

**U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program
Referee Certification Requirements
For 2024**



REGIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	25 GAMES AS A REFEREE AND 15 AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD A GRASSROOTS REFEREE LICENSE DURING THE PREVIOUS TWO (2) REGISTRATION YEARS
TRAINING	REGIONAL REFEREE COURSE AND INPERSON FIELD SESSION
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS SAFESPORT TRAINED BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME TEST	ONLINE – NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS (FIFA WOMEN'S REFEREE TEST) MALE – CATEGORY 1 FEMALE – CATEGORY 3
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING EVALUATIONS AS A REFEREE, TWO (2) AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL, ONE (1) AT THE HIGHEST YOUTH LEVEL (U18 OR U19) (2X45 – MINUTE HALF) EVALUATIONS MUST BE DONE BY THREE (3) DIFFERENT REFEREE COACHES FOR ALL GAMES
REGIONAL RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
ENROLLMENT	REGISTRATION
TRAINING	ONLINE AND ON FIELD EXPERIENCE
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS SAFESPORT TRAINED BACKGROUND CHECK
LAWS OF THE GAME UPDATE AND TEST	ONLINE – NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	SPRINT / INTERVAL TESTS (FIFA WOMEN'S REFEREE TEST) MALE – CATEGORY 1 FEMALE – CATEGORY 3
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	TWO (2) PASSING EVALUATIONS AS A REFEREE, ONE (1) AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL, ONE (1) AT THE HIGHEST YOUTH LEVEL (U18 OR U19) (2X45 – MINUTE HALF) EVALUATIONS MUST BE DONE BY TWO (2) DIFFERENT REFEREE COACHES FOR ALL GAMES