

New Certified EYSA Referees

(EYSA = Eastside F.C., Bellevue, Issaquah, Lake Hills, Mercer Island, Newport)

This document will explain what the next steps are to becoming a referee.

First of all, you need to understand that there are a number of referee organizations in the Seattle area. There are 2 that deal with EYSA – www.EYSAReferees.org and www.EKCSRA.org. The first organization is managed by each club in EYSA and provides referees for U08-U13 recreational level games. The other organization (EKCSRA – East King County Soccer Referee Association) provides referees to Premier, Select, Adult, Hispanic and U14+ recreational level games. You can sign up with one or both of these organizations to self-assign games you want to referee.

What follows are the next steps to becoming a referee.

- A) A couple of days after passing the Referee Certification Test, you will receive an email from the Washington State Soccer Area Referee Administrator, welcoming you to the program. You should get instructions there on how to log on to the state referee site, www.wasrc.org. Once logged on, provide WASRC with information about yourself and change your password.
- B) You will need to clear the background check performed by the state of Washington Risk Management Assessment (RMA) program. Go to this website and submit the RMA form. <http://www.wsysa.com/Programs/RiskManagement/tabid/93/Default.aspx>
- C) If you are going to sign up with www.EYSAReferees.org to referee U08-U13 recreational level games for one or more EYSA clubs then your next steps are:
 - a. All referees under the age of 18 are required to have a **Parent/School Authorization Form** and **proof of age** (i.e. copy of a driver's license or a birth certificate) on file with an EYSA club and an **Independent Contractor form** on file with each EYSA club they plan to referee for before they self-assign games. This is so the club can be compliant with the Washington State Labor and Industries. Contact the Referee Coordinator for your club for more information. These forms can be found here: <http://www.eysa.org/home.php?layout=1123>

EKCSRA (East King County Soccer Referee Association) also requires a Parent/School Authorization Form and proof of age. **Their Parent/School Authorization form is different than the EYSA form.** It can be found on their website.

If you are refereeing for both an EYSA and EKCSRA, you will need to fill out both Parent/School Authorization forms and send them to the appropriate Referee Coordinator.

- b. Register with the EYSA Referee Association by going to www.EYSAReferees.org and select "Login/Register", then select "New user – I need to REGISTER for WEBSITE ACCESS". The

provide EYSA Referee Association with the information they ask for. Then select the club(s) you wish to referee for. This will send email to the referee coordinator for each selected club with your request to be a referee for their club. You will get back a reply accepting you. At this time you can begin self-assigning games (if the schedule is ready).

c. How to self-assign for EYSA U08-U13 Rec Games

- Log onto www.eyesareferees.org
- Select "Assignment Search" from the left-hand column
- Make sure "Quick Search Options" is set to "My Assignments + Open"
- Click "Show" to expand the "Additional Search Filters"
 - You may select a date range, a time range, a gender, a level (e.g. U09), etc.
 - Nearly every field is available to limit your search
- In "Sort By", choose "Date, Time, Field"
- "Show" allows you to choose the number of games displayed per page
- Click "Find" to open a new window with the games that match your search criteria
- Find a game with a green plus sign in the referee position you want (i.e. Center Ref, AR1 or AR2) and click on the green plus sign
 - If you see a green dot and a red plus sign, that is your game - green dot means you own that game. This happens when you have selected games and you go back into the web site to review or select more games. The red plus sign is what you click if you are "turning back" a game. If you do that, you must email the referee coordinator or call him and explain why you are turning it back.

Things to remember:

- You must be at least 2 years older than the team level you are center referee for (e.g. 13 year olds can only ref U08-U11 games)

D) If you plan on refereeing at the "Adult"; Youth "Select"; Youth "Premier"; or upper level (U14+) youth "Recreational", you will need to register with East King County Soccer Referee Association (EKCSRA). Follow these steps to get set up with them:

- a. Go to the state referee site (www.wasrc.org), and log in as a registered referee. You will be able to select the "referee" section, and then go to the link to "generate a token". A "token" is an electronic password that is generated to allow you to transfer the state credentials to your local chapter of referees (in your case EKCSRA). The token has a timeline of only a couple of hours. Click on the EKCSRA link <http://www.ekcsra.org> on that page and it will send you to the next site. You will need to reset your EKCSRA password and password reset questions also.
- b. For those of you who are ref'ing on behalf of your team or club under the East King County "Referee In Pool" program, you will need to navigate on the EKCSRA (<http://www.ekcsra.org>) site to the "Referee" section and select "Youth Pool". Next, find your team (Note: you can use the filters to ease your search), select the number hyperlink, and complete your association to that team. If your team is not yet listed, contact your club registrar.

- c. You will need to provide EKCSRA all the information they require including Parent/School Authorization form and proof of age. Once they have all the information they need, you will be able to self-assign games.
 - d. How to self-assign for EKCSRA games
 - Log onto www.ekcsra.org
 - Select “Match Inquiry” under “Referee” on the left-hand side. A list of games will appear.
 - You may limit the games displayed by changing the “Matches Criteria”
 - For example, If you want to referee games on Mercer Island, check the Mercer Island box
 - Most games are self-assigned similar to the EYSAReferees website
 - Some games you must request. You’ll need to click an envelop within the game and next to the position you wish to request
 - AR positions will only show up after the center position is filled
 - The EKCSRA Assignor will then either approve or reject your request
- E) Ensure you have all your gear. We have made arrangements with www.ScoreSports.com for equipment at a very good price. See this website for information on what equipment you need and what options you have, and how to order: <http://www.eysa.org/home.php?layout=1121>

Tony Heaney from the Whistle Line, <http://www.thewhistleline.com>, says he will provide referees for EYSA with the same kits ScoreSports does, at the same price. The referee just needs to send an email to Tony, at tony@thewhistleline.com and Tony rapidly mails the referee the kit.

Soccer West also carries Referee equipment, as does several other retailers although their prices are generally much higher. The official referee supplier to the USSF is <http://www.officialsports.com/>