

Become a US Soccer Referee in Eastern New York (ENY) *One must be 14 years of age to referee in New York State.*

Step 1: Create a Profile at the US Soccer Learning Center website

Go to the US Soccer Learning Center website (<https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee/>)
Click "Sign-up" at the top and fill out the form. Then, be sure to click "Sign up now" at the bottom to finish up. **Parents:** Make sure you put in the name of the referee.

Step 2: Complete the Grassroots Online Course

Select "Courses" at the top and "Available Courses." You'll be presented with course options. Register for the Grassroots for First-time Referees (Online Course):
<https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee/courses/available/7/details/424>
There is no fee for this. This video-based course will teach you the Laws of the Game and test your knowledge. You must complete 100% prior to attending the Grassroots In-Person Course.

Estimated time to completion is about 4.5 hours. You may stop and return later.
(print your certificate of completion in case you are required to show it at the in-person course)

Step 3: Visit Game Officials to create your ENY Referee Profile

Go to Game Officials (<https://enysra.gameofficials.net>), to create a profile to register for your in-person soccer referee courses. **Parents:** Make sure you put in the name of the referee.

Step 4: Register for your Grassroots In-Person Course

Register and pay for a Grassroots In-Person Course via Game Officials. This course is 4 hours in the classroom plus another 1.5 hours on a field where you will practice what you have learned.

You will see the link for courses on the left-hand side. Click on this and select Referee Courses
→ Grassroots Referee → Pick the date and location for your course.
Fee for registration, classes (online and in-person) and starter referee kit uniform* is \$190, payable through Game Officials

Step 5: Complete SafeSport Training

This is a requirement for those 18 years of age (or will turn 18 in the current year) and older!

Log onto: <https://safesport.org/authentication/register?token=ee57337f-31f9-421d-b095-82fc8c8c4c41>

(if asked for an organization, use the drawdown for U.S.Soccer)

Enter access code: YC3E-6P5G-YYIL-CS2M There is no charge for this.

SafeSport is a federal requirement for creating a safe and positive sports environment.

You will be asked to bring a printed copy or mobile phone image of your Safesport Training Certificate to the in-person class.

Step 6: Download the Laws of the Game to your device

Go to <https://www.theifab.com/laws> It is helpful to bring this device to your Course and keep it

with you when you referee.

Addenda

If logging onto The US Soccer Learning Center recognizes you from coaching or anything else, it may ask you to confirm your information. If so, say “Yes” and update it please!

Entry level grades, 9 and 8... are **no longer**; along with grade 7, they are now classified as **“Grassroots Referee.”**

Support:

For Steps 1 and 2, you may reference the tutorial, “Accessing LC Online class.pdf.”

For Steps 3 and 4, you may reference the tutorial, “GO New Ref Class Registration.pdf.”

SafeSport Help desk: help.desk@safesport.org

Online Training Help Desk: 720 676-6417

To download the Learning Center certificate-- You should receive an email once you complete the course. The certificate will be uploaded on one’s main profile underneath his/her licenses. There should be a certificate section to upload and print.

If you are 18 years old or above, a background check will be performed as part of your In-Person Course registration process in Game Officials.

* Referee Starter Kit: You will receive a referee uniform and equipment: 2 shirts, shorts, stockings, whistle, line flags, yellow/red card data wallet and a carrying bag.

Each new ref is required to join one of the local associations (known as districts). For Westchester (WSRO), new refs are charged the discounted rate of \$40 for the year. Referees become members of our association (Westchester Soccer Referee Organization) where they attend clinics, get mentored, etc. We will put you in touch with the assignors. Local association dues will be collected separately.

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