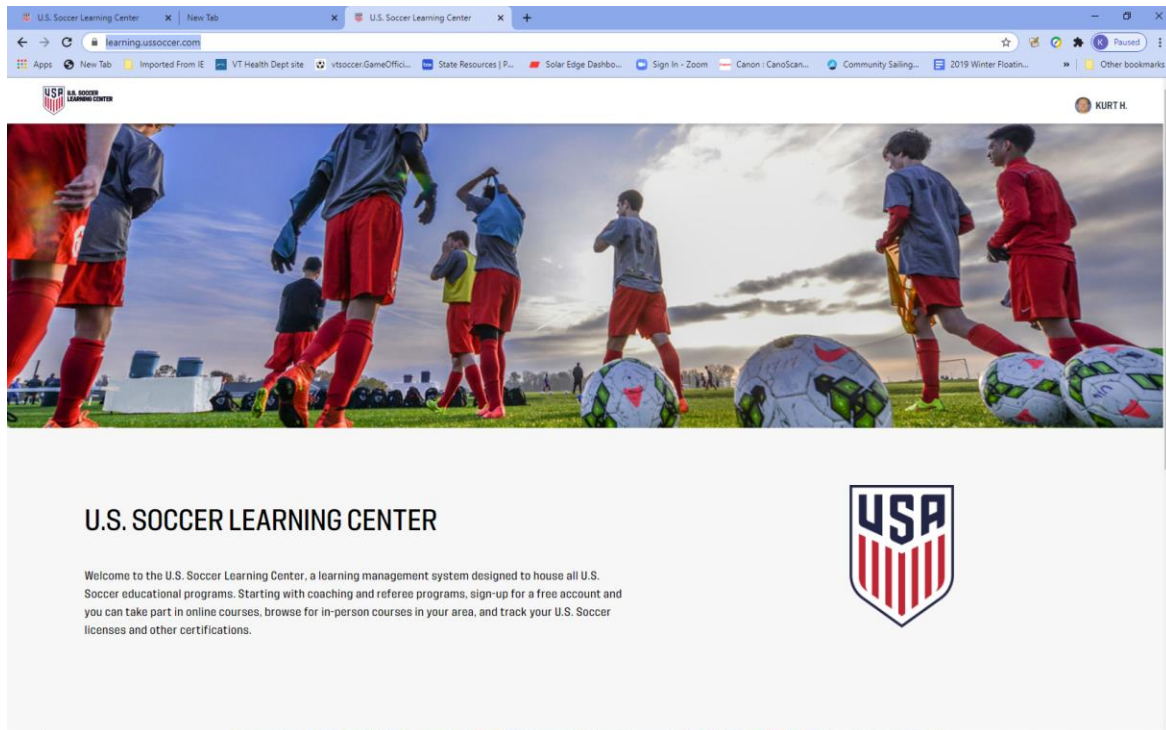


REGISTRATION FOR SOCCER CERTIFICATION JANUARY 2021

The time has come to register for certification classes for Vermont Soccer's 2021 season. However, we continue to have problems with on-line registration! We are as frustrated as you are, but we can't let that stop us from preparing for the season. So, here's the plan:

1. **EVERYONE must register with USSoccer.** Go to learning.ussoccer.com . At the top right hand corner click on "Sign Up." Enter your information.



U.S. SOCCER LEARNING CENTER

Welcome to the U.S. Soccer Learning Center, a learning management system designed to house all U.S. Soccer educational programs. Starting with coaching and referee programs, sign-up for a free account and you can take part in online courses, browse for in-person courses in your area, and track your U.S. Soccer licenses and other certifications.

- **NEW and returning REFEREES who have been inactive for more than three years must complete the USSoccer Course. You must have held a Grassroots license for a minimum of one (1) year within the last 3 registration years to qualify as returning.**
 - a. Once registered, you will be on a page that may have Coaching Education in a box on the left and Referee Program in a box on the right. Choose Referee Program.
 - b. In the highest menu bar, hover over the Courses choice in the menu Bar, choose the tab “Available Courses.”
 - c. On the left, choose “Grassroots - First-Time Referees” or “Grassroots-Recertifying Referees”
 - d. Click on “Go to Course List”. A link to the Vermont Online Course will load. Click on register and you will see a box in the upper right that permits you to register.
 - e. Complete the course.
 - f. The course is several hours long. You can start, stop/pause and restart as necessary. Make sure you complete the course successfully 48 hours BEFORE your local clinic OR you cannot take the clinic.

2. First Time Grassroots Referees completing registration through the Learning Center must complete the following requirements.

- a. Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments
- b. SafeSport (if 18 years or older)
- c. Online Grassroots Referee Course Module
- d. First Time Grassroots Referee Quiz
- e. U.S. Soccer Federation Gold Standard NCSI Background Check (if 18 years or older)

The screenshot shows the U.S. Soccer Learning Center website. The browser address bar displays the URL: <https://www.vermontsoccer.org>. The page title is "GRASSROOTS - FIRST-TIME REFEREES". The main content area includes the following text:

This online module is for new, first time referees that have not been previously certified or registered. Grassroots referees can officiate competitive, small-sided or recreational youth and amateur adult matches.

Eligibility

In order to certify as a First Time Grassroots Referee, you must meet the following national eligibility standards:

- 13 years or older

Please be advised some states may have a different age limitation. Please reach out to your state referee committee if you have any questions: <https://www.usasoccer.com/referee-epogram/resource-center/overview>

Course Requirements

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If your state is not utilizing the Learning Center for registration this background check may not apply to you.

- Attend an in person session hosted by their respective State Referee Committee

Please note some states may have additional requirements. If you are not certain about your state's requirements please contact your state referee committee: <https://www.usasoccer.com/referee-epogram/resource-center/overview>

Once enrolled in a course, please contact your course instructor with any additional questions.

3. **Re-certifying Grassroots Referees must complete the following requirements if registering through the Learning Center:**
 - a. Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments
 - b. SafeSport (if 18 years or older)
 - c. Online Grassroots Referee Course Module
 - d. Re-certifying Grassroots Referee Quiz
 - e. U.S. Soccer Federation Gold Standard NCSI Background Check (if 18 years or older)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.vermontsoccer.org>. The page is titled "GRASSROOTS - RECERTIFYING REFEREES" and is part of the "AVAILABLE COURSES" section. The course is categorized under "National Courses".

GRASSROOTS - RECERTIFYING REFEREES COURSE LIST

This course is for returning Grassroots Referees who have been previously certified. Grassroots referees can officiate competitive, small-sided or recreational youth and amateur adult matches.

Eligibility

In order to re-certifying as a Grassroots Referee, through the Learning Center, you must meet the follow eligibility standards:

- 13 years or older
- Have held a Grassroots license for a minimum of one (1) year within the last 3 registration years

Course Requirements

Re-certifying Grassroots Referees must complete the following requirements if registering through the Learning Center:

- Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments
- SafeSport (if 18 years or older)
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If your state is not utilizing the Learning Center for registration this background check may not apply to you.

Some state referee associations may require an in-person component to the re-certification process. Please read the course details and contact your course administrator if you have any questions regarding in-person vs online certification requirements.

Once enrolled in a course, please contact your course instructor with any additional questions.

At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME, HELP, TERMS OF USE, CONTACT US, U.S. SOCCER, and SYSTEM STATUS. There is also an "Ask a Question" button and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.

Vermont state referee association may require an in-person component to the re-certification process. Please read the course details and contact your course administrator if you have any questions regarding in-person vs online certification requirements.

Once enrolled in a course, please contact your course instructor or administrator with any additional questions.

QUESTIONS: write to sdi@vermontsoccer.org