3 hours)

*Adults (18+) must complete a background check, good for two years (\$30).

Your online coursework must be completed prior to attending the in-person clinic you sign up for.

All games are assigned out of Notch. Upon finishing your certification, you will be provided access to this site. Payment (via direct deposit) is also initiated out of this system and **you can be paid as quickly as the same day**. Your certification will allow you to work any affiliated games.

2. Important Dates

League Games: April 29- July 25 (Approximately)

Tournaments: Various weekends throughout the Summer

3. Questions/Contact

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where will I be assigned?

A. Assignments are generally based off of location from your home zip code to the field zip code.

Q. To what level will I be assigned?

A. You are allowed to center referee two ages and below your own age. You are allowed to Assistant Referee any age you feel comfortable with. In addition, we take into account your experience to match you with the right game.

Q. How are assignments made?

A. All assignments are made via Notch. Each referee is responsible for keeping availability up-to-date at all times.

Q. May I request games that are open?

A. Yes! To do so, visit the Open Games tab in Notch. Email us the corresponding game number(s) and preferred position(s).

Q. How often are assignments published?

A. Assignments are made in real-time, so it is important to have availability entered for as many future dates/times as possible.

Q. What happens after I receive an assignment?

A. You need to go into the system and accept/decline the game. Please respond to a game assignment in less than 48 hours.

Q. What happens if I accept a game but then have a conflict?

A. Life happens. We are generally understanding when conflicts arise, but every effort should be made to keep and honor assignments. Under no circumstance is it acceptable to decline an assignment for one assignor only to take a different game from a different assignor.

Q. How and how often are payments issued to officials?

A. All payments are issued via notch. Once the game report is completed by the center referee on notch the game fees are released to the referees. You then can have the funds dispersed to your account via direct deposit.

Q. Will I receive a 1099?

A. Maybe.. If you earn more than \$600, you will receive a 1099 from notch?

Q. What if I show up to a game and there are no teams?

A. You will be paid. Be sure to notify MAT Assigning staff if this happens.

Q. What if I only want to be an assistant referee?

A. That is ok! We take experience and comfort level into account when making assignments.