



Elite Referee Program

Assignment and Assessment Policy

Assignment Availability

Maintain updated availability at least six weeks out at all times.

Only note in U.S. Soccer Game Officials the days and/or times that you are unavailable.

If you have not made yourself unavailable in U.S. Soccer Game Officials, expect assignments on one Academy match day per weekend. Repeated declining of games due to inadequate availability updating will result in loss of future assignment consideration.

Assignment Schedule

Assignments for Elite Referee Program officials will be made four weeks in advance.

Assignment Accept/Decline Timeline

All assignments must be accepted or declined within three days.

Any deviations from this timeline must be requested in writing upon receipt of assignment.

Assignment Fulfillment

Once a match is accepted, the commitment must be honored. Withdrawing from assignments, particularly to accept alternative assignments outside of the recommendations of the U.S. Soccer Assignment Priority protocol, will result in loss of future assignment consideration.

Assignment Limitations

Elite Referee Program officials who are assigned professional matches (NPSL, PDL, USL, NASL or equivalent) are limited to that single assignment on that calendar day.

Elite Referee Program officials who are assigned a pair of Development Academy matches are limited to officiating those matches only on that calendar day.

National Referee Coaches

Elite Referee Program officials who show the most potential to officiate professional matches will be eligible for assessments by National Referee Coaches. Eligibility will be determined by the Director of Referee Development, in consultation with feedback from referee mentors, and officials will be notified as to their eligibility for assessments by National Referee Coaches.

Assessment Request

Elite Referee Program officials will coordinate with the Director of Referee Development regarding their annual assessment needs. When possible, advance coordination of assignments and assessments will be made to maximize the effectiveness of the State Assessor and National Referee Coach pool.

Officials may submit assessment requests to either Matthew Buckman, Director of Referee Development, or Alex Marquand, State Assessor Coordinator, as appropriate.

Inability to meet these minimum expectations could result in removal from the Elite Referee Program