



WELLESLEY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Referee In Town Training Program

Fall 2018





Uniform Provided

- You will be given a uniform:
- A Black shirt
- Black socks
- A whistle (3rd grade and above)





Uniform a referee needs to bring.

- A WATCH!!!
- A referee's appearance sets the respect for their authority as soon as they appear on the field. Referees are expected to dress in a proper uniform on their game field...the referee shirt/black shorts and black knee socks with three white stripes pulled up to your knee. A referee should never wear a hat or any jewelry. A referee should also bring their watch/whistle/pencil/paper/coins and water to their assigned game.
- 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.
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7th Grade Referees

- Will be refereeing 2nd grade games - Start date Sunday September 16th
- 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.



8th Grade Referees

- Will be refereeing 3rd Grade games - Start date Saturday September 15th
- You will be assigned to referee with another referee (depending on experience and referees available)
- All games are 7v7
- Games are held on Saturdays (girls KO 10.30am, boys KO 3.00pm) at the Sprague Field Complex.



Referee Certification

- To become an "official" referee you must take a course offered by the MSRC (Massachusetts State Referee Committee).
- The course which most youth take's is called a Grade 8 or 9 license (which has nothing to do with your grade in school). This is a one day course. These courses are not held in Wellesley, but several are in surrounding towns.
- You can find a list of courses/dates by going to the MSRC web site (www.massref.net).
- Grade 8 referees are licensed to referee 7v7 and 9v9 games as well as be Assistant Referees for 11v11 games. This Grade 8 or 9 license serves most high school referees very well. If you take this course and become a certified referee, the Wellesley United Soccer Club will reimburse you for the course cost.
- You can take this license once you turn 14 years of age





7th & 8th Grade Assignments

- You will get an email during the week showing which games you will be refereeing.
- The time, day and field will be shown on this email.
- Please email back straight away to let us know if you can or can not do this.
- All emails will be sent by Dale Carr programs@wellesleysoccer.org
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- Be atleast 30 minutes early for your games.



Accepting games

- Accept Games that you are assigned and are available to work as soon as possible. It is **extremely important** to let Wellesley United know if you cannot referee a fixture you have been assigned to.
- Always honor games that you have accepted. If a true emergency presents itself and you cannot work an accepted game, you must notify your assignor immediately. Not showing up for an accepted assignment can result in not being assigned games in the future.



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 no, notify the coach and do not start the game.
- Safety is the referees primary concern.
- Remember there is no jewelry...no earrings...no casts...no exceptions. If the previous game is not finished then check the teams and have the coin toss on the side of the field.
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- Bring play under control early - let everyone know what you are calling with a LOUD whistle ... strong arm signals and a clear voice. Players will be testing your control of the game early so blow the whistle and stop foul play.
- Never allow play in thunder and lightening. Treat all injuries as serious and stop play as soon as you can.
- Report any incidents to Dale Carr. Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game or respond to the referee if addressed.



Checking in teams

- Check rosters, if required.
- 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.
- Start your game on time!!!



Use your Whistle effectively

- Short and loud for routine fouls.
- Long and loud for hard fouls or any other time you need the players attention.
- Do not whistle for routine throw-ins, goal kicks, corner kicks or after a goal. Unless play continues after the ball has left the field.
- Be in position – always be moving.



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.



Referee in Training Pay

- All referees will receive \$10 per game
- Once you are a certified referee and doing BAYS games this jumps up to a minimum of \$25 a game.



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

