

madisonyouthsoccer

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Information about the Referee Program in Madison

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WHO CAN REFEREE?

All interested candidates should contact the current Referee coordinator listed on the MYSC website. MYSC uses only **certified** referees at this time.

CERTIFIED REFEREES To be eligible to become a **certified referee**, a candidate must turn 13 years old by December 31 of the calendar year prior to their certification year. For example, anyone turning 13 by December 31, 2017 is eligible to become certified for 2018—and the 2018 training begins in the summer of 2017. The **Grade 8* Entry Level** class offered by CSRP, the Connecticut State Referee Program, must be completed. Currently, most of the training is done on line (candidates need to pass each of four modules to sign up for class) and then candidates can sign up for the 5 hour field test/written test to pass the class. Check www.ctreferee.net, under *Event Calendar*, to find the next available class. Once you have completed the class, contact the MYSC Referee Coordinator for more information and to obtain a uniform.

* Grade 8 refers to the level of referee, not grade in school. As of July 2009, Grade 8 is the only entry level class offered in the state of Connecticut.

RECERTIFICATION

All certified referees are required by the CSRP to **recertify*** every year in order to remain certified. You may take the recertification class if you have missed ONE year of being recertified. Two consecutive years without recertification reverts you back to an uncertified referee, and you must take the entire Entry Level class again in order to become recertified. Please call CSRP to ask specifically about your own circumstance if you are unsure.)

* MYSC reimburses participants half the cost for each successfully completed recertification class after 3 games have been refereed for that certification year. Reimbursements will be made at the end of the spring and the end of the fall seasons for those that qualify.

HOW DO I GET SCHEDULED FOR GAMES?

Once you complete either the **Grade 8 Entry Level Referee** class, you should contact the referee coordinator and let them know you are ready to referee games. The schedule will be sent to you via email. You will choose the games you want, and the referee coordinator will confirm those games with you via email. You will be assigned to games based on your length of certification, ability and age. The general rule of thumb is that you must be 2 years older than the team you are refereeing for in order to Center Referee the game. Assistant Referees may be the same age as the team playing. MYSC does their best to keep to this, but in some instances, exceptions must be made. As many of the referees are also players, their games come first.

WHAT DO I NEED

Whistle, Stopwatch, Referee Flags, Red/Yellow Cards (for Travel Rec and Classic Travel teams) All of these items can be purchased from the referee coordinator by filling out and mailing/emailing the **new referee information sheet** found on the MYSC website on the Referee page (price is at discounted cost). This kit includes jersey, socks, shorts, flags, whistle, coin and red/yellow cards. Game cards are printed from the MYSC page, so there is no need to buy a pad of game cards. (You will need to purchase your own WATCH)

Uniform

If you are planning on becoming certified, referees will have the opportunity to purchase (at a reduced rate) the uniform and equipment needed before completing the field session for the *Entry Level Class*. **Black Shorts, Black referee socks**, and your **jersey** are expected to be worn to the field session and every game, with the jersey tucked in. You are only as trustworthy to the players and coaches as your appearance suggests. Fill out the **new referee information sheet** completely and turn it in to obtain your materials.

**GAME CARDS
& PAYMENT**

Refereeing for MYSC is **not** a volunteer position. You will be paid upon returning your completed game card to the referee coordinator, according to the following schedule. Game cards **MUST** be turned in no later than Wednesday after the weekend you ref. Cards not turned in during the following week will not be paid until fiscal year end (that is December).

Currently Certified Referees

REC-Division A Games*	Center only used \$20
REC-Division B games (grade 3/4)	Center \$25, Assistant \$15
U10-12 games (RecPlus/Classic)	Center \$35, Assistant \$20
U13-14 games (RecPlus/Classic)	Center \$45, Assistant \$25
U15-16 Classic Games	Center \$55, Assistant \$30

*when used. Not all Division 1 games will be assigned referees.

Blank Game Cards

During the season, game cards are available for you to download from madisonsoccer.org under the Referee Tab. **PLEASE DO NOT use generic cards.**

**Completed
Game Cards**

You will need to get any of the coach's to sign your game card upon the completion of the game. Please be sure to fill out the top completely with **name(s), Field, Date & Time!!** You may mail them to me at 20 Walnut Hill Road in order to be paid. Cards should be returned no later than Wednesday for payment that week. Those received after Tuesday, will have to wait for the end of the season to be paid out. **Verifying games is time consuming and much easier done on a week by week basis. Please make every attempt to return cards by the Wednesday that follows the weekend.**

MYSC tries hard to issue checks weekly. It is not always possible, but we do our best.

**ASSIGNMENTS
AND SUBS**

Once you are assigned a game, it is your responsibility to find an appropriate sub for your game if you are unable to officiate. Remember, you must be at least 2 age levels older than the team you are reffing for to center the game, and preferably, at least one year older to run the lines (AR). You will need to create your own list of contacts from the referee list you have been provided in order to do this. You should notify the referee assignor with the name of your substitute and please make sure they have enough experience in order to fill in for you.

**OTHER INFO
& QUESTIONS**

Questions, issue, or problems, etc, can be addressed with the referee coordinator. Email is usually the best bet, and Thursday night or before is better than last minute. On Friday through Sunday it is best to call my cell phone for issues.

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