



WELLESLEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Referee In Town Training Program





Uniform Policy

YOU WILL BE GIVEN:

Email me if you need anything and I can arrange to meet you.

2nd Grade Referees can meet me April 22nd

- A Black shirt- #NoRefereeNoGame
- A whistle (3rd grade only)

YOU SHOULD BRING:

- Pen (3rd Grade)
- Watch
- Water





Referee's Uniform

- A referee's appearance sets the respect for their authority
- Referees are expected to dress in a proper uniform:
- Black referee shirt/black shorts and black knee socks.
- A referee should never wear a hat (except in hot weather if needed) or any jewelry.
- Watch – Whistle – Pen - Water
- Referees should NOT have their phones on or out at any point unless to use as a stop watch in the case that you don't bring a watch.



7th Grade Referees

- 2nd grade games - Start date **Sunday, April 23rd**
- 2 referees per field.
- Keep the game under control and rolling.
- First half of the session you will help coach a team, then in the second half hour you referee the games - GET INVOLVED!!!
- Games are held on Sunday afternoons at the Sprague Field Complex.

2:00 – 3:00 Girls, 3:30 – 4:30 Boys



8th Grade Referees

- 3rd Grade games - Start date **Saturday, April 22nd**
- You will be assigned to referee with another referee (depending on experience and referees available)
- All games are 7v7
- Games are held on Saturdays at Perrin Park
- 3rd Grade Girls are in the morning and 3rd grade boys in the afternoon. You can sign up for one or both





7th & 8th Grade Assignments

- If you haven't sent me your availability, please fill this in and get back to me ASAP
- Schedule will be up online on the website for your age group
- All emails should be sent to Chris Howard at wuscdoc@wellesleysoccer.org
- Be at least 15 minutes early for your games.



Accepting games

- It is **extremely important** to let me know if you cannot referee a fixture, you have been assigned to. Please let me know by Wednesday if you cant make a Saturday or Sunday game
- Always honor games that you have accepted. If a true emergency presents itself and you cannot work an accepted game, you must notify Chris Howard ASAP.
- Not showing up for an accepted assignment can result in not being assigned games in the future.



Pre/Post Game Responsibilities

- Introduce yourself to both coaches – Don't spend more time with one than the other.
- Conduct a field safety check – Check for broken glass, holes, large areas of standing water, lines, corner flags.
- Are the goals properly anchored. If not, notify the coach and do not start the game.
- Safety is the referee's primary concern.



Pre/Post Game Responsibilities

- No jewelry...No earrings...No casts...No exceptions.
- Never allow play in thunder and lightening. Treat all injuries as serious and stop play as soon as you can.
- Game results to be put on google doc after game (details to follow)
- Report any incidents to Chris Howard or Joe Morais (Coaches, Players, Parents)



Checking in teams

- Check players and equipment for safety. No jewelry or casts should be permitted.
- Get a game ball from the home team.
- Flip a coin to determine which goal the winner of the toss will attack. (Odds or Evens. Grass Hand)
- Start your game on time!!!



Use of hand signals

- Hand signals should be firm and clear.
- Don't be lazy with your signals!
- Signals help teach the players and help you keep your game under control.
- Confident and correct signals help you gain respect from:
Players, coaches and Spectators.



Teaching the Game

- Correcting mistakes
 - Throw Ins – How to properly do one.
- Understanding the game
 - Goal Kick vs Keeper Save
 - Free Kicks/Corner Kicks
- Knowing the Rules
 - Opposing team to half on goal kick
 - No Heading
 - What is a foul
 - Kickoff after a goal





To Refereeing

- Control
 - You are in charge!
- Communication
 - Use your
 - Voice- please make sure you are actively talking
 - Whistle- use the whistle provided and ensure it is blown loudly to stop the game
 - Hand signals
- **CONFIDENCE**



Cheat Sheet Rules

Additional rules are on the website

	Fall and Spring				
	Pre-K	Kindergarten	1st grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade
Format	3v3	3v3	4v4	6v6	7v7
Time	2 x 15 min	2 x 15 min	2 x 15 min	2 x 15 min	2 x 25 min
Heading	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Ball Size	#3	#3	#3	#3	#4
Offsides	No	No	No	No	No
Penalty Mark	N/A	N/A	N/A	8 yds	12 yds
Referee	N/A	N/A	N/A	yes	yes



Referee in Training Pay

- All referees will receive \$20 per game for 2nd Grade \$25 for 3rd Grade games
- Any game that you referee solo you will receive \$10 a game extra
- Once you are a certified referee and doing BAYS games this jumps up to a minimum of \$30-35 a game. Remember this is typically an hour game
- You must use this link to do your game reports

[Wellesley United Fall 2022 In Town Scores - Google Sheets](#)



Transition to BAYS

- Intown referee program is for 7th and 8th graders in WUSC
- After this year, get certified to Referee BAYS (Travel) games
- Benefits of becoming a Certified Referee
 - **Money:** Flexible, fun job and new pay rates
 - *WUSC will also be providing **bonuses** for recruitment, games taken, etc*
 - **Friendships:** Working with peers in a supportive environment
 - **Community:** Giving back to WUSC soccer players by providing a safe, fair and fun environment for them to compete
 - **Growth:** Referees gain confidence, strong leadership qualities, and learn great communication skills
 - **Love of the game:** Enhance your own understanding of soccer - improve your own game
 - **Future:** Looks great on college applications / job resumes
 - **New Pay Rate** - Per game. With a minimum of 2-3 games each Saturday



New Referee Pay Rate (Travel)

Center Referee Grade 12 (11v11)	\$80
Center Referee Grade 10 (11v11)	\$70
Center Referee Grade 9-12 (7v7)	\$60
Center Referee Grade 8 (11v11)	\$60
Center Referee Grades 5, 6 (9v9)	\$50
Center Referee Grades 3, 4 (7v7)	\$40
Line Referee Grade 12	\$50
Line Referee Grade 10	\$50
Line Referee Grade 8	\$40
Line Referee Grade 5, 6 (9v9)	\$35



Perks of WUSC Referee (Travel)

- Certification *and* recertification reimbursement
- Uniform provided (Referee top, AR Flags, whistle)
- Adult and peer mentors to support you while you learn
- Qualify for WUSC Judy Lucarelli award and WUSC Referee payment when you graduate



Referee Certification

- Must be at least **14 years of age**.
- Take a course offered by the MSRC (Massachusetts State Referee Committee).
- The course which most youth take is called a Grade 8 (which has nothing to do with your grade in school).
 - These are currently online
 - Those courses not held online, are not held in Wellesley, but several are in surrounding towns. [MSRC Central \(massref.net\)](#)
- You can find a list of courses/dates by going to the MSRC web site
 - [Referee Grades - Massachusetts State Referee Committee \(massref.net\)](#)
- [Steps to Become A Referee - Massachusetts State Referee Committee \(massref.net\)](#)
- Grade 8 referees are licensed to referee 7v7 and 9v9 games as well as be Assistant Referees for 11v11 games.
 - This grassroots license serves most high school referees very well.
 - If you take this course and become a certified referee, the WUSC will reimburse you for the cost



Referee Feedback

We asked our Referees this year for feedback on how we can improve our program and here are some of the questions and feedback given

Why do you referee?

I referee because I love soccer and I wanted to see a new perspective on the game exercise, help the community in Wellesley

Interested in the game and seeing how I can help the younger players.

How can WUSC make the experience better?

Maybe notify all the coaches the rules you gave us, because sometimes, coaches will stand on the field, and it's hard to tell them to move when you are paying attention to the game

No comments from coaches or parents toward referees.

Reminders to the parent coaches from WUSC to be respectful of the student refs.

Educate coaches about their responsibilities (e.g, preparing field for play) and encourage them to "model" better behavior for their players and respect for referees.



Referee Videos

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfieQ_PLJPM
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leH99NmTeek>



Social Media

- Follow us on Twitter for field/game cancelations @wellesleyunited
- Follow us on Instagram @wellesleyunited
- Like Wellesley United on Facebook.
- Spread the word!!!



Links to Referee Resources

United States Soccer Federation

www.ussoccer.com Official web site link to referees

FIFA Laws of the Game

USSF Advice to Referees(Highly Recommended - 'The Bible')

Ask a Soccer Referee Submitted questions are answered about rules and game situations.

Massachusetts State Referee Committee

www.massref.net official web site

Courses and Certification Classes listed

Educational Material and Refereeing Guidelines

Boston Area Youth Soccer

www.bays.org official web site

Playing Rules and Bylaws

Official Sports International (1 800 782 2614)

www.officialsports.com

official uniform supplier to the USSF

Books and soccer videos for the referee

