



# Interested in Becoming a Referee?



## OVERVIEW

A Soccer Referee is a part time/free lance individual that must have an enjoyment of kids, exercise, and desire to keep the game played within the "LAWS OF THE GAME". Referees are tested to maintain their knowledge of the game and advance.

## HOW TO BECOME A SOCCER REFEREE

First time referees need to attend and pass the beginner referee class. Classes are listed on the SD Soccer Referee website or locally through your soccer organization. Once there, you will be provided with a FIFA Laws of the Game and Referee Guide. The Instructor(s) will guide you through the material and text. If interested in becoming a referee, a fee is paid and a test administered. Upon passing the test, you are certified as a Soccer Referee under the guidelines of the USSF (United States Soccer Federation).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### >> **HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO BECOME A REFEREE??**

There is no minimum age requirement. Most games below the U10 level do not have a referee for that match. It is recommended that you are at least 12 years old.

### >> **WHAT DO I GET PAID TO BE A REFEREE??**

Each season and age level has a specific pay. Generally, games start at \$12 each and progress up from there based on the level of the game (U12/U14/U16/U19). The Center Referee pay is higher than Assistant Referee (aka Linesmen) pay.

### >> **HOW DO I GET PAID?**

This can vary by area. In some areas, game scores are entered on-line. In others, each match has a GAME CARD on which the referee records the score of the game and other pertinent information. Regardless of the method, each game needs to be reported and turned in after your games to receive

### >> **WHAT DOES IT COST TO BECOME A REFEREE?**

There is a registration fee that you are required to pay to become a Referee. This must be paid at the time that you take the test. You will also be purchasing some additional equipment (whistle, socks, etc...).

### >> **WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED TO BECOME A REFEREE?**

As a starting referee you need the basic equipment. Referee Shirt, whistle, Ref Socks, Black shorts, Red/Yellow card set, pencil/pen, shoes that you can run/ref in. There are several pricing options available. We suggest that you start with the basic equipment and upgrade overtime.

### >> **HOW DO I GET GAMES TO REFEREE?**

Your information will be given to a local referee assignor. This individual will contact you via email or phone. If you can provide your dates and times you are available, they will try to assign you times that fit your availability. Our local referee association has certified assessors who will try to attend one of your matches to observe and continue your development. As you gain experience, you will be moved up to higher level matches.

### >> **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO REFEREEING?**

Some young individuals do it for the pay. They are able to set their own hours to work around other activities. You get the reward of exercise and spending time around the game you love. Some referees do it to give back to the game. Soccer is the world's sport, enjoy it. Refereeing is a job, take it seriously. Give your best effort just like the players do.