



## REFEREE COACH PATHWAY

### 2023 REFEREE COACH PATHWAY LICENSES:

- Referee Mentor
- Referee Coach
- National Referee Coach

The State Director of Instruction is responsible for developing a network of Referee Mentors and Referee Coaches that meets the needs of the State Referee Association.

2023 registration began July 1, 2022 and will be open until June 30, 2023. For 2023 requirements, review the [Referee Certification Requirements](#).

## NATIONAL REFEREE COACH

Annually, U.S. Soccer selects and certifies individuals as a National Referee Coach. These referee coaches are utilized to mentor officials, instruct courses and provide formal assessments.

The selection process used for this license is both quantitative and qualitative on an annual basis. Once selected, the individual must meet a combination of administrative and technical requirements.

For more information, review the [National Referee Coach Certification Requirements](#).

## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Properly training officials of all levels is important to the success of the U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program.

Courses and clinics are conducted in support of certification requirements. These training events are organized at the discretion of the State Referee Association and are meant to provide a more structured environment where targeted training content can be addressed and discussed in detail.

To this end, U.S. Soccer has developed a training curriculum that emphasizes a targeted approach to preparing officials for specific levels of competition and these standardized training materials should be used by the State Referee Association in the certification process.



For training materials and resources provided by U.S. Soccer review the [Resource Center Downloads](#).