



# U.S. Soccer Referee Program

## Assignors 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 opportunity 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 official's information outside U.S. Soccer.  
(Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies – MAAPP)
- Assignors shall assign referees to assist in their development.
- A league, competition, or association may compensate assignors, but in all cases 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, a parent or legal guardian must be present.
- Assignors should provide timely upon request, the referee assignments of all affiliated U.S. Soccer games to the State Referee Committee.
- Assignors shall balance the requirements and requirements of the State Referee Committee, U.S. Soccer with the desires of their payee (league or competition) and the needs of the referee.