



First-Time Referee Coach

Age	21 years of age or older
Enrollment	Registration Note: Letter of recommendation required from member of home SRC or a National Referee Coach for registration to be valid
Previous Certification Experience	Must have held at least: Referee Mentor+ license for each of the previous two (2) registration years (Mentor license in 2024 & 2025); OR One (1) FIFA, PRO, or National Match Official license within the current or previous two (2) registration years (no Mentor or Mentor+ license required) Note: FIFA/PRO/NMOs who start at Mentor+ only require one (1) year for eligibility <i>(Future Implementation: Successful passing of Laws of the Game exam)</i>
Safety & Compliance	Background Screening SafeSport training Safe and Healthy Playing Environments
Training	Online Referee Coach training Online Laws of the Game Update In-person Referee Coach course - four (4) days
Practical Assignments	In-course assessments requiring a passing grade

2026 Changes

- Course completely revised, focused and streamlined
- New requirement to receive letter of recommendation from member of home SRC or a National Referee Coach
- New entry pathway option for current or recently retired FIFA/PRO/National match officials
- Defined in-person course length and requirement for in-course assessments requiring a passing grade