



FALL 2019

Hosting a Grassroots Referee Course

All candidates must complete the online Grassroots course in the US Soccer Learning Center. Candidates must be 13 years or older to take the online Grassroots course. The online Grassroots course must be completed before the in-person training.

MINIMUM CLASS PAID ENROLLMENT: 12

Each class must have a minimum of 12 paid enrollments—who have also already completed the online Learning Center certification course—at least 72 hours before the beginning of the first in-person session (e.g. 9:00 AM Wednesday for a course that begins at 9:00 AM Saturday). Any course that does not achieve the minimum enrollment by the deadline will be canceled.

For clubs in rural areas or smaller population centers, this means you may have to work with nearby communities to meet the course minimum, or the local referee candidates may have to travel to the nearest available in-person Grassroots course.

MINIMUM AGE FOR NEW GRASSROOTS REFEREE CANDIDATE: 13 years

All new Grassroots referee candidates must be at least 13 years old to enroll in any course. This minimum age is set by the United States Soccer Federation and cannot be modified or adjusted by the State Referee Committee. The Learning Center will not accept any registration from someone who has yet to reach 13 years old.

MINIMUM LEAD TIME FOR IN-PERSON COURSE HOSTING REQUEST: 30 days

Beginning August 15, 2019, all requests to host an in-person Grassroots referee course must be received at least 30 days before the date of the first session. Until August 14, 2019, we will continue to allow Grassroots hosting to be requested at least 15 days prior to the date of the first session.

HOST REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are mandatory for hosting an in-person Grassroots course:

Approved access for three hours to a suitable classroom/lecture hall setting. All testing is now online so desks/tables for a written test are no longer required.

Approved access to restroom facilities during the classroom portion of the course.

Approved access for two hours on a mowed and lined 7v7 and/or 9v9 field.

Approved access for two hours to an appropriately sized backup indoor location to be used only in case of inclement weather. (gym, church, community center, ballroom, etc.)

The classroom and outdoor session may or may not be held at the same location. There will be a 30- or 60-minute break (at the choice of the host) between the classroom and field sessions for travel and for the instructor to setup the outdoor activities.

A host representative must be onsite for both the classroom and field sessions. The instructor(s) may request the host representative's assistance in setting up and managing the field sessions.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRASSROOTS REFEREE CANDIDATES

All candidates must first complete the online course at US Soccer's Learning Center. Candidates may not take the in-person course before completing the online course. Candidates must complete the classroom and field sessions at the same in-person course. The sessions may not be split between different in-person courses.

Students should wear appropriate attire for spending two hours outside simulating game-like scenarios.

Each student should bring his/her own whistle. If they have already purchased flags and red/yellow cards, they should bring those as well. (Flags and red/yellow cards will be available for use if the candidate has yet to purchase those items).

Students should bring their own water/sports drink for hydration during the outdoor session.

FORM TO REQUEST HOSTING A GRASSROOTS REFEREE COURSE:

https://idevforms.americaneagle.com/oklahomasa/form606180399/secure_index.html