



# U.S. Soccer Referee Program

## Assignor Code of Conduct

- Assignors will appoint match officials based on what is best for the referee and the game, while following the requirements of the State Referee Committee and U.S. Soccer Policy 531-11.
- U.S. Soccer affiliated assignments have priority over all unaffiliated competitions.
- Assignors shall offer fair opportunities for assignments within U.S. Soccer guidelines.
- Assignors shall always function professionally and ethically.
- Leveraging U.S. Soccer assignments for other unaffiliated game assignments is prohibited.
- Assignors shall safeguard confidential information and must not share private match officials' information outside U.S. Soccer.
- All communication (text message, email, phone calls) with a minor must include the parent or legal guardian. (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies – MAAPP, Center for SafeSport)
- Assignors shall assign referees with the intent to assist in their development.
- A league, competition, or association may compensate assignors, but in all cases, the assignor shall first honor and respect the State Referee Committee and U.S. Soccer affiliated game assignment best practices.
- All actions by a U.S. Soccer licensed assignor must reflect favorably on the State Referee Committee and U.S. Soccer.
- When assignors find it necessary to correct referees on the game turnback process, it must be done constructively and privately. If a minor is involved, an adult must be present according to SafeSport's MAAPP Policy.
- Upon request, assignors should provide the referee assignments of all affiliated U.S. Soccer games to the State Referee Committee in a timely manner.
- Assignors shall balance the requirements of the State Referee Committee and U.S. Soccer with the desires of their payee (league or competition) and the needs of the referee.