



WELLESLEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Referee Intown Training Program

Agenda

- Intown Program Overview
- Referee Responsibilities and Expectations
- Keys to Refereeing
- Accepting Games and Pay
- Transition to BAYS



Intown Program Overview

	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 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.

Intown Program

- 2nd Grade move to 6v6 on a larger field with larger goals
 - First time using game-like rules
 - Modified Rules
 - 7th Grade Referees
- 3rd Grade move to 7v7 field
 - First time on full 7v7 field
 - First time playing in a league setting
 - First time having a weekly practice
 - Close to BAYS rules; modified for safety
 - 8th Grade Referees



Intown Referee Program

- Put in place for our older players to gain experience as a referee
 - 2nd Grade refereed by 7th Graders
 - 3rd Grade refereed by 8th Graders
- Develop and transition to BAYS or Clubs games
- Prepared for certifications



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
- A referee should not 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 if you didn't bring a watch



Uniform Policy

YOU WILL BE GIVEN:

- A black referee shirt
- A whistle

YOU SHOULD BRING:

- Pen/Paper
- Watch
- Water



Pre-Game Responsibilities

- Check-In with Coach Joe
- Introduce yourself to both coaches
- Conduct a field safety check
- Check-in each team



Safety Check

- **Safety** is the referee's primary concern
- Never allow play in thunder and lightning.
- Treat all injuries as serious and stop play as soon as you can
- Check for holes, large areas of standing water, sticks, or trash
- Are the goals properly anchored. If not, notify the coaches
 - Sandbag on each goal
- If a player gets hit in the head, stop the game, allow the coach to sub them off



Checking In Teams

- Check players and equipment for safety
 - Proper footwear and shin guards
 - No casts are allowed
 - No jewelry
- Let the coaches know when you'll be starting the game
- Get a game ball from the home team
- Home team kicks off first
- **Start your game on time!**



Post Game Responsibilities

- Post game results on Google Sheet after game
- You must use this link to do your score reports
 - [Wellesley United Fall 2026 In Town Scores - Google Sheets](#)
 - Each referee should fill in a score. If there are 2 referees on a game, each referee should have their own report on the sheet
- Report any incidents to Chris Howard or Joe Morais (Coaches, Players, Parents)



Game Report

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
1	WELLESLEY INTOWN GAME REPORT								
2	Fall 2025								
3	*Each referee should report the score. If there were two referees on the game, there should be two scores/one from each referee.								
4									
5	Date	Grade	Team 1 Name	Team 1 Score		Team 2 Score	Team 2 Name	Referee	Notes
6	4/12/2025	3G	Portland Timbers	3		1	NYC FC	Joe Morais	Solo
7	4/26/2025	3G	Orlando Pride	0		5	NC Courage	Will Reinsmith	
8	4/26/2025	3G	Orlando Pride	0		5	NC Courage	Dylan Peak	
9	4/26/2025	3G	Gotham FC	7		4	Current	Brendan Manning	
10	4/26/2025	3G	Chicago Red Stars	4		2	Washington Spirit	Cole Marino	
11	4/26/2025	3G	Chicago Red Stars	4		2	Washington Spirit	Easun Liu	
12	4/26/2025	3B	LA Galaxy	3		3	NE Revolution	Cole Marino	
13	4/26/2025	3B	LA Galaxy	3		3	NE Revolution	Easun Liu	
14	4/26/2025	3B	Houston Dynamo	3		5	Atlanta United	Fed Bernal	Solo
15	4/26/2025	3G	Houston Dash	2		6	Seattle Reign	Fed Bernal	Solo
16	4/26/2025	3B	Philadelphia Union	5		2	NYC FC	Noah Quigley	
17	4/27/2025	2G	Argentina	3		3	Ireland	Alex Haslehurst	
18	4/27/2025	2G	Argentina	3		3	Ireland	Savannah Shah	
19	4/27/2025	2G	Spain	2		1	Netherlands	Bryson Paige	
20	4/27/2025	2G	Spain	2		1	Netherlands	Eric Farley	
21	4/27/2025	2G	France	4		2	Brazil	Drew Farley	Solo
22	4/27/25	2B	France	3		1	Italy	Ayden Pan	
23	4/27/2025	2B	France	3		1	Italy	Brady Levin	
24	4/27/2025	2B	USA	10		0	Brazil	Ravi Ennacheril	
25	4/27/2025	2B	Spain	5		0	Ireland	Caleb Roalsen	
26	4/27/2025	2G	England	0		6	Germany	Zaid Kassim	

+ ≡ **Fall 25** ▾ Archived - Spring 25 ▾ Archived - Fall 24 ▾ Archived - Spring 24 ▾ Archived - Fall 2023 ▾



Teaching the Game

- Correcting mistakes
 - Throw Ins – How to properly do one
- Understanding the game
 - Goal Kick vs Keeper Save
 - Free Kicks/Corner Kicks
 - Drop balls
- Knowing the Rules
 - Complete rules can be found on our website
 - **Opposing team to half on goal kick**
 - No Heading
 - No offsides
- **TAKE YOUR TIME**
 - We are on *your* clock
 - You dictate the pace of the game



Communicate

- Whistle
 - Have your whistle ready
 - Use it loudly to get players attention
- Voice
 - After your whistle say the call loudly
 - Even if it is obvious, say the call LOUDLY
 - Talk to the players during the game to keep it under control
- Hand Signal
 - Point in the direction the ball is moving
 - Helps everyone understand what the call is



7th Grade Referees

- 2nd grade games - Start date **Saturday, April 11th**
- 2 referees per field
- All games are 6v6
- 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 Saturday afternoons at the Sprague Field Complex.
 - 12:00 – 1:00 PM Girls, 2:00 – 3:00 PM Boys



2nd Grade Rules

- 6v6 Format
 - 5 Field players and 1 Goalkeeper
 - 7v7 field but goals are moved to the 6 yard box
- Size 3 Ball
- Normal soccer rules (throw-ins, corner kicks, goal kicks)
 - Modifications for 2nd Grade
 - Opposing team goes back to half on goal kicks
 - No heading
 - A player **can** be in offside position
- Additional rules on website



8th Grade Referees

- 3rd Grade start date **Saturday, April 11th**
- 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 Sprague
- **Game time on the schedule is the start time**
- 3rd Grade Girls are in the morning (~10:00 AM)
- 3rd grade Boys in the afternoon (~3:30 PM)
 - You can sign up for one or both



3rd Grade Rules

- 7v7 Format
 - 6 Field players and 1 Goalkeeper
 - Full 7v7 field
- Size 4 Ball
- Normal soccer rules (throw-ins, corner kicks, goal kicks)
 - Modifications for 3rd Grade
 - Opposing team goes back to half on goal kicks
 - No heading
 - A player **can** be in offside position
 - Penalty kicks from the just inside the box
- Additional rules on website



7th & 8th Grade Assignments

- If you haven't sent in 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:
 - Joe Morais (intown@wellesleysoccer.org)
- Check-in at least 15 minutes early for your games.



Accepting Games

- It is **extremely important** to let us know if you cannot referee a fixture, you have been assigned to. Please let me know by Wednesday if you can't 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 Joe and Chris ASAP.
- Not showing up for an accepted assignment can result in not being assigned games in the future.



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 2026 In Town Scores - Google Sheets](#)



Transition to BAYS

- Intown referee program is for 7th and 8th graders in WUSC
- After 8th Grade (or turning 14), 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*
 - **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 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
- WUSC Referee payment



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





To Refereeing

- Control
 - You are in charge!
 - Don't be afraid to stop the game
 - Keep the Game Safe
- Communication
 - 3 Steps to making a call
 - **Whistle** - ensure it is blown loudly to stop the game
 - **Voice** - you are actively talking to the players and making calls loudly
 - **Hand Signals** – point in the direction the play is moving after making a call
 - CONFIDENCE



Next Steps

- Make sure your availability is entered
 - X on the days/times you **are** available
- I will schedule the first weekend of games by Thursday
- Rest of the season's schedule will come out this weekend
 - Mark your dates on a calendar – **SET REMINDERS!**
 - Some may not referee until a few weeks into the season
- Let me know by Wednesday of that week if you can't make a game
- Pick up a shirt and whistle from me on your first day
- Report your score on the Game Report Google Sheet

