

U.S. Soccer Platinum Program



Overview

The U.S. Soccer Platinum Program is an intensive training program for a select number of male and female referees and assistant referees. Participants in the program will attend approximately six national training events per year, acquire experience in amateur and professional level matches and participate in regular webinar training. Participation in the program will be under the guidance of a local mentor and U.S. Soccer Referee Identification and Training Department staff.

The Structure

Objective

To identify and train the next generation of professional and international officials.

Training Curriculum

Training is based on the content and methods used to develop professional officials but will be tailored to meet the specific needs of participants.

Commitment to Training Events

Participants will attend approximately six national training events per year.

Past Events include Development Academy Finals Week, NIKE International Friendlies, Dallas Cup, Armed Forces Championships, and National Amateur Championships.

Commitment to Local Training

A local mentor will be assigned to evaluate local performances, oversee fitness training and act as a resource on officiating questions. The local mentor will be an active or former elite level official. Participants are expected to gain extensive officiating experience in the adult amateur and professional game.

Cost

There is no fee to apply. The enrolled class of 2013 will receive assistance with the costs of national training events as well as local mentor coordination. Officials will forgo game fee compensation at national events but may accept compensation at local assignments.

Referee Identification & Training Department

The Referee Identification and Training Department was launched in 2012 to work with state and national level officials and promote the most promising officials to the professional and international levels.

The department is overseen by Herb Silva with assistance from a group of former professional officials comprising the Selection Panel.

Development Advantages for Officials

Instruction

Officials receive instruction directly from Referee Identification and Training staff.

Mentorship

Officials are paired with a qualified local mentor for consistent feedback.

Opportunity

Officials will develop under the guidance of the U.S. Soccer and PRO staff.

Platinum Program Officials

- Both referee and assistant referee track
- Participate in the program for 1, 2 or 3 years
- Enrollment is reviewed annually
- Participants graduate from the program to either the professional or national level

Applications

Application Instructions

To apply to the Platinum Program, complete the online application that can be found at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013PlatinumProgramApp

Application Deadline is **July 14, 2013***

Admission Notification will occur by **August 31, 2013**

**Online application portal will close at 11:59 pm PT on July 14, 2013.*

Review Process

The Director of Referee Identification and Training, Herb Silva, will oversee a group of advisers in the application review process.

Future Consideration

U.S. Soccer will review future membership applications if you are not accepted to the Platinum Program in the 2013 enrollment year.

Those who applied in 2012 will be automatically considered for 2013 admittance. There is no need to reapply if you submitted an application in 2012.