

2016 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 Course 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**” (not Ohio North) 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 then be directed to download or print-out a certificate of completion at the “Conclusion” of each lesson module. Click on “**Print Certificate**”, then save and print-out a “**Certificate of Completion**” certificate for each and all 17 of these lessons and bring all 17 certificates to the first in-class session, which will serve as one of your “tickets of admission” requirements 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.

Steps 4 & 5 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.

Steps 6 & 7 The “**Foul Recognition**” and “**Restart**” modules relate directly to the essential duties and responsibilities that a referee must be fully aware in order to officiate a soccer game.

Step 8 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 9 & 10 The “**Soccer Uniform Criteria**” module lists the acceptable apparel that must/should be worn in a game by both the players and the officials. The “**Lightning**” module defines the criteria that game officials need to follow in severe weather situations

Steps 11 & 12 ... You should now be ready to take the “**On-Line Test**” (**Step 12**), which is the Ohio South Grade 8 Entry Level Referee Exam. Print out the blank “**Answer Sheet**” (**Step 11**) and fill in your answers, and then bring it with you to the first in-class session you attend.

Step 13 You are not finished yet. The State of Ohio law mandates that all sports officials (regardless of age) must complete a training module regarding the understanding of player concussions. See the requirements to complete Step 13 **“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 and 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. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!!**

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

Not completing the on-line training prior to the first class is really NOT acceptable. If you are having problems with completing the on-line material, 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?

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 13), 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 items as your “tickets of admission” to the clinic sessions:

- 1) USSoccer **“Certificates of Completion”** (print out for all 17 modules)
- 2) Completed Test Answer Sheet (print your name on answer sheet)
- 3) Copy of **“Concussion Awareness”** certificate

BEWARE: Any missing or incomplete “ticket of admission” material may subject you to being denied admission to the in-class sessions. You are responsible for having completed all of the on-line material and, as such, you will be tested on that material in each of the in-class sessions.

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