

**Outline of USSF Referee Training Courses  
2003 / 2004**

The following Table compares the topics of the *Assistant Referee (Asst)*, *Recreational Referee (Rec)*, **Entry**, **Intermediate**, **State** level Referee Courses, and **In-Service** modules and the respective year of completion. Those modules accessible in the referees section of the U.S. Soccer web site (<http://www.ussoccer.com/>) are indicated by "w". Training in Grades 3, 4 and 5 is conducted with advanced in-service modules. A "y" indicates that the examination can be used as a study aid. An assignor course is also available on ussoccer.com.

<b>Course Manual Title/Topics</b>	<b>Asst</b>	<b>Rec</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Interm.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>In-Serv.</b>	<b>In-Serv.</b>
Year of course completion	1998	1998	1992	1995	1996	1998	1998
Year of course revision		1999	1999	2000	2000	on-going	on-going
USSF Referee Grade	12	9	8	7	6	6,7,8	3,4,5
Examinations	y	y	y	y	y		y
<b>Diagonal System of Control</b>							
Club Linesman	w	w	w				
Basic AR Skills		w	w				
Field Session		w	w				
Linesmanship				w			
When the AR is vulnerable						w	w
<b>Procedures and Mechanics</b>							
Fundamentals/Flawless Communication	w	w	w				
The Pre-Game Conference				w			
Bench Control				w			
The Goalkeeper				w			
The Referee Report				w			
Duties of the Fourth Official				w			
Kicks from the Mark				w			
Writing a Misconduct Report						w	w
<b>Fouls and Misconduct</b>							
Basics	w	w	w				
Dealing with Foul Challenges				w			
Foul Recognition					w		
Foul Severity Discrimination						w	w
Recognizing Foul Play / assessor guide						w	w
<b>Offside</b>							
Basics	w	w	w				
Offside Duties				w			
Historical Perspective					w		
<b>Refereeing Skills</b>							
Basics / Powers and Duties	w	w	w				
Eight Keys to Communication				w			
Reading the Game							
Tactical Thinking for Referees					w		
Advantage and Trifling Offenses					w		
Making the Most of your Assessment						w	w
Managing Throw-Ins						w	w
Lightning!						w	w
<b>The Referee as Manager</b>							
Coaching the Referee			w	w	w		
Referee Ethics				w	w		
Match Management					w		
Gamesmanship					w		
Psychology of Refereeing					w		