

Become a Soccer Official

We are looking for interested people that want to become soccer officials. You must be at least 11 years old. Soccer officials make \$10 per hour and up depending on the age of the game you are working.

You must take a training course and pass the test. There are two entry level courses that are available.

Anyone under the age of 15 should consider taking the **Grade 9** course. The requirements to attain this level of certification include nine hours of instruction and a score of 75% or higher on a 50 question test. This level allows a person to officiate in recreational league (in-house) games up to age 14 as either a Referee or Assistant Referee or in MYSA games as Referee through U10 and Assistant Referee through U14.

Anyone age 15 or older should attend the **Grade 8** course. This course requires 16 hours of training and a score of 75% or higher on a 100 question test. Certification at this level allows you the opportunity to be scheduled to any Referee or Assistant Referee position in the following leagues: In-house, MYSA, MASL, MRSL, MWSL.

We host on-field training sessions just before the season starts where you actually work a scrimmage game with a certified referee 'shadowing' you.

The cost involved to become a soccer official is:

USSF registration fee is \$40 and the MN State Referee Committee collects another \$20. The referee uniform is available in complete kits for about \$60. This would include one yellow shirt, shorts, socks, whistle, cards and flags. You would also need to purchase a watch.

Referees pick which days they want to work. Games start in early May and are typically on Monday through Thursday nights. There are also a number of tournaments that officials can work to get more experience. You can work as much or as little as you want to. Many soccer clubs also have a six week fall season that plays on weekends starting after Labor Day.

You can find more information at <http://www.minnesotasrc.org/page/show/140244-what-is-expected-of-soccer-officials> and on our website <http://www.merryhilger.com>. Or call us and we will answer your questions.

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