

Upcoming referees in EPA MUST be 14 yrs old prior to creating an account and attending a field session. NO EXCEPTIONS!

To become a U.S. Soccer Referee, Candidates must:

1. **Create an [EPSARC account](#) in Officials Management System (OMS)**
2. **Register for the Online Lessons clinic**
 - From your OMS Home Page > *Registration* > select “*Register for a clinic or fitness test*”
 - Go through the prompts
 - Register and pay for the **Online Lessons** clinic
 - From your home page, click on the *Online Lessons* link
 - Begin the lessons. #1 will take you to the US Soccer Learning Center where you will create an account and complete the 4.5 hour lesson.
 - Any problems with the Learning Center (not updating or not saving your progress) email Joanne at epsarcoffice@gmail.com
 - Complete all 5 lessons in your OMS account.

A. SafeSport Training

- Every referee 18 and older is required to complete the SafeSport Training.
- There are 3 individual modules, each taking about 30 minutes.
- Once all 3 are done, you will receive a “SafeSport Trained” certificate
- Your OMS account will automatically be updated.

3. Select a Field Session

- All lessons must be completed before you can chose a field session.
- Log into your account and click on *Pick a Clinic*
- Field Sessions are hosted by local clubs, and posted to the website once approved. Continue to check often.

4. Attend the Field Session

- Arrive properly equipped as a Referee
- Uniform – shirt (primary color is yellow), shorts, socks, sneakers are fine
- Whistle, referee wallet, yellow card, red card, flags
- [Official Sports Referee Starter Kit](#) or any retailer
- Most sessions are outside so dress appropriately for the weather
- Bring a snack, water, sunscreen, folding chair

Background Clearances – Required for ALL referees

- [Pennsylvania Background Clearances](#) (NOTE: clearances may take up to 30 days to complete although many are coming back within days – allow sufficient time.)
- Upload clearance documents into your OMS EPSARC account for review
 - Be sure the documents are saved on your computer as a pdf or jpeg file
 - Log into your OMS account at www.epsarc.org
 - Click on *Administration* > *Provide SafeSport/Background documentation*
 - Upload each document individually.
 - They will be reviewed and your account will be updated.