

Information regarding USSF Referee Certification

Look at www.UtahSoccerRefs.com for a calendar of upcoming Referee Clinics

Grade 9 Referee

The Grade 9 clinic consists of a one-day **eight-hour class**, or two 4 hours classes or Three 3 hour classes designed mainly to train and certify kids and adults interested only in running lines on competition games or refereeing recreation games within specific age limits and guidelines. It also serves as an added opportunity for those who are too young to certify as Grade 8 referees.

There will be a **50 question test** on the last day of the clinic. Upon passing the test with a score of 75% or better, the participant will have the option to register with the United States Soccer Federation by filling out the registration form and paying the registration fee. The fees to register as a USSF Grade 9 referee are **\$45 a year**.

Grade 8 Referee

The Grade 8 Entry Level clinic may consists of six (6) 3-hour sessions or two (2) 8 hour sessions or some combination or classes, for a **total of sixteen to eighteen (16-18) hours of instruction**. Attendance at all sessions is required for successful completion of the course. USSF requires those wishing to certify as a Grade 8 referees, to be at least 13 years of age. Those younger than thirteen (13) will need to take the Grade 9 course.

Prior to attending this clinic, you **MUST** complete the [Grade 8 Online Training Modules at US Soccer](#). When you first start any online module, you will be requested to register. In the line requesting "Clinic Number", enter the location you are planning on attending (i.e. "Sandy") for the class room portion of the course.

There will be a **100 question test** on the last day of the clinic. Upon passing the test with a score of 75% or better, the participant will have the option to register with the United States Soccer Federation by filling out the registration form and paying the registration fee. The fee to register as a USSF grade 8 referee is **\$50 per year**.

TIPS ON THE GRADE 8 CLINIC:

In addition to completing the [Grade 8 Online Training Modules at US Soccer](#) prior to attending, it would also be helpful to you review the following publications -

"Laws of the Game", "Advice to Referees on the Laws of the Game" and "Guide to Procedures".

These books, as well as several referee instructional videos, can be downloaded for free from [US Soccer Instruction page \(http://www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Resource-Center/Instruction.aspx\)](#)

Annual Re-Certification of Grade 8 or Grade 9 Referee

Re-certification clinics are mostly the annual in-service requirement for maintaining your certification which includes: Points of Emphasis from USSF, Knowledge of the Game, Rules of Competition and Professionalism. **Specific exam preparation is not included.**

TO PASS THE EXAM it is expected that you already know the Laws and have studied previously on your own. It is **strongly encouraged that you study the following publications -**

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Grade 9 exam is a 50 question test. The fee to re-register as a USSF grade 9 referee is **\$45**.

Grade 8 exam is a 100 question test. The fee to re-register as a USSF grade 8 referee is **\$50**.