

YOUTH REFEREE ACADEMY

This Academy is for youth referees 18 years old or younger with only a few years of experience.

These academies are held annually at several different youth tournaments in Ohio South. Attendees will be selected based upon formal applications and available space.

While the main objective of this academy is to give youth referees ways to improve on the field, this academy is also used to identify candidates for Youth Referee of the Year and give attendees opportunities to be considered for upper level referee assignments.

ENHANCEMENT ACADEMY

This academy is open to all experienced referees (with at least 1 year experience on 11v11 matches). Good candidates for this academy want to improve but not necessarily upgrade. Also, referees who do want to progress beyond Grade 8 but are not yet ready for the intensity of the Intermediate Academy will find this academy helpful. Attendees will be selected based on their formal applications and space available.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL ACADEMY

This academy is open to all Grade 8 officials with at least 2 years experience on 11v11 matches. Performance in this academy will lead to a pass/fail recommendation for Grade 8 to Grade 7 upgrade.

These academies are held annually at several different youth tournaments in Ohio South. Attendees will be selected based on formal applications and available space.

This academy program is used to identify promising referees and potential Referee of the Year candidates. Successful completion of this program is required to qualify Grade 8 referees to upgrade to Grade 7.

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REFEREE ACADEMY PROGRAM

The Referee Academy Program consists of different and distinct levels: *Youth, Enhancement, Intermediate, Advanced, and Pro*. Each is specifically designed to help referees improve their officiating skills and assist in progressing up the referee ladder. These academy programs help identify potential Referee of the Year candidates.

Format for the Youth, Enhancement, and Intermediate Academies: The participants referee a field at a tournament for the entire weekend (typically through preliminary rounds) with the academy team. After each game, the entire referee team is given brief constructive feedback from mentors who have watched the game. Mentors are assessors, instructors and experienced referees.

Youth, Enhancement and Intermediate academies are held annually at different youth tournaments in Ohio South. For all these academies, attendees will be selected based upon formal applications and available space.

Format for the Advanced and Pro Academies: These academies include on and off-the-field field events. On-the-field is at upper level, competitive tournament matches with detailed and higher level feedback given to the referees. In addition to the on-the-field there is off field classroom and fitness training expected from these participants. The experience while more intense is designed to bring out the best in your officiating.

ADVANCED LEVEL ACADEMY

Successful “graduation” from this academy may require participation in multiple events. Graduation from this academy is a requirement for becoming a state referee Grade 6 in Ohio South.

PRO REFEREE ACADEMY

The Pro Referee Academy is managed by former and active Ohio South professional level referees and is by invitation only. This is an on-going program similar to the Advanced Academy but is even more intense. This academy includes:

- Classroom training
- Fitness programs
- Game analysis and feedback
- Tournament Events.

Importantly, the referees invited to this program have to be ready to receive this upper-level material. Therefore, the attendees are required to be State Referees who aspire to continue to progress up the referee ladder.

The participants train in a manner similar to National Referees and are expected to work on their fitness outside the academy events as well.

This program also demands that the participants give back to the soccer community. Members of this academy often act as instructors and mentors at the Intermediate and Advanced Referee Academies.



Getting Started

Academy event information and application link for the program are at:

www.ossrc.com

- Go to OSSRC.com homepage.
- On the left side of the homepage – click on the Academy menu button.
- Select 2017 Academies.
- Choose the desired Academy, click the “Register Now” link and follow the instructions.

Feel free to contact any of the academy staff with questions you might have.