



Grade 7 – Instructor

Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these instructors be utilized to teach courses and clinics for Grade 9-8-7 Referees.

Certification Requirements	
Prior Experience	Determined by the State Referee Association
Training	Complete the Grade 7 Instructor Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 7 Instructor Test
Annual Recertification Requirements	
In-Service Training	Determined by the State Referee Association
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 7 Instructor Test

Notes

- All State Referee Association requirements must be made public
- In order to successfully complete the course, candidates must demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the subject matter and display effective practical skills as evaluated and determined by the course instructor(s) assigned by the State Referee Association
- All training and in-service training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association and there are no minimum number of hours associated with either requirement
- The minimum passing test score is 80% and all testing requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association



Grade 5 – State Instructor

Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these instructors be utilized to teach courses and clinics for Grade 9-8-7 Referees and Grade 6 State Referees. They can also be used to teach instructors, assessors and assignors as needed by the State Referee Association.

Certification Requirements	
Prior Experience	Determined by the State Referee Association
Training	Complete the Grade 5 Instructor Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 5 State Instructor Test
Annual Recertification Requirements	
In-Service Training	Determined by the State Referee Association
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 5 State Instructor Test

Notes

- All State Referee Association requirements must be made public
- In order to successfully complete the course, candidates must demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the subject matter and display effective practical skills as evaluated and determined by the course instructor(s) assigned by U.S. Soccer
- All in-service training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association and there are no minimum number of hours associated with either requirement
- The minimum passing test score is 80% and all testing requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association



Grade 3 – National Instructor

Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these instructors be utilized to teach courses and clinics for Grade 9-8-7 Referees, Grade 6 State Referees, Grade 5 National Candidates and Grade 4 National Officials. They can also be used to teach instructors, assessors and assignors as needed by U.S. Soccer.

Certification Requirements	
Previous Experience	Determined by U.S. Soccer
Training	Determined by U.S. Soccer
Laws of the Game Test	Determined by U.S. Soccer
Annual Recertification Requirements	
In-Service Training	Determined by U.S. Soccer
Laws of the Game Test	Determined by U.S. Soccer

Notes

- All U.S. Soccer requirements will be communicated to the applicable individuals
- All National Instructors are selected and dismissed at the discretion of U.S. Soccer