

Let's Get You Hired!

Now that I'm a Certified Tennis Official – WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Here are some basic ideas that work for Officials:

- Market yourself to Area Coordinators and Referees. Ask to be on their email list for events in areas that you'd like to work (we have Coordinators all over Texas). Area Coordinators' contact information can be found on our [USTA Texas Officials Page](#).
- We have "Tennis Official Associations/Organizations" in certain areas of Texas that you can be a part of if you choose. These groups can be very helpful for continued training and work opportunities.
- Your efforts in "marketing yourself" to key people will be a major factor in the amount of work you receive.
- Consistently be on the lookout for events that fit your schedule. Events can include: USTA, UTR, High School, Private School, and Adaptive events.
- Make sure that your contacts are aware of your new certification – they will work with you and put you in the right event at the right time with the right people.

Use your Officials First account to find events and Referees:

- [OfficialsFirst](#): Once on this site, go to "Events", then "Community Events", click on (advanced filters), put in the City you'd like to work in, and your Section (Texas). You can also just enter "Texas" to search all events.

Here is an example of a simple email that you can use to send out to Tournament Referees:

Dear Coordinator/Referee,

My name is Kevin Foster. I am a newly certified Official and ready to get started. Please add my email address (kevin.foster@example.com) to your mailing list for events in your area.

I am looking forward to working with you and your Officiating Team.

Kevin Foster
(800) 555-1234

Things to Remember:

- Always be willing to listen to advice and guidance from your fellow Officials and especially the Referee that hired you! If you have a question or there are inconsistencies you need to resolve, contact your Section Chair to resolve the question. We need to be consistent all over Texas!
- No matter the situation, have a positive attitude while serving our customers and learning!
- Always be learning – all good Officials are always learning. So, prepare ahead of time by reading and re-reading important areas of our Friend at Court. As we Officiate, we will come across new experiences – this is a great chance to learn – ask questions and grow as an Official.
- Attend USTA Workshops. These are excellent tools for learning, sharing, and meeting Officials of all levels and Disciplines.
- You have a TEAM of Officials that want you to succeed. Again, stay in contact with your Coordinator, Referee, fellow Officials and the USTA Texas Officials Project Team. We are all part of a great team working together to make Texas Tennis better!