

How Does a New Referee Get Game Assignments?

- Initial assignments will likely come from a youth league assignor and will be in the lower level games. Even if you are an adult, it is best to start with lower level games with less intensity.
- Click on the "Referee" bar and then choose "Current Assignor List." The list is in PDF format and is alphabetized by CITY. The assignor list designates both League and Tournament assignors for youth and amateur/adult. (There is a place to note your assignor's contact information at the end of this document.)
- When accepting more than one assignment in a day, make sure you allow enough time to travel to the next game. Make sure you remember you need to be there at least 30 minutes before kick-off.
- Make sure you let your assignor know what your game schedule looks like if you are playing and if you have any conflicts of interest with other teams, such as family members playing on or coaching teams in the same league.
- If you are interested in working as a referee at tournaments in your state, watch for a listing on your state association website. The referee assignors for tournaments are usually listed, as well as a way to get in touch with them. Also, ask around for information on which tournaments are best for new officials.
- Game fees: The game fees paid to referees vary from state to state, and sometimes even from league to league. You will be able to find out what the game fees are and how you get paid from your assignor.