



State Referee Committee Update PA West AGM Meeting

August 1, 2026- Marriott Cranberry
Township, PA



State Referee Committee Members:

Scott Digiorno - State Referee Chairman

Scot Jennings- State Referee Administrator

Robin James Beshero- State Youth Referee
Administrator

Trevor Hadick- State Director of Assessments

Sam Reynolds- State Director of Instruction

Tom Sucheovich – State Director of Assignors

State Office Admin Support – Alisha Swalin

Email at the state office: referee@pawest-soccer.org

District Referee Representatives:

North District: Nathan Daily

South District: Matt Scott

East District: Jason Caruso

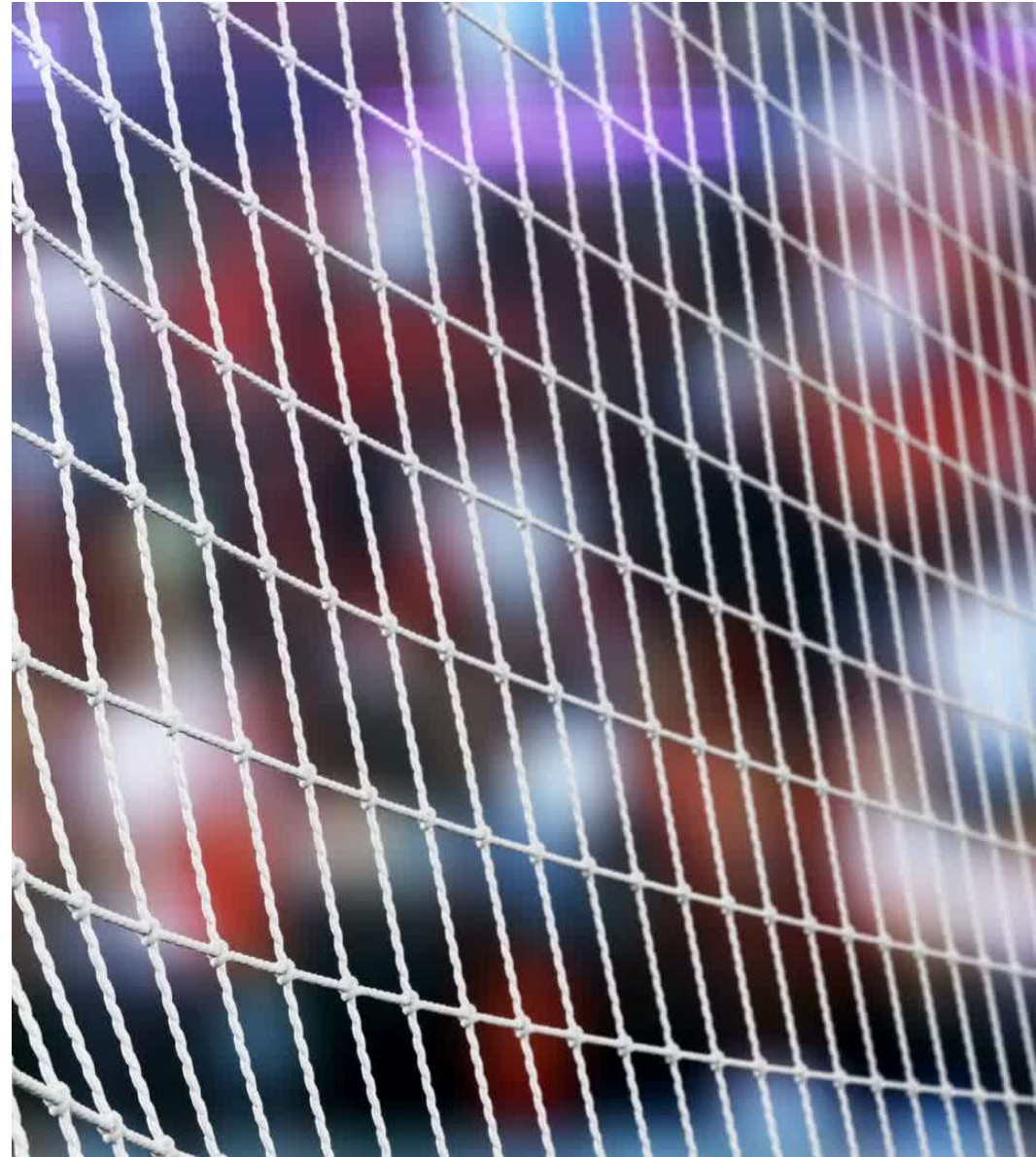
West District: Scot Jennings

Lake District: Mark Rea

Mountain District: Randy Rossi

State Referee Committee Duties and Responsibilities:

- Implement national referee standards and initiatives.
- Manage committee leadership, administration, and budgeting.
- Develop referees through training, mentoring, and assessment.
- Coordinate referee instruction & evaluation.
- Serve as the refereeing link between PA West and U.S. Soccer.
- Represent both adult and youth soccer associations referees.
- Overall, the committee ensures state referee programs are organized, accountable, and aligned with U.S. Soccer in PA West.



Current Status Update:

- For 2026 we currently have 1,867 certified referees so far in PA West. We ended 2025 with 2,010 referees and were recognized by USSF for having the highest retention rate!
- We have scheduled and held 42 new referee sessions so far in 2026 adding 352 new referees to our team. We have also held fitness tests for our regional and national candidates and several advanced referee training sessions both in person and online.
- Our “Mentor In The Neighborhood” program has completed visits to 14 clubs so far this spring where we provide mentoring/coaching to referees at your club (at no cost to your club).
- The SRC currently has 50 referee mentors and coaches to aid in the training, development and support for existing referees, as well as in the growth of the referee program with new referees, and retention of existing ones.
- Our SRC goal is to continue being a transparent customer service-based organization with a focus on streamlining and simplifying all referee interactions. We are focused on increasing our referee roster in PA West and helping them develop their knowledge base and skill set.



Good News to share about current PA West referees!

- We now have two referees in PA West that were promoted to the national referee level for 2026!
- Shevket Dzhaparov is now a national center, and Andrew Stefanick is now a national assistant referee. We have three more candidates applying to join them in the next cycle.
- We also sent several referees to the USYS championships in Utah and Tennessee, they are:
 - Utah: Sam Reynolds, Zachary Conn, Steven Vines, Zachary Chipperfield
 - Tennessee: Parker Laughlin, Quinn Stefaniak, James Faeder, Paul Amado, Marc Amado, Daniel Moya Gibbons, Daniel Sassak, and Nick Woten.
- CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!

Referee Reports

- The green badge is worn by all certified referees under the age of 18 as part of U.S. Soccer's #RespectTheCall campaign, which aims to create a safer and more supportive environment for young officials. It serves as a visual cue to players, coaches, and spectators that the referee is a minor, reminding everyone to show patience, encouragement, and respect during games.
- For any referee reports filed for referee abuse/assault that includes a youth referee on the crew, the USSF has also issued stricter sanctions for the State Office to use in disciplinary hearings in regard to referee abuse effective March 2025 the link is here: [Referee Abuse Prevention Policy | U.S.Soccer Official Website](#)



Referee Fees by Club

- The SRC is continuing our efforts in gathering the data from all clubs so we can be a resource to referees and have a reference document of what fees everyone pays per age group for in house and travel games, so please send Alisha an email with that information at referee@pawest-soccer.org.
- Example Club XYZ U10 in house: Center-\$20, Each A/r \$15
 - Club XYZ U10 travel : Center \$25, Each A/R \$20

Young Referee of the Year Award for 2026

- Please start giving thought as to who you would like to nominate to win the award for PA West.
- It is awarded to both male and female categories, and they must be under 18 for the entire calendar year of 2026 to be considered.
- The online nomination form has been updated and is open on the PA West website, deadline to submit nominations is November 1, 2026.
- They will be invited to attend and recognized at the PA West Awards annual gala.



Questions?

