

Welcome to Sterling Soccer Club's Spring 2025 Referee Information Night



Monday Feb 10, 2025 - 7:30PM

Zoom Meeting - Virtual Meeting

Host: Dave Taylor – Referee Assignor/Coordinator

Email: referee@sterlingsoccerclub.org

Club website: www.sterlingsoccerclub.org

Sterling Soccer's Referee Team

The Referees are the MOST important part of the Referee 'Team'!!!!

Dave Taylor – State Certified Referee Assignor & State Certified Grassroots Referee (SSC Ref Coordinator/Mentor)

- Coordinates and Advertise Referee Meetings (Info Night, Pre-Season Kickoff, Mid-Season Checkpoint)
- Manages Referees (Setup accounts in SINC Sports, monitors Self-Assignments, advises of game levels)
- Provides Referee Mentoring (On Field Game days, support Certified Referee Field Training sessions)
- Sends out Referee Communications (Game availability, Tournament Info)
- 'Assignor' is generic term for the role of getting referees 'assigned' to games
- I allow self-assignment of referees to Sterling Soccer Club games (U6/7/8 REFITs and U9 and up Certified Refs)
- I do not assign for travel games (other Assignor's have this responsibility)
- See additional information on Referee tab of our www.sterlingsoccerclub.org website

Contact info Dave Taylor: referee@sterlingsoccerclub.org (cell) 703-727-5390

Tara Koehler – Club Administrator

- Manages all Club activities (Rec and Travel Teams, Fields, Game Schedules, etc)
- Sends out membership notifications to players
- Works closely with Referee Assignor to setup games in SINC Sports, teams with Assignor on a daily basis

Contact: administrator@sterlingsoccerclub.org

President and Board Members fully support the referee program within Sterling Soccer Club!!!

Sterling Soccer Club

2 Referee Programs available

1. Referee-In-Training (REFIT) program (Jr Referee Program – only at Sterling!)

- Must be age 12 as of first game to be eligible (Saturday April 12)
- Referees 'house' (Sterling vs Sterling) U6, U7, and U8 rec level 4v4 games
- Free training provided by Sterling Soccer Club, pay is \$12 per game
- Uses simple rules, simple field layout, single referee
- Requires purchase of a uniform & watch (approx. \$50-60)
- REFIT Zoom call training date: ONLY NIGHT is Monday March 10, 7-9pm

2. State Certified 'Grassroots' Referee program

- Must be 13 years old as of start of online training at vadcsoccerref.com
- Referees house level rec U9, U10 games, uses Local Laws of Competition
- Referees U11 and up NCSL Rec (old SFL) rec games
- Can referee 'anywhere' a Certified Grassroots Referee is needed (incl travel)
- State offers this training, costs \$85 (online + field training session)
- Requires yearly Re-Certification at a cost of \$85 (entirely online)

Referee Program #1: REFeree-In-Training – “REFIT” Program

What exactly is the REFeree In Training (REFIT) program?

An in-house (Sterling Soccer Club ONLY) referee program where Sterling Soccer Club provides free training for ‘junior referees’ to serve as a referee for the U6, U7, and U8 small sided 4v4 games

NOTE: The only cost is the basic uniform (gold jersey, shorts, socks) and a cheap digital watch with a count-up timer (chronograph) for keeping time. (Total of approximately \$50)

We provide the whistle and the training for free!

**Season Dates: 7 Saturdays, games between 10-4:30pm at NOVA Comm College Fields
Apr 12, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 31 (no games Easter or Mem Day weekends), June 7 (7 weeks)**

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Referee Program #1:

REFeree-In-Training – “REFIT” Program (Age 12/13)

Why do we offer this program?

- Good for the young soccer players at U6 thru U8 to get used to an authority on the field
- Having a ref at this level makes the players/parents feels like they are playing ‘real soccer’
- Using a State Certified ‘Grassroots’ Referee would be ‘overkill’ for this level of play
 - U6, U7, and U8 players use 4v4 small-sided games with very simple rules
- REFITs take responsibility, and earn some \$ (must be minimum age 12 as of first game)
- REFITs learn how to be an authority on the field in a ‘lower-pressure’ environment
- REFITs use this experience to decide whether to get State Certified...essentially ‘a try before you buy’ program (State Certification costs \$85)
 - Did you have fun?
 - Were you comfortable with the coach, player, and sideline interactions?
 - We can discuss whether it’s right for you to ‘move up’ to get Certified if interested!
 - **NOTE: Add’l supplies are needed as a certified referee: flags, cards, scoresheets**
- **Benefit: REFITs who get Certified start with some real-world ‘field experience’!!!**
- **Successful when it’s a partnership between Assignor, Referee, and parent/guardian**

Referee Program #1: REFeree-In-Training – “REFIT” Program

What does the REFIT program entail?

- Unique ‘house’ (Sterling Soccer Club only) program for 12, 13, and sometimes ‘higher ages’
- Single night of Zoom training (2hrs) is sufficient to prepare REFIT for U6/7/8 games
 - ❑ We provide a finger whistle at a meet-and-greet prior to the season start
- The only cost is an official referee uniform (pkgs approx. \$30-\$40 online) and a watch with a chronograph (\$15-\$20 at Target)
 - ❑ Standard Gold Shirt, Black Shorts, Socks, Watch, Whistle (we provide a finger whistle)
- **Must ‘look the part’ to be successful (shirts tucked in, socks pulled up, acting professional)**
- Pay: \$12/game (2 payouts per season: mid-season and end-of-season)
- Bonus Program: If a REFIT works 8 games, they’ll get an end-of-season \$25 bonus!
- We use a single REFIT per game, 4v4 small-sided format games (U6/7/8), 4 x 10 min quarters
- Primary Objective: Keep players safe and help them have fun learning the beautiful game!!
- REFITs are 50% Referee, 50% Teacher of the game (lots of new players & new coaches)
- Games - Saturdays starting April 12 at NOVA CC complex (7 weeks, skip Easter & Mem Day)
- Self-assign 1 or 2 games per day in SINC Sports (games are usually between 10:30 and 4pm)

NOVA Comm. College Fields (Fall 2021)

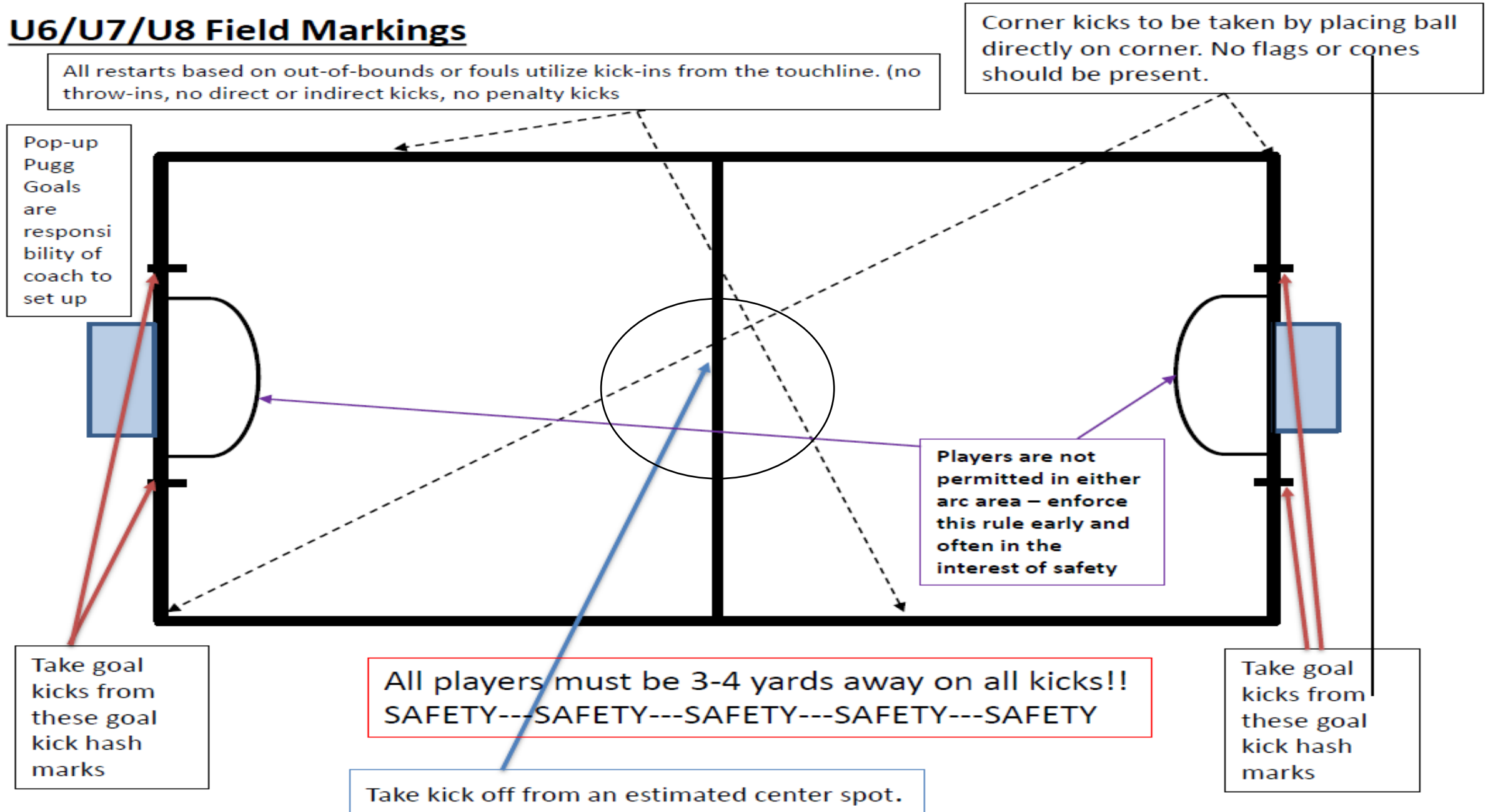
Map of Northern Virginia Community College – Loudoun Campus of Potomac View Rd



U6/U7/U8
Play on
U7A,B,C,D,
E,F,G,H,I,J

U6/U7/U8 Field Layout

U6/U7/U8 Field Markings



REFeree-In-Training – “REFIT” Program

NEXT STEPS if you know you are interested:

1. Send Dave Taylor an email to my referee@sterlingsoccerclub.org account with REFIT in the subject **by Friday night Feb 15** and include the following in your email please:
 - Referee’s Full Name
 - Referee Email address (if they have one)
 - Referee Birthdate
 - Referee Mailing Address (for payment purposes and 1099 if needed eventually)
 - Referee Cell Number (if they have one)
 - Parent/Guardian Name
 - Parent/Guardian Email address
 - Parent Cell number
2. I will setup an account for you in SINC Sports where you will receive all of my emails
3. I will send out the REFIT Zoom Training Mtg via SINC Sports as the training approaches
4. **Both Referee & Parent must attend Zoom Call REFIT Training on Mon Mar 10, 7-9pm**
5. Reason we need both in attendance: IRS W9 process, SINC Sports game self assignment process, 4v4 game management rules, location of games (NOVA Community College Soccer Field complex) and lots more!!! It will be both fun and educational!

Referee Program #1:

REFeree-In-Training – “REFIT” Program

FINAL STEPS after REFIT Zoom Call Training on Wed March 13:

1. Send in a W9 tax form (print page 1) fill it out and **sign it**, email to sysa.payables@bill.com
2. Confirm SINC Sports account is working (you send me confirmation of receipt of emails)
3. Obtain a uniform (I encourage online packages) such as those at - www.scoresports.com & www.officialsports.com
4. Pick up a REFIT whistle from Dave Taylor (at my house during a meet&greet the week before games begin)
5. Monitor for emails from SINC Sports indicating when games are available for self assignment
6. Self assign 1 or up to 2 games per Saturday using your personal SINC Sports account
7. REFITs preferably take 2 back-to-back games within the 10:30am – 4pm timespan
8. Once you self-assign to a game or two, you are committed, so know your schedule before!!
9. Some weeks won't work due to your schedule, that's fine, take games when schedule permits
10. REFIT 'mentors' are planned to be there for the first 2 weekends to assist you if needed

**Proudly wear your (tucked in) uniform from the moment you get out of your car,
smile, blow your whistle when needed, and HAVE FUN!**

Referee Program #1: REFeree-In-Training – “REFIT” Program

Final thoughts? Questions & Answers

NOTE: I suggest REFIT candidates may want to stay to learn about our State Certified Referee program so that you know your options beyond the REFIT program in the future, or you can leave now if you wish

Referee Program #2: USSF State Certified Grassroots Referee (old Grade 8)

- Certified training available via State Referee Program at a yearly cost of \$85
- Minimum age is 13 years old at time of state registration
- Register NOW at:
 - www.vadcsoccerref.com (Follow BECOME A REFEREE link at top)
 - 2 components:
 - Online Training (requires approximately 8 hours)
 - 4hr in-person Field Training (where you receive your 2025 badge)
 - Email Dave Taylor at referee@sterlingsoccerclub.org to notify me when certified
- Sterling Soccer uses SINC Sports as our Game Self-Assignment system (account required)
- Yearly Re-Certification is required, cost is also \$85 (all online: Refresher & Test)
- Certified referees can referee ANYWHERE (Ind Contractor, receive a 1099 tax form from SSC)
- **A Field Training Class is scheduled in Sterling as follows:**
 - **Date: Sun Feb 23, 1-4pm, Hencken Turf Field 9B**
- Online Uniform packages/kits available including Flags, Cards (approx \$60)

Referee Program #2: USSF State Certified Grassroots Referee (old Grade 8)

How Sterling Soccer Club uses State Certified Grassroots Referees:

- Youth refs ages 13 and 14 will start with U9/10 Sterling Soccer house games
- Then they progress to U11/U12 NCSL-Rec games when ready
- Sterling Soccer Club's Assignor ONLY assigns Certified Referees for U9/U10 Rec & SFL U11 thru U19
- Certified referees can referee for other Assignors as well besides myself
- Certified referees can actually work almost ANYWHERE! (Independent Contractor, receive a 1099 tax forms)
- To work for Sterling Soccer Club's rec program:
 - Need Page 1 of Federal W9 filled out, signed, and sent as an attachment to sysa.payables@bill.com
 - I need to get an account setup for you in SINC Sports for self assignment of games (details later in preso)
- **If you enjoyed refereeing U6/U7/U8 level games as a REFIT, once 13, formal state certification is for you!!!!**
- Game Options:
 - U9/U10 – (house) 7v7 format with Center Referee plus 2 Assistant Referees (2 x 25min halves)
 - U11/U12 – 9v9 format, Suburban Friendship League (SFL) (2 x 30 min halves)
 - U13+ Standard 11v11, Suburban Friendship League (SFL) (2 x 35/40 min halves)

Referee Program #2

USSF Grassroots Referee Payscale

- We have a Bonus Program available to all Certified Refs to work regularly for Sterling Soccer Club
 - **WORK 15 GAMES IN A SEASON, RECEIVE A \$100 BONUS AT END-OF-SEASON**
- We also provide add'l compensation for a missing AR for upper level games (U13+)
- FIRST TIME Certified Referee Cost Reimbursement Program included in final end-of-season paycheck:
 - New U9/10 Referees: \$30 Reimbursement after working 8 games
 - New U11 and up Referees: \$50 reimbursement after working 8 games

SPRING 2023 STERLING SOCCER CLUB PAYSACLE		
AGE GROUP	CENTER REF (CR)	ASSISTANT REF (AR1/AR2)
U9/U10	\$24	\$16
U11 (SFL)	\$28	\$20
U12 (SFL)	\$32	\$22
U13/U14 (SFL)	\$42	\$27
U15/U16 (SFL)	\$52	\$32
U17-U19 (SFL)	\$58	\$35

Referee Program #2:

USSF Grassroots Referee Certification Process

NEXT STEPS to getting Certified for Spring 2024! (please do 1, 2, and 3 in parallel ASAP):

1. Go to www.vadcsoccerref.com and follow the BECOME A REFEREE link
 - a. Setup an account in Officials Management System (OMS) using New Member Registration option (must use a unique email address for each referee account)
 - b. Pay \$85 via credit card and complete the Online Lessons (one of them is a test, but you can re-take it as many times as needed –requires 80% to pass)
 - c. Once your online training is complete, schedule and attend an in-person Field Training session. This is where you will receive your 2025 badge!
 - d. A Field Training is scheduled in Sterling on Sunday Feb 23, 2025, 12-4pm at Hencken Turf 9B
 - c. SHOW www.vadcsoccerref.com website
2. Order your UNIFORM now! (you will need to bring flags and a whistle to your field training session)
3. Email referee@sterlingsoccerclub.org so I can setup an account in SINC Sports self assignment system
 - Full Name, Email addresses of Referee and Parent, birthdate, mailing address, cell#
4. I will setup a SINC Sports account for you so that you start seeing emails from me to all referees!
5. Fill page 1 of Federal W9 form, sign and date legibly, and send as an attachment to sysa.payables@bill.com
6. ATTEND OUR Spring 2025 REFEREE KICKOFF MEETING – (Date TBD, email via SINC Sports will be sent)
7. Download IFAB Laws of the Game app on your phone (strongly suggested, not mandatory)
8. Sterling Soccer Club season starts Sat April 5 (U11 and up) and Sat Apr 12 (U9/10)

Referee Programs

Grassroots Referee Game Assignment Process

How do we do 'Referee Assigning' within Sterling Soccer Club?

1. We use the Self-Assignment feature within the SINC Sports online system as our Game Assignment system
2. There is a phone app also, but it's clunky, so I suggest doing this on a computer
3. Referees Self Assign themselves to games that work into their schedule
4. We allow self assignment for only up to 2 weeks ahead of time
5. The Assignor monitors self assignments daily for appropriate level and number of assignments
6. The Assignor requests Referees:
 - Take 2-3 assignments per day (there are always exceptions, but this is the norm)
 - Take a mixture of Center Referee and Assistant Referee assignments
 - Take games that are in 'game sets' (2 games from a 4 game field, 2 or 3 games from a 5 game field)
 - Take games on same field in adjacent timeslots
 - For example: take 9 and 10:30 or 12 and 1:30 games if games are at 9, 10:30, 12, and 1:30
 - Don't skip first game of a 2 or 3-game set just so you can 'sleep in'
 - Take games at referee's 'appropriate' game level (Assignor is ultimate decider of this 😊)
7. Communicate often with Assignor about level of games, how games are going, problematic situations
8. 2 payouts per season: a mid-season payout and an end-of-season payout including any relevant bonus
9. End of year BONUS: Work 15 games at any level, get \$100 bonus in your end-of-season payout

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to me ▾

The total time is 7-9 hours. 4-5 for the Grassroots Course on US Soccer’s Digital Learning Center and then 2-3 for the other 5-6 modules.

Here’s a screenshot of someone’s OMS page with the list of the modules:

# Lesson	Expected Lesson Duration (hr:min:sec)	Max Points	Your Points	Results	Action
1 2021 Introduction to the Learning Center	04:30:00	-	-	incomplete	Take/Retake Lesson
2 2020 Referee Signals	00:09:09	-	-		
3 2020 Assistant Referee Signals	00:11:00	-	-		
4 Ceremonial Restarts	00:04:04	-	-		
5 2021 LC Intro to Safety	00:15:00	-	-		
6 2021 Grassroots Entry Referee Test	00:30:00	-	-		
7 2021 LC SafeSport	00:15:00	-	-		

Plus 4 hours of field training.

Certified Referee – Local Sterling Field Training

Sunday Feb 23, 2025, 12-4pm

Hencken Turf Field 9B

**(Other training dates are also available
but not in Sterling)**

- Can only signup via State's Referee OMS system once ALL Online Modules are complete
- Full referee uniform is best for training
(bring flags & a whistle)

Certified Referee Program

- **Q & A for Certified Referee Program**

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Thank YOU for attending!!!!

Email and questions you may still have to Dave Taylor at:
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