

**Policy: (From page 41 of the Referee Administrative Handbook)
Game Priority in Referee Appointments**

Each registered U.S. Soccer Federation referee is expected to abide by and respect the Code of Ethics and keep all assignments that are accepted. However, there are certain occasions when a referee has duty to the referee program to release a lower level appointment and accept a higher level one in the interest of the U. S. Soccer Federation.

Therefore, the U.S. Soccer Referee Committee declares that the following National and International appointments have precedence or priority over all other matches:

1. All FIFA Appointments
2. All CONCACAF Appointments
3. International A Matches
4. Any U. S. National Team Matches
5. Professional Division 1 League Matches (MLS)
6. Foreign Pro Club vs Foreign Pro Club
7. National Cup Finals (all matches)
8. All Regional Cup Finals
9. Other Professional League Matches (A-League, D3 Pro)
10. National Tournaments (Adult and Youth matches –must be 90 minutes in length)
11. Interstate National Cup Competitions (Adult)
12. National Adult Leagues
13. Intrastate National Cup Competitions (Adult)
14. State Cup Competitions (Adult and Youth matches – must be 90 minutes in length)

No other match (with the exception of the above) has appointment priority or precedence over any other match within the state.