



# Registering as a First Time USSF Referee in Delaware



**Becoming a USSF Referee is an exciting way to continue your passion for the game beyond being a player or coach. It is a great way to stay fit (or a reason to!), as well as earn some extra money. No matter your goals as a match official, we are here to help you reach them! Follow the steps laid out here to get started as a USSF Referee with the Delaware State Referee Committee!**

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*Components of the First Time Referee Course in the Learning Center*

- Registration in the First Time Referee Course (\$60)
  - 6-8 hours online coursework
- JDP Background check, if age 18+ (\$23), renewed every 2 years
  - SafeSport Training, if age 18+, renewed annually
- Safe and Healthy Playing Environments, renewed annually
- New Referee Practical Training Session (in-person, 2-3 hours)

*New Referee Licenses currently will expire on 12/31/2026, with recertification classes annually (currently online).*

*Your first step to becoming a USSF Referee is to register online and complete the coursework in the US Soccer Learning Center. First, you will need to register for an account in the Learning Center. Visit [learning.ussoccer.com](https://learning.ussoccer.com) to create an account.*

*After your account is created and you are logged in, click the link below to register for Delaware's First Time Referee Course.*

*DeSRC First Time Referee Course:*

*<https://learning.ussoccer.com/referee/courses/available/10000006/details/20007459>*

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*After completing all of the modules in the online First Time Referee Course (approx. 6-8 hours), you will next need to complete an on-field Practical Training Session. In these sessions, new referees learn some of the basic skills and mechanics they will need to get started and be prepared for their first games on the field!*

*First Time Delaware Referees can register for a Practical Training Session using the form link below.*

*<https://forms.gle/So9Ys6CwFmuYVu8h7>*

*Do NOT register for the Practical Training Session until after you have started your online coursework.*

*After completion of your Practical Training Session, you will become a USSF-certified referee in Delaware! This will enable you to start receiving match assignments from Delaware's referee assignors to work games as a referee.*

*In the days after your session, you will receive information from the Delaware State Referee Committee about how to get started working games and being a part of the referee community. You will also get info about our First Year Referee Mentorship Program, as well as our other programs designed to help support, encourage, and develop all referees throughout our state!*

## Helpful Items for Getting Started

US Soccer Learning Center FAQs  
<https://ussf.my.site.com/lcsupport/s/>

Download the IFAB Laws of the Game App!  
<https://www.theifab.com/logapp/>

Purchase your Referee Uniform Kit at Official Sports Int'l!  
<https://officialsports.com/referee-uniforms/other-uniforms/de/>

Password: DESK25

*(DISCOUNTED USING THIS LINK + CODE; only available to new referees in DE after signing up for the online course)*

We look forward to you becoming a part of an amazing community of people passionate about the beautiful game. If you have any questions, please reach out to our State Director of Instruction, Matthew Falk, at [sdi@socrefde.com](mailto:sdi@socrefde.com).