

GRASSROOTS REFEREE IN-PERSON FIELD SESSION – APPROX. 4 HOURS

What to bring:

- At least 2 full water bottles (more if temperatures warrant)
 - Clearly labeled with your name
 - Public water fountains may not be available
- Hand sanitizer
- Healthy snacks

What to wear:

- Mask (optional)
- Sunscreen
- Comfortable fitting clothes appropriate for outdoors
- Comfortable shoes for use on the outdoor parking lot or field
- Dress appropriately for the weather – WE WILL BE OUTSIDE THE ENTIRE TIME!

What is expected:

- Complete all online material before attending
- Basic knowledge and understanding of the IFAB Laws of the Game
- Full participation in all activities
- Complete all field sessions successfully to instructor's satisfaction

A "Referee Accessory Kit" will be provided. This kit belongs to you. There will be no sharing of equipment. The kit consists of:

- Flags
- Whistle
- Lanyard
- Referee wallet with Red/Yellow cards
- Game report forms (for wallet)
- Flipping coin

*****IMPORTANT NOTE***:** *Please read the next 3 pages in their entirety. You (and parent/guardian, if under 18 years of age) must sign the COVID Health Form and WAIVER OF LIABILITY and return both to the instructor prior to the beginning of the field training session.*

Unfortunately, there may not be rest room facilities at some locations.

COVID-19 Health Form - Read this form in its entirety.

THESE QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED THE DAY OF YOUR IN-PERSON SESSION!

Within the past 14 days, have you knowingly come into contact with anyone who has symptoms of, has tested positive for, or is exhibiting signs of COVID-19?

YES
 NO

Are you exhibiting any of the following symptoms (Check YES or NO)?

- YES NO - Fever or chills
- YES NO - Shortness of breath
- YES NO - Difficulty breathing
- YES NO - Fatigue
- YES NO - Muscle or body aches
- YES NO - Headache
- YES NO - New loss of taste or smell
- YES NO - Sore throat
- YES NO - Congestion or runny nose
- YES NO - Nausea or vomiting
- YES NO - Diarrhea

If you answered “Yes” to ANY of the above questions, **STAY HOME!** Your safety and the safety of other students and instructors is paramount. You will be allowed to attend a different in-person session at a later date with no additional fees required.

If you answer “No” to all the above questions, please bring this form with you and give it to the instructor.

Printed name

Signature

Parent or guardian signature (if under 18 years of age)

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____, in consideration of being allowed to participate in the 2021 Maryland Soccer Referee (MSR)/U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) referee development program, do hereby agree to knowingly, intentionally, completely, and irrevocably **WAIVE** any and all claims, causes of action, charges, allegations, or other matters arising out of my participation in this activity against the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) or any of its appointed administrators doing business as the Maryland Soccer Referees (MSR), any and all employees or officials of the institution or organizations at which said programs are conducted, all members and/or officers, directors, or administrators of the USSF and/or the MSR, or persons operating under the direction of or at the request of any such officers, administrators, or employees. I further agree to **FULLY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** on the part of myself, my heirs, assignees, or other representatives or agents on my behalf, the aforementioned organizations, association, parties, and individuals from any and all claims arising from my participation in this activity or on my behalf in regard to this activity.

I further represent to the officials of the MSR / USSF assigned to instruct the clinic in which I am participating, that I am of sound mind and in good physical health. I further certify that I have no known medical or other deficiencies which should prevent me or prohibit me from participating in this physical activity. I fully understand that this clinic requires physical exertion on my behalf and I am fully cognizant of any and all potential danger with regard to the physical exertion.

I have fully read and understood completely the information set forth above wherein I knowingly **WAIVE** any and all claims against the parties stated above. My signature below indicates that I have completely understood and agree to the terms and conditions of the **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**.

In addition, I confirm that I have received a copy of, have read, and fully understand the following documents:

- Guidelines for Refereeing Outdoor Soccer in 2020-2021
- COVID Health Form

Signature

Date

Parent or guardian signature (if under 18 years of age)

Guidelines for Refereeing Outdoor Soccer In 2020 - 2021

Maryland Referees:

The Maryland State Referee Committee (SRC) suggests the following guidelines for refereeing outdoor soccer games this year once games are allowed. Always follow the State of Maryland and local health department orders. This is not legal or medical advice. For your own protection and the protection of your family on your return home, understand the healthcare advice and apply it to your personal health and family circumstances.

1. Referees do not have any additional responsibilities or authority under the COVID-19 related return to play guidelines from USYS, MSYSA, MSSA, or US Soccer. Referees should check the Rules of Competition for the league(s) they are officiating. If the Referee has any questions, they should contact their Assignor for clarification. At the field, refer questions to coaches or league administrators.
2. Stay healthy. Please accept games within your stamina and skill levels. For many reasons, related and unrelated to COVID-19, there are fewer referees this season.
3. Assignors may have a tougher year. Nonetheless, please turn back the game if you are sick.
4. Take and use hand sanitizer. Take a mask. Use the mask in crowds before and after the game.
5. Set your bags, chairs, and drinks at least six feet apart from your crew members, the spectators, and the teams. Do not set up between the teams or near the water.
6. Do not shake hands or bump fists with players, coaches, spectators, or other referees. This year, smile, nod, wish them a good game, applaud, or wave. SIX FEET.
7. If necessary, remind spectators to stay at least 10 feet behind the touchlines.
8. If needed, locate and mark the technical areas. The benches should be at least 10 feet behind the touchline. Call the coach's attention to the marks and explain the special COVID-19 need for the coaches and players to remain more than six feet from the AR.
9. Remind coaches and players at the beginning of the match to follow the rules of the competition about social distancing in team areas and at goal celebrations.
10. Check teams in and conduct the coin toss per local competition rules as usual. REMEMBER SIX FEET.
11. Keep explanations simple and short. Evaluate possible injuries, show cards, and explain from MORE THAN SIX FEET.
12. Seldom do referee evaluations of injuries or other discussions with players, fans, or coaches take more than a few moments. Keep them as short as possible.
13. Apply the Laws, Rules of the Competition, and common sense with more social distance than in the past.
14. REMEMBER: MORE THAN SIX FEET, LESS TIME.