

STSR Academy Program

Goal

Develop the next group of State and National referees in order to:

- Meet the growing demand from high-level amateur and professional matches
- Improve the overall quality of officiating in STX by “sharing best practices” through the Academy referees, as they officiate games or mentor at their local leagues

How do we achieve this?

1. Identify and select Officials based on current performance and future potential
 - a. National Academy: State referees whose goal is to be a National
 - b. State Academy: Grade 7+ /new State referees whose goal is to excel at the State/higher levels
2. Provide higher-level training and development utilizing State and National resources
 - a. Technical sessions via webinars
 - b. On-field training sessions
 - c. Coaching during selected games and tournaments
3. Conduct STSR-funded Academy events at select STX Youth and Adult tournaments
 - a. Serve the Game while providing development opportunities for Officials
 - b. Provide coaching during games
 - c. Provide exposure to National Referee Coaches/Assignors
 - d. Support our Officials at select USSF Regional/National events.

Selection Process

1. All Grade 7+ and higher referees are invited to apply to either the State or the National Academy
2. Applicants are selected for a one year (calendar) term
 - a. An official can be part of a particular Academy for a maximum of two (2) referee registration years
3. Selection Criteria includes:
 - a. Referee Portfolio – includes goals, experience, assessments, awards, recommendations, etc.
 - b. Fitness level – performance at the appropriate level fitness test (State academy = State test; National Academy = National test)
 - c. Assessment – have at least one assessment from a State (or higher) Assessor
4. Applications are due by September 4. Decisions will be announced by October 1
5. A candidate may be admitted into the Academy on a “provisional basis” without a completed fitness test – but will be required to complete this test by Dec 31
6. A Grade 7 candidate may be admitted into the Academy on a “provisional basis” - but will be required to complete their Grade 7+ upgrade requirements by Dec 31.

Academy Referee Commitment

Mandatory

1. Attend Technical Training
 - a. Training webinars, bi-weekly
 - b. STSR hosted State Clinic
2. Reporting
 - a. Fitness Log
 - b. Game Count - target number of games required for upgrade per STSR policy
3. Attend
 - a. TSSAS Men’s State Cup
 - b. TSSAS Women’s State Cup

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- c. HFA Tournament
 - d. Cinco de Mayo Tournament
 - e. STYSA State Cup Championship
 - f. Select weekend events, designed around youth and adult games
4. Give Back
- a. Coaching/Mentoring at local leagues

Optional

5. Attend (if invited/selected by STSR or USSF)
- a. Dallas Cup
 - b. USYSA Regional and National Championships
 - c. USASA Regional and National Championships
 - d. USSF DA Showcase events
 - e. ECNL Playoffs and Finals

Application: 2018 Academy

1. All Grade 7+ (in 2018) and higher referees are invited to apply to either the State or the National Academy
2. Applications must be mailed to sdra@stsr.org by September 4. Decisions will be made by October 1
3. Applications must include:
 - a. Your refereeing Goals and why you want to participate in the Academy (limit 200 words)
 - b. Experience and Accomplishments - USSF, NHFS, NISOA
 - c. Any other information that you consider useful – including a list of references
4. A candidate may be admitted into the Academy on a “provisional basis” without a completed fitness test – but will be required to complete this test by Dec 31, 2017
5. A Grade 7 candidate may be admitted into the Academy on a “provisional basis” - but will be required to complete their Grade 7+ upgrade requirements by Dec 31, 2017.