

## Soccer Referee Clinic - Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. I did not preregister. Can I attend?

Preregistration is necessary so that the instructor can acquire and bring enough materials. Space is limited. [Email the instructor at profcordova@gmail.com](mailto:profcordova@gmail.com) in case openings occur.

### 2. I registered, but now I have a conflict and will not be able to attend ...

Please let the instructor know ASAP. Someone else may want to attend the clinic in your place. It may also be possible for you to obtain a grade 9 (recreational referee) certification by attending the first Saturday and passing the corresponding test.

### 3. What do I need to bring on the first day?

- pen or pencil
- notebook or notepad for taking notes
- if not already sent, clinic fee: cash or check for \$20 payable to Jose Cordova

### 4. What does the clinic fee cover?

The clinic fee covers the instructional time devoted by the clinic instructor, as well as clinic materials and copying costs.

### 5. What happens when the clinic is over?

At the end of the clinic, you will take the entry-level test designed by the United States Soccer Federation. The test has 100 multiple choice and true/false questions. The minimum passing score is 75. After the instructor certifies that you have successfully completed the clinic and test, you will:

- Complete your registration data
- Provide a check for your USSF registration fee (\$40 payable to LSA).
- Fill out a LSA Risk Management form ([online](#) for adults 18 or older, on [paper](#) for minors)

### 6. What does the \$40 USSF Registration fee cover?

This fee is set by the US Soccer Federation and covers your registration and insurance as a US Soccer Referee through December 31, 2011. As a USSF-registered referee, you are certified to work USSF-affiliated games throughout the United States. The fee also helps support the Federation's referee development program.

### 7. When can I start refereeing games?

Immediately after the clinic, your instructor will send your paperwork and fees to the Louisiana State Referee Administrator, who will enter your data in the US Soccer Referee system. You can start working games as soon as LSA approves your Risk Management disclosure.

### 8. What if I don't pass the test?

The instructor will review questions/areas you missed. You will have the opportunity to review the material and retake the test at a later date. Of course, this will cause a

delay in your registration.

*9. How do I get assigned to work games?*

The assignor for the league usually contacts all registered referees by e-mail or phone and asks referees to provide him/her with their availability for upcoming games. The assignor will then assign referees to games based on the referees availability, experience, and comfort level. Generally speaking, the sooner you turn in your availability to the assignor, the more games you will be assigned to work. Tournaments around the state are always looking for out of town referees. If interested in working some of these tournaments, contact your instructor or assignor for a reference.

*10. How much will get paid per game?*

Fees vary according to the level and length of the game. They may also vary from league to league and from tournament to tournament. The [current referee fees for NELSA regular season games](#) are posted on the [NELSRA referee website](#).

*11. What equipment do I need to referee?*

The basic referee uniform consists of black socks (with three white stripes), black referee shorts, and a yellow referee jersey. In addition, those working as center referees will need a whistle and a set of red/yellow cards. Those working as assistant referees will need a set of flags. Basic "starter" referee packages in the \$30-\$40 range are available from several vendors:

[Score](#)  
[Official Sports](#)  
[Law Five](#)