

VERMONT STATE REFEREE ASSOCIATION
aka **STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE**

There are 55 State Referee Associations that support the USSF (US Soccer Federation) Referee Program and Referee Department at the local level. Each state referee association is responsible for promoting and implementing US Soccer's initiatives and programs in support of all affiliated US Soccer members and competitions within their jurisdictions.

In each association (Vermont), the State Referee Committee (SRC) is an extension of the US Soccer Referee Department. As part of the SRC functions, the SRC is represented on the Vermont Soccer Association's (VSA) Executive Board by the SYRA (State Youth Referee Administrator) and / or the SRA (State Referee Administrator). Representation of the SRC on the VSA Executive Board is determined by VSA rather than US Soccer Referee Department or the SRC

US Soccer, and therefore the Vermont SRC (as an extension of US Soccer) supports leagues and play of the State Associations (VSA) as well as the individual clubs and leagues that have a direct relationship with the state association (VSA). This means the players, teams, clubs and leagues registered with US Soccer through the Vermont Soccer Association. There are also players, teams, clubs and leagues physically located in Vermont and that play games in Vermont but are registered directly with US Soccer and not registered through VSA. The SRC is responsible to support these players, teams, clubs, and leagues as well.

In some states the SRC is a stand-alone, self-supported organization. In those states, they may have full-time employees to complete required business and support the SRC requirements (of US Soccer Referee Department). Due to the small size of Vermont and the small number of registered referees, all SRC positions are volunteer. All requirements of US Soccer are completed by these volunteers. There is no compensation. Volunteers are to be reimbursed for incurred authorized /approved expenses.

Annual Vermont referee registration fees do not (currently) generate sufficient revenue to cover all expenses incurred by/required of the SRC. The SRC determines the annual registration fees for referees, instructors, assessors and assignors at the state, region and national level. A portion of each registration fee is allocated to US Soccer and the remaining balance goes to the Vermont SRC account to pay for the annual required/approved expenses incurred by the SRC. The SRC (currently) receives annual financial supplemental support from VSA to bridge the gap between annual incomes generated and incurred expense. The amount of annual financial support from the VSA is determined by annual agreement between the SRA and the VSA Executive Board.

An additional relationship for the SRC is with Vermont Adult Soccer Association (VASA). In Vermont that includes VASL and Elite 8 leagues. VASA and VSA are two different organizations. The State Referee Committee supports each of these associations. VASA and VSA can be in conflict with each other as they request / expect the SRC to support their needs for referees.

There are indoor and outdoor leagues. There are tournaments, jamborees, and other events that request and require referee support. A key responsibility of the SRC is to recruit, train and evaluate all referees in order to provide the officials needed to support these events.

The Vermont State Referee Committee consists of 9 voting members. The number of members can be increased or decreased as needed and determined by the individual members' talents and the duties / functions that must be fulfilled. The (current) committee consists of the following:

State Referee Administrator (SRA)

State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA)

State Director of Instruction (SDI)

State Director of Assessment (SDA)

5 Members-at-Large

- 1 Scribe / Recorder
- 2 Treasurer
- 3 State Assignment Coordinator
- 4 VASA assignor / liaison
- 5 provides support as may be needed

Each committee member serves for a minimum of 2 years. The SRA and SYRA are recommended by the SRC and require approval of VSA. All other committee members are approved by the SRC. The 5 member-at-large positions are appointed to fill the duties as mentioned.

The State Referee Committees duties/responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Promote and implement US Soccer's (Referee Department) initiatives and programs in support of all affiliated members and competitions within the State of Vermont.
- Recruit, train, evaluate and support all registered referees in this jurisdiction. This may include referees from other jurisdictions that officiate and /or participate in games / events in our jurisdiction.
- Assist in identifying and appointing referees to fill positions on the SRC as well as instructors, assignors, assessors, referees coaches and mentors.
- Promote open lines of communication and support for all (other) State Referee Committee members as they each fulfill the duties of their individual committee positions.
- Prepare an annual plan of all anticipated events including an annual budget to support that plan; report financial details to manage that budget. (Each State Referee Committee member has a fiduciary responsibility to monitor the financial activities of the SRC income and expenditures.)

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