



REFEREE PROGRAM

The referee program is a fun filled training ground intended for teenagers, male and female, to practice the craft of officiating youth soccer games, with a goal to one day develop to the international level.

Teenagers fourteen (14) years or older can enroll to attend the two-day, sixteen (16) hours of instructional classes and subsequently take the 100 question test.

He or she will pass the test if they score seventy-five (75) per cent or higher. Passing the test will enable the youngster to immediately pay the (annual) \$25.00 registration fee. He or she will also receive the United States Soccer Federation's official Referee's Patch.

The referee classes are scheduled several times throughout the year, either here in Howell or in a neighboring town.

Upon passing the test you will be a Class 8 Referee. This means you are qualified to referee soccer games (intramural, traveling or others).

We try to place youngsters in games that match their age, experience and comfort level. The Senior Referees officiate Pee-wee, Novice and Advanced games. The Junior Referees officiate Instructional and Future Stars games.

The ultimate goal is to be a FIFA Referee. The road is as follows:

- Class 8 referee
- Class 7 referee - min. age of 17, 75 games as referee, etc.
- Class 6 referee - State Referee (Class 2) - min. age of 18, 100 games as referee, etc.
- Class 5 referee - State Referee (Class 1) - min. age of 19, 150 games as referee, etc.
- Class 4 referee - National Referee - min. age of 25, 150 games (50 must be Div. 1 or higher)

- Class 3 referee - International (FIFA, Grade 3) Referee - min. age of 26, 50 addnl. specified games, etc.
- Class 2 referee - International (IFA, Grade 2) Referee - min. age of 26, other specifications.
- Class 1 referee - International (FIFA, Grade 1) Referee - min. age of 26, max. age 45, other specifications.

Our goal at Howell Soccer Club is for our youngsters to enjoy the act of officiating youth soccer games with an eye on advancing up the ladder to one day be a FIFA Referee.

For additional information or to be placed on the club's senior referee roster, please call our voice mail at (732) 919-7788. When club message starts, press 6 to leave a message.