



GSSA REFEREE TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Monday, February 24, and Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

WHERE: Sycamore High School, 7400 Cornell Rd. classroom 233.

This training prepares referees to ref younger age soccer:

- A. Instructional (Under 6): 4 v. 4, no score is kept; focus on learning rules, skill development; no goalies
- B. Passers (U8): 7 v. 7, first experience with keeping score & playing positions; no offsides called
- C. Wings (U10): 7 v. 7, offsides is called; larger field & larger goals than Passers level
- D. Upper Levels (U12 Strikers - U18 Seniors): although 90% of this training is focused on the lower age groups (U6, U8 & U10), some course material will focus on the Upper Levels. Through working the lower levels, referees gain the experience necessary to ref upper level games.

Games are played primarily at Weller Park (U6 & U8) and Symmes Elementary (U10).

Course registration: required; please send an email to gssa.ref.coordinator@gmail.com Provide your first and last name and a parent/guardian's preferred email address and emergency contact phone number. If both the referee and parents/guardians should be included in all future communications (game assignments, schedule changes, etc.) please supply these email addresses in the registration email.

Deadline: Monday, February 17; if we have 50 students, registration will close to ensure that enough seats are available in the classroom

Eligibility: at least 12 years old by April 1, 2018 (if you turn 12 by August 31, you may take the class and begin to ref in the fall season). The class is open to residents of other communities in the surrounding area, many of which open their summer referee training courses to Sycamore residents.

Cost: \$20.00; Zelle or PayPal preferred (I will supply you with the mobile # or email address for making payment upon receipt of your registration email); Google Wallet, check or cash also accepted

Pre-work: an [electronic version](https://www.gssasoccer.com/Default.aspx?tabid=342849) of the current rulebook is available through a link on the GSSA website: <https://www.gssasoccer.com/Default.aspx?tabid=342849>. You can also get a hard copy of the SAY rule book and test booklet prior to the initial class; dates/location for materials pickup to be announced

Attendance: It is mandatory to attend **both** nights. The first night is review of the material; the second night is additional review followed by the test.

Backup date: Thursday, February 27. If Sycamore schools are closed the day of either class then the class will be canceled. Communication regarding weather delays/cancelations is sent via email.

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