

# CincyCentral SAY Referee Training

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CincyCentral SAY is please to once again offer **FREE** SAY Referee Training for the upcoming season. The course is designed for both new referees and returning SAY Referees at all levels, and is open to all member Areas/Districts of CincyCentral SAY.

**Age Requirement:** For CincyCentral, referees must be at least 13 years of age prior to the season start date.

## Who Needs to Take the Course?

All new Referee trainees and all returning SAY Referees (i.e. white SAY Referee badge) must take the class and pass the appropriate test at least one time per calendar year. New and returning SAY Referees may take the course & test as many times as offered (currently twice a year by CincyCentral). New referees also must complete the mechanics session as well; returning referees are strongly encouraged to attend the mechanics session as well.

## Course Structure

There are three components to the course: On-line and Classroom based, as well as a new Referee Mechanics session. The on-line course consists of a review of the SAY Laws of the Game and an exam; the classroom session will review specific elements of the Laws as well as SAY policies regarding player safety. The outdoor session will have an emphasis towards on-field mechanics regarding positioning, working with your partner, and dealing with coaches/parents. Please see the **2015 CincyCentral SAY Referee On-Line Training Instructions** document on the [CincyCentral Quickscores site](#) for instructions on how to complete the online portion of the course.

## Classroom Course Times and Locations

The Classroom and Mechanics session will be hosted by the Evendale Recreation Department, and held at the Evendale Recreation Center (10500 Reading Road, Evendale, Ohio 45241). Please email Kristen Maiden ([Kristen.maiden@evendaleohio.org](mailto:Kristen.maiden@evendaleohio.org)) or call 513-563-2247 to sign up. Please make sure to provide BOTH an e-mail address and home/cell phone number in the event the class needs to be moved/cancelled.

Referee training classroom sessions will be held on the following dates and times:

**Saturday February 14: 10 AM to 1 PM**

**Saturday February 21: 10 AM to 1 PM**

\*Lunch is NOT provided during these sessions.

Referees only need to attend ONE of the two classroom sessions above, as the same material will be covered at both sessions.

The outdoor mechanics session will be held on **Saturday March 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM**. In the event of inclement weather, we will move the mechanics session indoors to the basketball court. Please bring appropriate footwear for both – no cleats allowed on the basketball courts.

## **SAY Referee Levels**

### **SAY Referee**

A SAY Referee is someone who ...

- Has successfully completed the SAY Referee training course with a test score of 70% or better;
- Has been given a white SAY Referee badge (or appropriate substitute).
- NOTE: Individuals scoring below 70% may referee at the discretion of the Area or District.

### **SAY Certified Referee**

A Certified Referee is a SAY Referee who ...

- Has passed the SAY Referee training test with a score of 90% or above in three consecutive tests;
- Should score at least 80% in each of the ten test sections;
- Is in good standing with all SAY leagues;
- Has received two (2) favorable evaluations as a SAY Referee;
- Has demonstrated good foul recognition;
- Has refereed at least ten (10) matches during the year;
- Has been given a referee patch with the word "CERTIFIED" on it.

The Certified Referee is not required to attend class and is no longer required to take the test. It is however strongly recommended that Certified Referees attend referee review sessions to discuss rule changes, common questions and issues that may have caused problems last year.

### **SAY State and SAY National Referees**

CincyCentral follows the SAY National guidelines to elevate referees to the SAY State and/or SAY National Rank. Please see <http://www.saysoccer.org/refereequalifacations.aspx> for more information.

### **USSF and OHSAA Referees**

If you are an OHSAA High School or USSF Referee and would like to referee SAY matches in the CincyCentral Area, please e-mail Chip Updegrove @ [sharonvilleref@gmail.com](mailto:sharonvilleref@gmail.com) to discuss requirements.