



NEBRASKA REFEREE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a Nebraska soccer referee!

These instructions will help you get through the licensing process to become a licensed soccer referee for the rest of 2026 and all of 2027. This process is for brand new referees **only**. If you have been a U. S. Soccer licensed referee at any point in the past, please send an email to licensing@nrdp.soccer.

1. Go to the **U.S. Soccer Learning Center** (learning.ussoccer.com).
2. You will need to sign up for an account so you can take the course and get registered. Instructions on how to sign up in the Learning Center can be found here – **Sign Up for an Account**. **DO NOT CREATE A PROFILE USING AN APPLE ID. You must use a valid email address and one that you check regularly as this is where all future communications will be sent. Do NOT use a school email address as communication could be blocked.**
3. Once you create a profile, you can log in to the **Learning Center**.
4. Log in to your account and the first time referee course can be found here – **2027 First Time Referee Course (Part I) – Nebraska**. If desired, you will be able to request the course in Spanish after you register and begin the course.
5. Click on **Proceed to Registration**.
6. Complete the payment process and then work through the online assignments. There are a total of seven assignments that must be completed by everyone. This includes the Safe and Healthy Playing Environments module as well.
7. If you are 18 years of age or older, you **must** also complete the SafeSport Training and the Background Screening as required by U.S. Soccer. The cost of the Background Screening is an additional \$23.00, and it is good for two years
8. If you need help with the online portion of the Course, there is an FAQ section on the Learning Center that will answer most of your questions. That can be found here - **Learning Center FAQs**.
9. After the online portion is completed, you will need to register and attend a **Field Training Session**, you can register using the following link: **On-Field Training Registration**. If there are no Field Training sessions scheduled (found here **Schedule of Field Training Sessions**), contact licensing@nrdp.soccer for an update.
10. Do **not** register for a Field Training Session until you have completed **all seven** of the online assignments.
11. You will get your 2027 Referee badge by mail after you have completed the online assignments and the Field Training Session. An email will be sent to you with information about uniforms, getting games, how to get paid, and other additional information.

If you have any questions, please send an email to licensing@nrdp.soccer.

Thank you!

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