

**JOB DESCRIPTION:
STATE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION**

Title:	State Director of Instruction (SDI)
Function:	<p>Carries out the National Instructional Program at the State Association level by conducting (1) Entry Level Referee Courses (Courses); (2) In-Service Training (Clinics) for referees; (3) Training and development of referee instructors; and (4) Developing and furnishing materials, aids and interpretations to support the instructional program.</p> <p>Interprets the Laws of the Game at the State Association Level.</p> <p>Serves as a liaison in matters pertaining to instruction and interpretations of the Laws between the Federation and the State Associations.</p>
Requirements:	<p>A State Referee Instructor for at least one year. It is possible for a Referee Instructor to be appointed as Acting SDI, provided the official has been a Referee Instructor for at least three years and is scheduled to attend the next State Referee Instructor Course. The SDI is to be competent in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, designing, implementation, and administration, including the ability to conclude projects • Referee Program instruction and training <p>Knowledge of the Laws of the Game, including referee procedures, techniques and mechanics</p>
Appointment:	<p>Jointly, for a fixed term, by the State Referee Administrator (SRA) with the consensus of the adult and youth state associations.</p> <p>Initial appointment is for a fixed two (2) year term, with subsequent appointments at the pleasure of the adult and youth state associations.</p>
Reports to:	State Referee Administrator, with functional responsibilities to the U. S. Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development Office.
Responsibilities:	<p>1. Referees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops, implements, evaluates and provides at least (5) hours of In-Service training for all levels of referees up to and including State Referee • Administers Entry Level Referee Courses • Conducts recertification of physical fitness test for referees Grade 7 and higher; and written test for all referees grade 8 and higher. • Conducts upgrade courses for upgrades as sanctioned by U.S. Soccer <p>Provides at least six (6) hours of preparatory training for National Referee candidates only.</p>

Responsibilities:
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2. Referee Instructors

- Supervises and evaluates the instructional staff within the State Association(s)
- Approves the assignment of all instructors, including out-of-jurisdiction. When the assignment is out-of-jurisdiction, ensures that the guidelines cited in this document are followed.
- May recommend instructors for upgrade. All such recommendations are to be reported to the Manager of Referee Development and Education, and the State Referee Administrator or State Referee Chairman, as appropriate. May downgrade instructors for cause.
- Responsible for ensuring that course content is the approved Federation curriculum.
- Ensures that the Instructional Theory Into Practice (ITIP) Referee Instructor Course is taught by a nationally approved instructor with the assistance of the State Director of Instruction.
- Conducts annual in-service training for all instructors to disseminate new material, Laws of the Game changes, Laws of the Game testing, and ITIP refresher modules.
- Registers all instructors residing within the State Association jurisdiction with the Federation.

3. Instructional Programs and Materials

- Assures in-service training programs are up to date and conform to Federation guidelines
- Disseminates Federation training material to all instructors.
- Approves all non-Federation sanctioned instructional materials to be used for instruction within the State Association(s).

4. Law Interpretation

- Acts as the sole interpreter of the Laws of the Game within the State, disseminating standardized interpretations. Defers to the U. S. Soccer Federation National Program for Referee Development Office if uncertain about specific interpretations of the Laws of the Game.

5. Liaisons and Advisor

- Acts as liaison between the members of the State Instructional Program Committee, if one exists, for all matters pertaining to instruction, application, and interpretation of the Laws of the Game
- Upon invitation, may advise affiliated Leagues, Clubs and Associations in the application and interpretation of the Laws
- Acts as liaison between appropriate officials in matters concerning interstate teaching assignments

6. Administration

- Maintains record of all Clinics, Courses and Recertifications held within the state association to include attendees and instructors
- Maintains communication with the State Referee Administrator