

ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

POLICY & PROCEDURE

POLICY TOPIC: Referee Assignments and Certification; the use of Game Official Assigning Software Statewide to Assign Affiliated Sanctioned Alaska Games.

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POLICY: To implement US Soccer policy on use of certified officials, any leagues, clubs, or tournaments affiliated with Alaska Youth Soccer are required to use the “Game Officials” software “AKSRA Assigning Group 1365” will be the only approved statewide assigning software for the assignment of referees to any competitive and recreational games included on the chart below. US Soccer and Alaska Youth Soccer (AYS) further requires that all affiliated organizations use certified assignors, referees, and assessors/mentors/referee wherever applicable.

PURPOSE: Offering continued commit to referee education, support, and management. Aligning referee resources locally within the state including management, certification, and accountability for officiating and assigning within the required systems.

Ensuring referee education and certification aligns with US Soccer requirements that all individuals register in the U.S. Soccer Learning Center along with the Alaska Youth Soccer Game Officials to maintain eligibility to officiate or assign AYSA sanctioned games and tournaments.

Adults are required annually to complete and pass a background check screening and Safe Sport Certification before being approved by the referee association.

U.S. SOCCER RESOURCE CENTER

U.S. Soccer is committed to producing referee education aimed at supporting the nearly 140,00 officials across the country regularly working amateur games at the youth and adult levels.

U.S. Soccer Learning Center for Referees Registration- Individuals will be able to view information regarding registration, administration, refereeing, instruction, assessment and assignment.

The U.S. Soccer Learning Center, a learning management system designed to house all U.S. Soccer educational programs. The referee program sign-up is free and allows individuals to take part in online courses, browse for in-person courses, and track individuals U.S. Soccer certifications.

<https://learning.ussoccer.com/>



LEARNING CENTER OVERVIEW

LAWS OF THE GAME

The Laws of the Game are amended on an annual basis and officials of all levels should be aware of the interpretation and application of these changes. The current Laws of the Game, Futsal Laws of the Game, Beach Soccer Laws of the Game and their respective amendments can be viewed [here](#).

COURSES

Each course reflects an area of targeted training for referees in relation to the level of competition they will be officiating. Online certification will take place in the [Learning Center](#). Candidates will need to create a profile in the Learning Center, complete a background screening and enroll in the appropriate course hosted by their State Referee Committee.

Review the [user guides](#) for detailed instructions on how to create an account, initiate a background screening and access a course.

Requirements vary by state, so be sure to check with your [State Referee Committee](#) before enrolling in any course. If you have any questions before, after or during the certification process, be sure to reach out to your State Referee Committee.

SPANISH COURSES

Online Spanish courses are coming soon to the Learning Center.