

2026 "NEW" Referee Course Instructions

- Upcoming NEW or First-Time Referees Courses are open.
- Course Cost is \$75.00 (if over 18 years old an additional \$24.00 for 2-year background check).
- Licenses will be valid until December 31, 2026. Once expired, Referees do a Recertification Course annually.
- All referee certifications are done through the US Soccer Learning Center. The NEW Referee course is comprised of online assignments / Referee Course Modules **PLUS** mandatory attendance at the 3-hour On-Field Training Session.
- The online assignments / Referee Course Modules are:
 - Online Referee Course Modules (4) (Introduction, Preparing for, During & After the Game)
 - Laws of the Game Update
 - Introduction to Safe and Health Playing Environments
 - First-Time Referee Quiz
 - Background Check (if 18 years or older) – must CLEAR background screening before requesting attendance at the On-Field Training Session. Allow a minimum of 10-14 days for processing of Background Check.
 - SafeSport Training (if 18 years or older)
- When the above Modules are 100% complete, then attendance at an In-person On-Field Training Session can be scheduled. These sessions will be held **February 14 – April 26, 2026**.

To register for a NEW First-Time Referee course:

1. Go to US Soccer's Learning Center at: <https://Learning.ussoccer.com/referee>.
2. If you have not set up a profile, you must click on **SIGNUP**, in the upper right, complete all information to create your Learning Center Account and click Continue.
3. Once your profile is set up, simply log in and click on **COURSES** at top of the page, goes to **AVAILABLE COURSES**, OR, in another webpage, go to this course: <https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee/courses/available/10000006/list>, which shows **2026 WI New Referee Course-Register here**.
4. Click on **COURSE DETAILS >** on the right to register for online assignments.
5. Once registered, click on **COURSES** at top, then **MY COURSES**, then **RESUME/Red Arrow** and click on the **ASSIGNMENTS** tab at top of page to complete the online requirements. Assignments will show in **GREEN** and marked "satisfactory" when completed.
6. When the Online Assignments are 100% completed, email sue@wisref.org to request a Field Training Session. Online assignments need to be completed 48 hours before the start of a requested Field Training Session. There are **NO refunds**.

WisRef has partnered with the WYSA to offer a \$40.00 reimbursement for those who successfully complete the 2026 requirements to be registered as a NEW Referee. The reimbursements will be processed the month following the Field Training Session.