

**Subject:** Introduction to Intermediate Referee Course

**Lesson Objective:**

To provide the participants with information about this course, the structure of the National Referee program and requirements for upgrading.

**Equipment and Materials to Teach the Lesson:**

Overhead projector, screen, transparencies.

**Approximate Time Needed:**

30 minutes

**Learning Set:**

Ask the participants if they have been spectators at a professional soccer match. How did the Referee earn a spot in that game?

**Strategies to Actively Involve the Participants:**

Tell the participants that this information may be helpful in pursuing their careers as referees.

**Information: Facts, Concepts, Skills to be Taught:**

1. Organization of the U.S. Soccer Federation National Referee Program for referees, instructors, and assessors and its relationship to FIFA, organization of the State Referee Program and its relationship to USSF; organization of the Local referee program.
2. How and why you should upgrade to Grade 07.
3. Who to contact to get appropriate games.

**Closure:**

Ask for questions.