

Want to be a Referee?

Being a referee is not for everyone, but it can be very rewarding and fun. Referees help the players, parents, and coaches better understand the rules of soccer. And, it's a great way for kids and adults to earn extra cash!

NWCCSAY / Milford Soccer provides a free referee training class before each soccer season begins. The classes are taught by a certified ref instructor. Class participants receive a copy of the SAY National Rule Book. Classes are usually held close to the beginning of the soccer season (March and July of each year). Check our website for registration information and details regarding the class when it is close to class time.

The referee class is an 8 hour class, which has recently been held as a Saturday 8:00 to 5:00 session, but it has also been held on 4 consecutive weeknights, from 6:30 to 9:00 each night. Participants must attend the entire class, including taking the certification test at the end of the full day class or on the last night of weeknight classes.

SAY Referee

1. In order to qualify as a SAY Referee, the trainee should successfully complete the referee training course with a test score of 80% or better.
2. Individuals scoring below 80% may referee at the discretion of the Area or District.

Certified SAY Referee

1. In order to qualify as a Certified SAY Referee, the trainee should successfully complete the referee training course with a test score of 90% or better and should score at least 80% in each of the ten sections.
2. The trainee should also have demonstrated competence by refereeing at the least the same number of games required for maintaining State or National level. That number at this time is a least 10 games during the year.
3. A trainee who does not attain the required test score may retake the test one month or more after the last test taking.

OR

An active SAY official may qualify as a Certified SAY Referee, if the following criteria are met:

1. Has been an active SAY referee for at least two (2) years
2. Has officiated at least 35 games as a SAY Referee (not as an Assistant Referee), with distinction
3. Has received at least two (2) favorable evaluations as a SAY Referee.

State SAY Referee

1. Presently is a "Certified" SAY Referee in good standing and has served as a Certified SAY Referee for at least two (2) years.
2. Achieves an 80% or higher grade on the SAY Referee test.
3. Has officiated at least 35 SAY matches, which must be as a referee (i.e. Not as a Assistant Referee). At least ten (10) of these games must have been refereed within the past year.
4. Has attended a three (3) hour SAY intermediate/advanced referee clinic within the last year or an equivalent and approved USSF intermediate Referee Clinic.
5. Has received two (2) favorable game evaluations as a Certified SAY Referee. Has been nominated and approved by the Referee's Area or District Referee Coordinator

National SAY Referee

1. Has served as a State SAY Referee for a minimum of two (2) years.
2. Has officiated at least 100 SAY matches, which must be as a Referee (i.e. Not as a Assistant Referee). At least ten (10) of these games must have been refereed as a State SAY Referee during each of any two (2) years.
3. Has attended a three (3) hour SAY intermediate/advanced referee clinic within the last year or an equivalent and approved USSF intermediate Referee Clinic.
4. Has received two (2) favorable game evaluations as a State SAY Referee.
5. Has been nominated and approved by the Referee's Area or District Referee Coordinator.

Referees under the age of 18 must take the referee class every 12 months. This is meant to be a refresher as well as to receive updates on new or changed rules. Experienced adult referees are sometimes allowed to forgo the clinic, but are still expected to stay current with rule changes.

Children age 13 and above may take the class and referee games. Children age 12 may take the class if sponsored by a parent or other adult who will attend the class with them and also referee with the child. We encourage adults to consider being referees as well.

New referees must purchase a complete uniform on their own, including shirt, shorts, socks, whistle, and timer. The total cost for these items ranges from \$25 - \$50. Participants of the class who pass the test will receive their badge and yellow/red cards.

New referees will be assigned to candy games and/or higher level games with an experienced ref. We require referees to be at least 2 years older than the children playing the game. The games for older teams are usually refereed by older teens and adults. Games are assigned each week based on the game schedule, the referee's availability, and the referee's demonstrated ability.

Pay schedules and length of games are as follows:

Candy (U4, U5, U6) games are 4 – 8 minute quarters. Referee is paid \$10 (only 1 referee).

Passer (U8) games are 4 – 10 minute quarters. Referees are paid \$12 each.

Wings (U10) games are 4 – 12 minute quarters. Referees are paid \$15 each.

Strikers (U12) games are 4 – 15 minute quarters. Referees are paid \$18 each.

Kickers (U14) games are 4 – 15 minute quarters. Referees are paid \$18 each.

Minors (U16) and Seniors (U19) games are 4 – 20 minute quarters. Referees are paid \$25 each.