



USSF x Nevada Fall Seminar

September 21, 2025

UNLV

Agenda

- Field Session (Technical Area, Pre-Game, Warm-Up)
- Introduction
- Course Requirements
- Expectations
- Referee Abuse Policy/ Supplemental Reports
- Assignors
- Laws of the Game Update 2025/26
- Instruction

SRC



- State Referee Committee
 - SRA
 - SYRA
 - SDA
 - SDI
 - Treasurer

SRA



- State Referee Administrator
 - Chris Griffin (Reno, NV)

SYRA



- State Youth Referee Administrator
 - Killian Richardson (Las Vegas, NV)

SDA



- State Director of Assessment
 - Dale Berry (Las Vegas, NV)

SDI



- State Director of Instruction
 - Len Novak (Las Vegas, NV)
- Assisting in Instruction Today
 - Pat Novak (Las Vegas, NV)

Treasurer

- Brian Berman (Las Vegas, NV)



SRC Assisting



- Social Media Pages
 - Walker Wolff

Special Guest



- Former FIFA/ UEFA Referee
- PRO Director of Assessment
- PRO Director of Technical Programs
 - Alan Black

How do you find us?



- <https://nevadareferee.com/>
- Everything and anything you want to know about refereeing soccer in Nevada
- Can't find something or questions??
 - Call or email us

Upcoming Events



- <https://nevadareferee.com/upcoming-events>
- New Instruction
- Upcoming Tournaments
- Events



USSF Course Requirements



Welcome!!!

- Something new...
- Training

This is a Classroom



- No wrong answers
- No “BAD” questions
- This will be the first of many sessions
- We will suffer some growing pains

Our Purpose



. Train Referees to
become Better
Referees

Some Questions:



- You have a 8:00 am match, U-(any age)
- What time does the referee crew show up?

The Answer is...



- Thirty- Five (35) minutes prior, minimum.
- **No exceptions.....period**
- If you are going to be late call the assignor and crew
- If a Member of the Crew is late:
 - Text assignor at 30 min till kick-off
 - Call your assignor 20 min till kick-off

Game Time!!!



- Yet there are only two referees.....
- WHAT DO I DO???????
- The game must start on time.

The Only Solution



- The referee assigned is the referee
- The AR assigned is still the AR
- Find a person to act as a Club AR
- If the referee was the no show, the senior AR is now the referee

Referee arrives Late



- That referee then replaces the Club AR even if he was scheduled as the referee.

Two Referees Program?



- Not authorized by USSF in USSF affiliated games.....period
 - Zero Sanctioning
 - Zero Insurance
- **No EXCEPTIONS!**

Pre-Game



- Walk the field as a crew and check everything (Law 1)
 - Identify Early
- It is your responsibility as a crew
- Get the Pre Game instructions from the referee...none given? Ask for them!
- Check in the teams as a Crew.

What do we need to play?



- Well marked field
- Goals securely fastened to the ground
 - Sandbags, stakes
- Corner Flags
- If anything is wrong with the field it goes on the game report and inform your assignor.

After the Game is Over



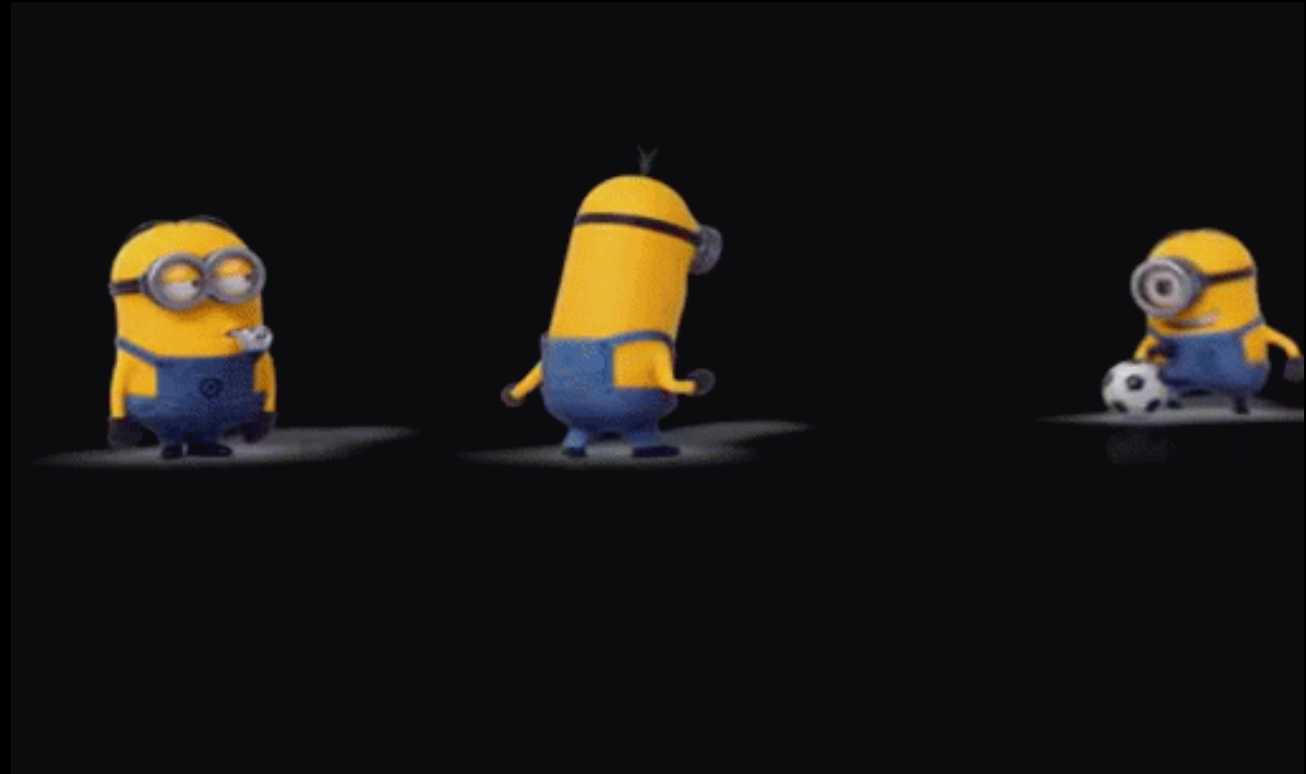
- Paperwork/ Game Report/ Supplemental
 - Score, who won, who scored
 - Disciplinary Actions - Cautions, Send-Offs
 - Anything else to help improve the game.
 - No corner flags, coach/spectator issues, a referee was late.
 - Supplemental Reports
- Learn and debrief with feedback senior ref

However



- The most important thing to do is...

- HAVE FUN!



Report Referee Abuse



- Report on a Supplemental
 - First page on the website.
 - Any information you know about the member and email to your assignor and SRC Members on the home page of the Nevada Referee site.

RAP Policy



SDA – Dale Berry



- How to request an assessment:
- For either a video assessment request or an in-person assessment request.
 - Be assigned to a qualifying game (90 minutes in duration, U18 or older)
 - Send an email to Dberry@daje2.com to identify the date of the game and list the names and USSF numbers of the crew.
 - Email to be sent at least 2 weeks prior to the game allowing time to identify the assessor.

Brian Berman



- “I have a vision to come to a field and plug any match official there and have the same outcome as the next member.”
 - -Brian Berman

Assignors

- <https://nevadareferee.com/assignors-1>
 - List of assignors can be found here.
- Assignors Words of Wisdom

Travel Opportunities



- Referee Travel page on the Website under “Referees”
- Big tournaments you want to go to.
- You must communicate with SRC members and request a “Letter of good standing”
- National League, ECNL, MLS Next, Regionals

Women's Initiative Program



Social Media



- Walker Wolff
 - Facebook
 - Nevada Soccer Referees Association
 - Instagram
 - NevadaSoccerReferees



Questions?



STANDARDS OF DRESS AND APPEARANCE

OFFICIAL U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION UNIFORM

UNIFORM: Always make sure your uniform is clean, neat, and professional in appearance.

CLASSIC UNIFORM

SHIRT

- Long or short sleeve
- Yellow with black pinstripes
- Men's or women's

BADGE

- U.S. Soccer Federation with current year (securely fastened to shirt over left chest).
- The badge should be for the highest grade for which the referee is currently qualified

SHORTS

- Black shorts
- Bottom edge of shorts not less than 3 or more than 7 inches above the top of the knee cap

SOCKS

- Black socks
- U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program 2-stripe socks

SHOES

- Black shoes
- Black laces (may have white manufacturer's design)



ALTERNATIVE UNIFORMS

The following shirts have been approved by the Federation as alternatives that can be worn in case of color conflict. There is no order of preference among the alternate jerseys. The other parts of the referee uniform (shorts, socks, shoes) do not change if the referee wears an alternate shirt.



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New Laws of the Game

Alan Black





Thank You!