



## **North Texas Soccer Referee Program – Out-of-State Travel Allowance Program 2018/19**

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### **Who can apply?**

The Program is open to referees of Grade 7D and above who are in good standing with the state and are traveling to out of state events to develop their skills and advance their grade.

The expectation is that formal assessments and feedback will be provided by State Assessors and/or National Coaches at these events.

### **Which events are included in the program?**

The following events qualify for the travel allowance – DA Showcase / Playoff events that do not conflict with the dates for USYSA or USASA national events (Southern Regionals, Regional President's Cup, USYS Nationals or USASA Regionals, USYS National President's Cup, etc.), Disney showcase events, and USA Cup.

Other events may qualify for the program, but these will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis when an application is submitted.

(Youth Regionals, Regional Presidents Cup, ODP camps and adult Regionals are not included in this Program as they are funded by another referee budget line.)

### **What does the allowance cover?**

The allowance can be used to pay for travel / accommodation / rental cars / meals, incidentals, etc.

### **How much is the allowance?**

The maximum amount is \$250 per event.

Amounts less than \$250 may be provided to referees based on the cost incurred to attend the event.

The amount of the allowance will be adjusted based on the level of support of the North Texas Soccer Referee Program.

### **How can you support the North Texas Soccer Referee Program?**

Financial support is to be provided to Referees who support our Program.



You are expected to officiate at the following tournaments each year - State Cup, Presidents Cup and Tournament of Champions.

Referees are also expected to attend a minimum of two Referee Clinics per year.

Participation in field sessions, providing mentoring and refereeing in local leagues will improve your chance of receiving a travel allowance.

Membership and participation in the Elite Development group will also be beneficial to your request.

### **How many events can you attend and claim an allowance?**

The maximum number of allowance payments paid per person in a 12-month period is 2.

You may be paid different amounts for each claim.

Just because you received 1 travel allowance does not guarantee a second allowance.

Each request will be reviewed separately.

### **How do you apply for an allowance?**

Referees wishing to apply for an allowance must complete the "Referee Travel Allowance Request Form" on the North Texas Soccer website under Referee Forms – Forms.

The request form must be submitted to the State Referee Chairman at least 30 days prior to travel and a decision whether the event will qualify for the allowance will be made within 1 week.

### **How do you claim the allowance when it has been approved?**

When you return from your event, complete the "North Texas Soccer Referee Development Incentive" online form <https://tinyurl.com/yakaupkg> to determine if you qualify for an allowance based on your involvement with North Texas Soccer. Your score on this form will help determine the amount of your allowance. The total will depend on your participation in the North Texas Soccer Referee Program and events. Your score must be at least 100 of the possible 275 points to qualify.

If your score is 100 or greater, you will need to complete a "North Texas Soccer Check Request Form" provided to you by the State Referee Chairman.

Once the check request is approved by the State Referee Chairman, it will be submitted to the State Office and you will receive a check within 30 days.