

# Become a US Soccer Referee in Eastern New York



## Step 1: Create a Profile at the US Soccer Learning Center website

Go to the US Soccer Learning Center website (<https://learning.ussoccer.com/>) where you can read about the pathway for referees directly from U.S. Soccer.

Click "Sign-up" at the top and fill out the form. Then, be sure to click "Sign up now" at the bottom to finish up.

If it recognizes you from coaching or anything else, it may ask you to confirm your information. If so, say "Yes" and update it please!

## Step 2: Sign-up for your Grassroots Online Course

Once you have a profile with US Soccer, select "Courses" at the top and "Available Courses." You'll be presented with course options.

Register for the Grassroots Online Course (<https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee/courses/available/1/details/1>) and pay the \$20 fee to U.S. Soccer. This video-based course will teach you many of the Laws of the Game and test your knowledge as you go. You will need to complete 100% of this prior to attending the Grassroots In-Person Course. Estimated time to completion is about 5 hours, but you can stop and come back later.

## Step 3: Visit Game Officials to create your ENY Referee Profile

Go to Game Officials (<https://enysra.gameofficials.net>), ENYSRA's user website to create a profile and register for your in-person soccer referee courses.

## Step 4: Register for your Grassroots In-Person Course

Register for a Grassroots In-Person Course via Game Officials. This course is on a field with an Eastern New York Certified Instructor where you will practice what you have learned in the Grassroots Online Course and gain new skills. Courses are held state-wide and you may choose any In-Person course that works for your schedule. Late arrivals or early departures may result in you not becoming certified, so check-in 30 minutes before your course starts. Dress in clothes and shoes that allow you to run. Bring a whistle, water and notetaking material. A liability waiver will be required of anyone taking an in-person course. Generally lunch will not be provided at your course; however a break will be taken while transitioning from the classroom to the field.

*Complete SafeSport Training (<http://safesport.org/authentication/register?token=ee57337f-31f9-421d-b095-82fc8c8c4c41>) as this is a federal requirement for managing injuries. It is about 90 minutes in length but is free utilizing access code YC3E-6P5G-YYIL-CS2M. It is valid for 2 years. To access it, use the link in the Learning Center. If you have already completed Safe Sport training, log in to your account, click on the menu in the top left corner, "Update Account," change tab to "Profile," scroll down and ensure US Soccer is listed under Memberships. If not, just add it.*

*If you are 18 years old or above, a background check will be performed as part of your In-Person Course registration process in Game Officials.*

You will be asked to bring a copy of your Grassroots Online and Safesport Training Certificates along with a liability waiver to the in-person course. Without these items, you will not be allowed to participate in the in-person course.

## Step 5: Download the Laws of the Game to your device

Go to <https://www.theifab.com/laws> It is helpful to bring this device to your Course and keep it with you when you referee. Print copies are available for purchase, but nearly everyone uses a digital version or the IFAB APP now.