



Colorado Referee Committee

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## US Soccer Recreational Referee (Grade 9)

**Purpose and Scope:** This policy describes the requirements to become certified as a US Soccer Grade 9 Recreational Referee in Colorado, and provides certified assignors with guidelines for the state-approved level and priority of match assignments for Grade 9 Recreational Referees.

**Additional Authority:** United States Soccer Federation (USSF) *Referee Certification Requirements*, dated July 2015.

**Responsible Parties:** State Referee Administrator (SRA), State Director of Instruction (SDI), and State Director of Assignment.

### Policy Statement

To register with the USSF as an entry-level (Grade 9) Recreational Referee, an individual in Colorado must complete the online Grade 9 Referee Course (consisting of nineteen modules) and pass the Grade 9 Laws of the Game test. The course modules are found on the US Soccer website at:

[www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Resource-Center/Online-Training/Grade-9-Referee-Course.aspx](http://www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Resource-Center/Online-Training/Grade-9-Referee-Course.aspx)

The purpose of the Grade 9 Referee Course is to prepare new officials for officiating small-sided and recreational youth matches. Successful completion of the Grade 9 Referee Course in Colorado provides the recreational referee with the certification to officiate **only the following matches**, listed in order of priority:

1. Officiate as the **referee** for recreational youth and intermediate-league recreational matches scheduled either by the Colorado Soccer Association (CSA State League) or individual club recreational programs.
2. Officiate as the **referee** for competitive youth small-sided matches below the Premier division of competition, including U-11 and U-12 age-bracket matches played with nine (9) players per side. Grade 9 Recreational Referees may not officiate as the referee for the Premier or Super League divisions of competition, or their equivalents.
3. Officiate as an **assistant referee** for recreational-league games if the local league provides for the use of assistant referees.
4. Officiate as an **assistant referee** for competitive youth (CSA Advanced League) U-11 and U-12 age-bracket matches below the Premier division of competition. Grade 9 Recreational Referees may not officiate as an assistant referee for the Premier or Super League divisions of competition.

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