

While the Spring 2021 soccer season is not perfectly clear yet, we are hopeful. Referees will be critical to make it possible in any case so we strongly encourage our members to consider becoming referees. (Please note: Must be at least 13 years old to start the process to become a referee).

Information on the coursework and training is below and any questions should be directed to Tom Mesalk at tom@wisref.org

New Referee Certification Courses, which register prospective referees for the 2021 calendar year, are available through the Wisconsin Soccer Referee Development Program. The courses are open now for registration and pre-course work. Pre-course work will be followed by a virtual component available from January through mid-April. Completing the course during this time will allow a new referee to take the field starting Spring 2021.

This course is for new, first time referees who have not been previously registered as a referee *or* a previously registered referee that has a lapse in registration.

New Grassroots Referee Course Requirements

- 1) Complete all U.S. Soccer required assignments in the [U.S. Soccer Learning Center](#)
- 2) Create a [GameOfficials](#) account
- 3) Successfully complete all pre-course work
- 4) Successfully complete in-person virtual course

The steps for signing up in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center and completing the Wisconsin Soccer Referee Development Program requirements are located on the [WISREF website](#). Contact WISREF Registrar, [Tom Mesalk](#), directly with registration questions.



The graphic features a white rectangular box with a thin grey border, set against a black background with orange diagonal stripes in the corners. The title "New Referee Courses" is written in a large, black, serif font at the top of the box. Below the title is a bulleted list of three items. At the bottom of the box are two orange line-art icons: on the left, a referee in a uniform blowing a whistle, and on the right, a soccer ball.

New Referee Courses

- Referee course for first time referees OR previously registered referee with lapse in registration
- Courses for 2021 certification are open for registration and pre-course work
- Virtual courses will run January through mid-April