

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



NATIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
ENROLLMENT	APPLICATION REQUIRED; SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER NATIONAL REFEREE SELECTION COMMITTEE
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	65 GAMES AT THE ADULT AMATEUR LEVEL REFEREE (40) AND ASSISTANT REFEREE (25)
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	MUST HAVE HELD A REGIONAL REFEREE LICENSE FOR THE PREVIOUS TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE YEARS
TRAINING	ATTEND AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE NATIONAL CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	NCSI BACKGROUND CHECK SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS
LAWS OF THE GAMEUPDATE AND TEST	ONLINE – NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TESTS (REFEREE OR AR AND GENDER SPECIFIC) CATEGORY 1
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS AS EITHER REFEREE OR AR MUST BE BY THREE DIFFERENT NATIONAL REFEREE COACHES
NATIONAL RE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
AGE	21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
ENROLLMENT	APPLICATION REQUIRED; SELECTED BY U.S. SOCCER NATIONAL REFEREE SELECTION COMMITTEE
PREVIOUS GAME EXPERIENCE	12 GAMES AS A REFEREE OR 12 GAMES AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE IN AMATEUR ADULT GAMES OR HIGHER LEVEL (PROFESSIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL)
PREVIOUS CERTIFICATION EXPERIENCE	PREVIOUS YEAR AS A NATIONAL OFFICIAL
TRAINING	ATTEND AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE NATIONAL CAMP
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE	NCSI BACKGROUND CHECK SAFESPORT TRAINED SAFE AND HEALTHY PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS
LAWS OF THE GAMEUPDATE AND TEST	ONLINE – NATIONAL TEST
FITNESS TEST	FIFA FITNESS TESTS (REFEREE OR AR AND GENDER SPECIFIC) CATEGORY 1
PRACTICAL EVALUATION	MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PASSING NATIONAL EVALUATIONS AS EITHER REFEREE OR AR MUST BE BY THREE DIFFERENT NATIONAL REFEREE COACHES