



MINNESOTA STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

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2021 SPRING MYSA REFEREE PROGRAM INITIATIVE: CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

INTRODUCTION

For 2021 MYSA has been given a generous grant by US Soccer to support referee training and retention. This grant is being used to refund a select group of brand new officials for their registration fees and provide them with a full basic kit.

Clubs will be selected by MYSA to participate in this program. Each selected club will be awarded a certain number of slots to use within the program.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Upon certification and assuming not all of the club's slots have been consumed, the candidate will receive an \$80 rebate check on the cost of referee registration from MYSA
- MYSA will work with Planet Soccer to provide the candidate a new referee kit (value \$70) at no cost to the candidate

AM I ELIGIBLE?

This program is available based on the following requirements:

- Must be a NEW referee... no returning officials are eligible; registration payment must be made AFTER November 1, 2020
- Must have an active account on the MNSRC website
- Cannot have attended a new referee class yet... if not enrolled prior to this, not eligible

HOW DO I ENROLL?

You must contact a participating club and request to be enrolled. Participating clubs are listed at <https://www.minnesotasrc.com/MYSADiscount/> (This link is also provided as a button from the MNSRC home page beneath the Minnesota United logo). Follow the link for a club that you plan to officiate for to contact that club and request to be enrolled.

Once you are enrolled, you must agree to terms of the program. Return to the above URL and you will see a link near the top of the page to access and agree to the contract. If you are under 18 years of age, you must also provide a parental email address when signing the agreement.

MYSA Referee Program

Program Admin Log-In

Admins, please enter your administrative passcode to log in:

Passcode:

If you have forgotten your passcode, please [contact the SRA](#) to have it re-sent to you. These passcodes are for club administrators ONLY!

[Complete and Submit Candidate Contract](#)

CAN MYSA ENROLL ME?

No. Only a club can enroll eligible candidates. You must contact one of the participating clubs and request that they enroll you.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A REFEREE?

Full steps to certify as a US Soccer referee in Minnesota are available here:
<https://www.minnesotasrc.com/assets/documents/NewRefInstructions.pdf>

WHO PAYS THE REGISTRATION FEE UP FRONT?

You do. You will receive a rebate check from MYSA after you satisfy requirements for certification.

ARE THERE DEADLINES?

Yes, the following deadlines exist:

- March 31, 2021: Clubs must have registered all candidates by this date
- May 15, 2021: Candidates must have completed the training and the US Soccer Grassroots Referee test

Failure to meet a deadline will result in program unenrollment, no exceptions.

I HAVE NO REFEREE CLASSES LISTED IN MY AREA... WILL ONE BE ADDED?

Due to the pandemic, all classes are suspended. The classroom material is offered as an online supplement on the SRC website once you complete all of the pre-class online tasks.

ONCE A CLUB ENROLLS ME, I AM GUARANTEED THE REBATE, CORRECT?

No. Qualifying for the rebate is dependent on two things:

- 1) You must complete certification, including meeting the deadlines listed above. The SRC's refund policy (<https://www.minnesotasrc.com/index.php?PAGE=payment>) is quite strict, and failure to complete the steps to qualify for the rebate cannot be supplanted by a full refund from the SRC.
- 2) Once you are enrolled with a club, your final step to qualify is to pass the US Soccer Grassroots Test. It is only possible to take this test after you attend your class. If the club enrolled more candidates than slots they have available, rebate awards will only be given to the first candidates for that club who pass the test up to the number of slots available. You cannot switch to another club for the rebate after you attend a class.

HOW WILL I GET MY REFEREE KIT?

MYSA will work with Planet Soccer to arrange for the kit.