



To: Georgia State Referees

Re: 2020 Certification / Recertification Process

As a part of a comprehensive effort across the country, U.S. Soccer has been working directly with its members, State Referee Committees (SRC's) and most specifically its referees to address how more support can be provided to further improve the environmental factors related to officiating. This programmatic review resulted in data through surveys which has led to tangible action and change. Most notably, the Referee Department and the SRC's have ushered in a new educational platform – U.S. Soccer Learning Center – and a new e-learning course. These updates represent an exciting and renewed focus to better support and prepare our referees for success.

Complimentary to these resources, U.S. Soccer has revamped the former grade system to a more simple and streamlined license pathway. Aiming to benefit current and future referees, we are simplifying the steps towards becoming a referee and/or continuing to be a referee. Georgia has taken a lead in adapting to this updated approach to better serve its referees. This includes organizing the recertification requirements which can be completed within the Learning Center while expanding upon current in-person development opportunities.

As a part of certifying or recertifying at the local level, referees pay a set price package determined by the state which includes an associated U.S. Soccer referee registration fee. This is consistent with previous processes and is accounted for within U.S. Soccer Policy. States are responsible for organizing and delivering a sustainable program while accounting for revenues and expenses to operate their programming.

U.S. Soccer and the Georgia State Referee Committee are committed to serving, supporting and empowering each of you. This includes offering more development opportunities, enhanced resources and streamlining processes. Thank you for your consistent efforts and contributions to develop the game.

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