

2015 ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE TRAINING

INSTRUCTIONS

ON-LINE TRAINING?

The on-line lesson modules are part of the required training to become a USSF soccer official. The intent is to provide you with the basic information about the Laws of the Game (LOTG). The information contained in the on-line lesson modules covers all of the Laws 1 thru 17. Several of these Laws will not be covered in detail in the classroom sessions. Therefore, you need to study this specific material prior to the first classroom session.

These lessons may be done over different periods of time (no need to do them all in one sitting); they may be repeated any number of times; and, if possible, you are encouraged to work and/or discuss together with a friend (or group) when reviewing this material.

Step 2 of the “Entry Level Referee Training” menu takes you to the US Soccer website and their **Grade 8 Referee Entry Level Training** modules, which consists of a series of power-point lessons with an audio backup. At the beginning of each Law lesson (1-17) you will be required to sign-in on the “Guestbook”. Type in your first and last name, e-mail address and click on “**Ohio South**” as the State Association.

For the “Clinic Number” type in the following:

101 for people in District 1 (Cincinnati)

201 for people in District 2 (Dayton)

301 for people in District 3 (Columbus)

401 for people in District 4 (Marietta)

501 for people in District 5 (Sidney)

After completing this input information for the first lesson, click on the “Remember me” button and then you will not have to repeat inputting the same information with each lesson module. Each Law lesson (1-17) concludes with a few review questions designed to help you to better understand the material.

You will also be directed to download and print out a certificate of completion at the “Conclusion” of each lesson module. **Click on “Print Certificate” and print-out a “Certificate of Completion” certificate for each and all of these lessons and bring all 17 certificates to the first in-class session, which will serve as your ticket of admission to the in-class training.** Information will also automatically be sent directly to the Ohio South State Director of Instruction indicating which lesson modules you have successfully (or not) completed.

Step 3 reviews the **Small-Sided Playing Rules**, which is a compilation of the rule differences as they relate to the small-sided games played by the U12 and younger players.

Step 4 is an interactive “**Knowledge Review Test**” (quiz) intended to help you review and better understand the material presented up to this point. Upon completion of the “Knowledge Checks”, you will now need to also print out a copy of your Ohio South “Certificate of Completion” and bring that with you and turn it in at the first in-class session you attend. Print your name on the certificate at top of the page prior to handing in your certificate.

Steps 5 & 6 The “**Offside Made Easy**” and “**Offside Made Easy – What If?**” modules are an in-depth explanation, with appropriate examples, of Law 11 based upon US Soccer’s “*Offside Made Easy*” text.

Step 7 is a link to the US Soccer text “**Guide to Procedures**”, which describes the methods and signals to be used by the Referee and the Assistant Referees during the game. The material in this text is an integral part of the Laws of the Game and it is information that you must review and be familiar with prior to going out on the field to officiate a game. The test will include questions on this material.

Steps 8 & 9 ... You should now be ready to take “**On-Line Test**” (**Step 9**), which is the Ohio South Grade 8 Entry Level Referee Exam. Print out the blank “**Answer Sheet**” (**Step 8**) and fill in your answers, and then bring it with you to the first in-class session you attend.

You are not finished yet. Continue on thru Steps **10 and 11** prior to attending the first in-class session. See requirements to complete Step **11 “Concussion Training Certificate”** below.

HOW LONG WILL THIS ON-LINE PROCESS TAKE?

You **MUST** review all of the LOTG, as noted. All of the on-line training modules are an integral and mandatory part of the overall referee training must be completed **BEFORE** your first classroom session. You should be especially familiar with the LOTG covering “What is needed to Play” (Laws 1, 2, 3, 4); “How to Play the Game” (Laws 7, 9, 10); and “Restarts” (Laws 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17). It is expected that this should require three to six hours of your time to complete these lesson modules, so do not wait until the last minute. These on-line modules have replaced 6+ hours of in-class training material.

WHAT IF I HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE MATERIAL AND CAN NOT COMPLETE IT IN TIME?

If you cannot complete the training prior to the first class, you need to contact your District Director of Instruction noted below for recommendations/requirements prior to attending the first classroom session.

District 1 (Cincinnati) ... ddi1@ossrc.com	District 2 (Dayton) ddi2@ossrc.com
District 3 (Columbus) ... ddi3@ossrc.com	District 4 (Marietta) ... ddi4@ossrc.com
District 5 (Sydney) ddi5@ossrc.com	

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO DO PRIOR TO THE CLASSROOM TRAINING?

Recently, the Ohio Legislature has enacted House Bill 143 mandating that all referees and coaches in youth games go through a training course on concussion awareness.

As a new soccer referee, you must complete the NFHS on-line concussion training, which can be accessed thru the “Concussion Training Certificate” module (Step 11), which will direct you to the NFHS concussion training link. Follow the directions posted on this website to complete this mandated training. At the end of the training you will be given a certificate in a PDF format that you can save to your computer. Save it and print out a copy of your completed certificate and bring it to the first in-class clinic session. You will also need to keep a copy and be prepared to present it at various league and tournament game sites during the upcoming season.

REMEMBER !!!

When you come to the first class session you **MUST** bring with you the following as your “ticket of admission” to the clinic sessions:

- 1) USSoccer “Certificates of Completion” (print out for all 17 modules)
- 2) Ohio South “Certificate of Completion” (print your name at top of certificate)
- 3) Completed Test Answer Sheet (print name on sheet)
- 4) Copy of “Concussion Awareness” certificate

BEWARE: Any missing “ticket of admission” material may subject you to being denied admission to the in-class sessions.

Come prepared to actively participate and have fun while doing the training.