

2021 Referee License Extension - Steps for 2021 Registration

To: Referees, Assignors, Assessors, and Instructions Registered in 2020

Subject: 2021 Referee License Extension

Good Afternoon,

We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We would also like to thank all of you for your continued dedication to the sport while navigating these unprecedented circumstances.

We acknowledge the challenges many of you have faced during the 2020 registration year and hope to provide further support to our 2020 referees given the hardship presented by COVID-19.

U.S. Soccer has provided the option for State Referee Committees (SRCs) to extend all 2020 licensed referees through 2021 at no additional charge. The Alabama SRC has decided to opt-in to this program. Therefore, we will be issuing all 2020 license holding referees, assignors, assessors, and instructors the same license(s) for 2021 at no additional cost.

In order to use the 2021 license we will be issuing, each referee will still need to ensure they are in compliance according to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee's and the U.S. Center for SafeSport's policies.

As a referee, you will need to complete the steps below to remain in compliance for 2021:

- o Ensure your background check is clear and up to date
- o Ensure you have completed SafeSport and that the completion certificate is still active
- o Complete the Laws of the Game refresher course module found [here](#)

To review these steps in more detail, please visit U.S. Soccer's [FAQ linked here](#). We hope that this decision will help alleviate some of the challenges our community is currently facing. Your active participation within the soccer community is crucial to our continued goal of growing and improving the sport. We appreciate your continued involvement and support. If you have any questions, please contact the [Alabama SRC](#) for assistance.

NOTE: This license extension campaign only applies to individuals registered for 2020. First-time referees and recertifying referees who did not hold a 2020 license will need to register for 2021 through the U.S. Soccer Learning Center by signing up for an available course and completing the normal certification process. Entry level referee courses can be found [here](#), and recertifying referees can register [here](#).