The following information can also be found on the [North Texas Soccer website](http://www.ntxsoccer.org/referees/).

**How to Become a Referee in North Texas**

The North Texas Referee Program welcomes over 2500 new referees each year. We serve the game in over 100 local associations from Lubbock to Lake Highland, Amarillo to Arlington, Cedar Hill to Corsicana – chances are YOU live close to a soccer association.

 Typically, new referees work for their local association.

 HOW TO GET STARTED:

 How to Become a USSF Grassroots Referee

Requirement – you must be 13 or older.

​There is two part process that must be completed to become a licensed USSF Grassroots Referee.

 Sign up for a Grassroots online course. You will pay the fee when you sign up.

 Part 1 - Sign up for the Grassroots Online Lessons.

There are 21 modules in the online portion. All 21 modules must be completed in full. The online lessons take approximately 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours to complete in full.

Part 2 – Select an in-person clinic to attend.

Once you complete the entire online lessons, you’ll be able to select an in person clinic to go to. You will see the words – ONLINE LESSONS COMPLETED highlighted in green to know that you can select the in-person clinic you wish to attend.

The in-person clinic is 3.5 hours. This is the field session done outdoors.

Lots of important information is given to all attendees – who you will work for, how to get games, where to get uniforms, etc.

All referees that are 17 and older, you will have to complete the SafeSport online training as part of your 2020 recertification. This is free. There is no cost to complete this training. It takes a little over an hour to complete.

All of the information regarding the why this has been added and where to take the SAFE SPORT training can be found on the [**SafeSport page**](http://www.ntxsoccer.org/safesport/).

You must complete both parts in order to become a referee.

To Register for a Grassroots Clinic:

Log into – [OMS](https://ntxreferees.omgtsys.com/)

Click – Find Clinic

Select – Entry Never been a USSF Referee before

Select – Grassroots Referee Online Lessons

Register/Pay

Start/finish the online lessons

 FAQ’s

1. Do I sign up for any Grassroots course or a specific one?
   1. Sign up for one in your area OR one that fits your schedule. Note, there will be approximately 60 courses to choose from. We add new ones weekly. By the middle of August, ALL courses should be loaded into OMS for you to see which one will work best for you. Clinics will run every Saturday starting July 18 – August 29.
2. Do I have to sign up for a Grassroots field session in my area?
   1. The Grassroots Field session will automatically link to the Grassroots ONLINE clinic. They go together.
3. How do I know I’m certified for 2021?
   1. You will receive your USSF (United States Soccer Federation) badge at the end of your field session. The office staff will send your information to the National Office once you complete the entire Grassroots Referee clinic.
4. How will I get games?
   1. An email will go out to everyone that completes the field session – information of whom to contact to get games. Your name and other contact information will go into the North Texas data base.
   2. Your contact information will be accessible to local assignors.
   3. At the field session, you will receive some additional information.
5. The class is full, and my friend didn’t get signed up for the field session.
   1. Most Grassroots clinics will be limited to 30 attendees.
   2. There will be approximately 60 Grassroots clinics offered between the middle of July and the end of August. Please find one that has an opening.
6. What if I have questions regarding the process once I register?
   1. All contact information will be listed with ALL Grassroots Referee courses & field sessions.
   2. The instructors for the field sessions will be communicated in plenty of time to all. Every possible question that one may have will be addressed to ALL future referees: location, what to bring, what to expect, anything you need to know to have a successful field session.
7. Do I need my referee uniform for the field session?
   1. No, you won’t need it for the field session. Your clinic instructor will send you uniform information in an initial email.
   2. You will be required to bring items to the field session. That will be communicated to all in the class ahead of time.

POLICY on not-completed Grassroots courses (online) or no-shows to Grassroots field sessions

If you don’t complete the online portion prior to the 48 hour deadline, you will be removed from that clinic. The reason being is instructors need to communicate important information to everyone PRIOR to the field session.

If space is available in another clinic, you can be transferred to another clinic.

If for some reason you do not show up to the field session and you fail to notify the instructor in advance, you will not receive a partial refund.

What happens if something comes up and I can no longer attend? No worries. Just give the instructor a courtesy heads up in plenty of time so that the seat doesn’t go empty.

1. Something came up and I can no longer attend the field session I signed up. Can I switch?
   1. With proper advanced notice, yes, you can switch. Take care of this no later than 96 hours prior to the start of the clinic.

Reference Materials:

NTSSA Outdoor Referee Misconduct Report - <https://7a18bca0-d75c-4a1f-bdec-ab22cdebf72d.filesusr.com/ugd/e09eae_6113953c7feb4f9280704c2deacdf60b.docx?dn=NTSSA%20Referee%20Misconduct%20Report.docx>

IFAB Rules of the Game –

<https://o.b5z.net/i/u/10082050/i/usr/803/Referee_Pocket_Guide_updated_Fall_2021.xlsx>

<http://theifab.com/#!/laws>

W-9 - <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf> and Directions on how to send information to [treasurer@nfwasa.org](mailto:treasurer@nfwasa.org)

Referee and Referee Assignor Code of Conduct - <https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0145/3801/Referee_and_Referee_Assignor_COE_4.29.17.pdf#_ga=2.217673366.16437014.1642777727-669149530.1642777726>