

New Referees

New referees must start the registration process by paying their 2011-12 registration fees. These fees include the \$40 USSF registration fee and the \$20 Minnesota State Administration fee. Once these are paid, the new referee may move on to the next task.

New referees must choose one of two tracks to pursue for their 2011-12 certification. The Grade 9 track will result in you receiving the blue Grade 9 Recreational Referee badge. You would be certified to work recreational-level matches as a center referee up to U14, and may work as an AR on any match up to U14. The Grade 8 track results in you receiving the black Grade 8 Referee badge. Grade 8 referees are certified to work any youth match. They may be assigned to higher-level matches depending on performance and progress.

The Grade 9 clinic is designed for brand new referees. The online time requirements are similar, but the classroom element is shorter, four (4) hours of classroom hours. The two-day Grade 8 course is eight (8) hours of classroom. The Grade 8 covers the Laws of the Game and other aspects of officiating in far greater depth, hence the greater time commitment, but also results in the referee being better qualified and having more game options available to him or her.

If you choose a track and then change your mind, you must contact the State Director of Instruction in order to change tracks. If you are unsure of which track you wish to choose, we recommend you consult with your club representative to make sure the track you choose is for the course being offered in your area.

Once your track is chosen, you will be presented with the online training. The online training is approximately three hours in length with quizzes built into the material. This online material must be completed prior to being able to proceed to classroom sign-up. Once you have completed the online training, your Referee menu will provide you with an option to sign up for your course. Course will be added through the winter and spring, and odds are your club representative will let you know when his or her courses have been posted.

New Referee Certification Requirements:

1. **Set up a new account on www.minnesotasrc.com**
2. **Pay the required registration fees.**
3. **Select the Grade 9 or Grade 8 track.**
4. **Complete the online training for your track.**
5. **Sign up for and attend your classroom session (Grade 9: 4 hours classroom . Grade 8: 8 hours classroom.)**
6. **If 18 years of age or older, complete the [MYSA background check](#).**
7. **If working MYSA matches this year, complete their [concussion training requirements](#). http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/online_training.html**

Grade 9 Referees

Prior Lake will not be holding a grade 9 class this year. If you want to remain a grade 9 or obtain the grade 9 your classroom part will need to be taken at another location look on the web site as there are classes in Burnsville and Eden Prairie already scheduled. Grade 9 referees must choose one of two tracks to pursue for their 2011-12 certification. They may re-certify as Grade 9 referees, but to do would have to repeat the Grade 9 course in its entirety. Grade 8 referees are certified to work any youth match. They may be assigned to higher-level matches depending on performance and progress.

Grade 9 Recertification Requirements:

1. Sign into your account on www.minnesotasrc.com.
2. Pay the required registration fees.
3. **Select the Grade 9 or Grade 8 track.**
4. Complete the online training for your track (3 hours).
5. Sign up for and attend your classroom session (**Grade 9: 4 hours classroom. Grade 8: 8 hours classroom.**)
6. If 18 years of age or older, complete the [MYSA background check](#).
7. If working MYSA matches this year, complete their [concussion training requirements](#). http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/online_training.html

Recertifying Grade 8 Referees

Grade 8 referees start the registration process by paying their 2011-12 registration fees. These fees include the \$40 USSF registration fee and the \$20 Minnesota State Administration fee. Once these are paid, the Grade 8 referee may move on to the next task.

Grade 8 referees must take and pass their recertification test prior to advancing to the online material. The online recertification test is 100 questions; passing score is 75. You have 90 minutes to complete the test. A score of less than 85 results in a passing score but places the test in "review" status. If you score 75-84,

you will need to watch a brief video review of every question you miss in order to understand why you missed the question. Once you have reviewed every question you have missed, you will receive passing credit for the test. If you score 85 or better on the test, you avoid the review.

Upon completing the test, your Referee menu will provide you with a link to the Online Material. Returning Grade 8 referees must view three (3) credit hours of online material as part of the recertification process. You will not have access to the classroom signup menu until you complete your online material. There is a fairly large collection of topics to choose from to complete the three hours, and you are welcome to complete more if you wish.

Once you complete the online training requirement, your Referee menu will display a Clinic Sign-Up button, from which you can now access the classroom options. Courses will be added through the winter and spring, and odds are your club representative will let you know when his or her courses have been posted. The Grade 8 classroom session will be two (2) hours for 2011-12 for referees. Upon completion of the classroom, you will receive your 2012 badge.

No one will be allowed entrance into a clinic unless they have completed all of the certification requirements at least one week prior to the clinic date. The MNSRC has drastically shortened the classroom session this year in attempt to accommodate for the busy schedules of referee trainees; in exchange, we are asking you to complete your test and online material before you attend. If you cannot successfully do this prior to your club's recertification clinic, when the entire process has been posted as of December 2012, please do not expect exceptions to be made. We are giving you three months to complete what boils down to about four hours of online work between the test and online training. There should be no excuse for not being able to complete this prior to any recertification course.

Grade 8 Recertification Requirements:

1. Sign into your account on www.minnesotasrc.com.
2. Pay the required registration fees.
3. Complete your 2011-12 recertification test with a minimum score of 75%.
4. Complete the online training requirement (3 hours).
5. Sign up for and attend your classroom session (2 hours).
6. If 18 years of age or older, complete the [MYSA background check](#).
7. If working MYSA matches this year, complete their [concussion training requirements](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/online_training.html). http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/online_training.html