

Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association Referee Program
Entry-Level Referee Requirements
July 2017



Individuals who are interested in becoming referees must meet the following criteria in the order in which they appear.

COMPLETE BEFORE REGISTERING FOR COURSE

1. Age

- a. Participants must be at least 14 years old prior to the START of the course

2. Risk Management/Background Clearances

- a. Allow at least 3 weeks to complete
 - i. PA Child Abuse Check
 - ii. PA State Check
 - iii. FBI Background Check
 - a. 18+ years old
 - b. 14-17 years old AND NOT a resident of PA for the previous 10 years
 - 1. Disclosure Form
 - a. 14-17 years old AND a resident of PA for the previous 10 years
- b. Select "Paid Employee"
 - i. "Volunteer Certificates" will NOT be accepted
- c. **Provide RESULTS of Background Clearances to Course Coordinator**
 - i. **Candidates who do not provide RESULTS of Background Check to Course Coordinator will NOT be permitted to register for a course**
- d. For additional information
 - i. <http://www.epsarc.org/Become-a-Referee/Background-Clearances>

3. Course Registration Fee

- a. **Provide course registration fee to Course Coordinator**
 - i. Grade 9 Referee \$ 60.00
 - ii. Grade 8 Referee \$100.00
 - iii. Grade 8 Futsal Referee \$100.00

COMPLETE BEFORE COURSE BEGINS

1. Laws of the Game

- a. <https://ussoccer.app.box.com/s/ruqcsf0671k1bcf6dzwf/1/629027965>
 - i. Download and review current Laws of the Game

2. Online Modules

- a. <http://www.ussoccer.com/referees/resource-center/online-training>
 - i. Enter the following information

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1. First Name
2. Last Name
3. E-Mail Address
4. State Association: Pennsylvania-East
5. Clinic Number: (XXX-####)
- ii. Complete all 7 required Law Modules
 1. Concussions in Soccer Overview
 2. Law 1 – The Field of Play
 3. Law 2 – The Ball
 4. Law 3 – The Players
 5. Law 4 – The Players’ Equipment
 6. Law 7 – The Duration of the Match
 7. Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play
- iii. **Print each certificate of completion (7 total)**
 1. **Provide to Course Coordinator**

COURSE PARTICIPATION

1. Classroom Instruction Hours

- a. Candidates must attend the entire course of which he/she is registered
 - i. Grade 9 Referee Course
 1. 7 hours total
 - a. Minimum: 1-day course
 - b. Maximum: 2-day course
 - ii. Grade 8 Referee Course
 1. 12 hours total
 - a. Minimum: 2-day course
 - b. Maximum: 4-day course
 - iii. Grade 8 Futsal Referee Course
 1. 8 hours total
 - a. Minimum: 1-day course
 - b. Maximum: 2-day course
- b. Candidates who are unable to attend the course of which he/she is registered will NOT satisfy the course requirements
 - i. No Exceptions

2. Laws of the Game Written Test

- a. 80% or better

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AFTER COURSE

1. Obtain Referee Uniform
 - a. <http://officialsports.com/off-field-apparel/starter-kits/>
2. Contact Local Assignors
 - a. <http://www.epsarc.org/Programs/Assignment>
3. Annual Recertification
 - a. Referees who complete an Entry-Level Course between:
 - i. January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017
 1. Must satisfy the requirements for 2018 Recertification
 - a. See document "2018 Recertification Clinics"
 - ii. June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017
 1. Will be registered for 2018
 2. Must satisfy the requirements for 2019 Recertification
 - a. TBA
 - iii. January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018
 1. Will be registered for 2018
 2. Must satisfy the requirements for 2019 Recertification
 - a. TBA
4. Questions
 - a. Courses, Course Requirements
 - i. SDI@epsarc.org
 - b. Registration
 - i. EPSARC@verizon.net