



WEST ISLIP SOCCER CLUB **REFEREE PROGRAM RULES**

A. INTRODUCTION

The West Islip Soccer Club (the “Club”) provides referees for the U8 and U9/10 age groups in its intramural program, and the West Islip U9 – U17 age groups for West Islip teams participating in the Suffolk Soccer Inter-League program.¹

The Club referee program is designed as an educational training program open to Members and Youth Volunteers who meet the eligibility requirements set forth herein. **Adult and Youth Referee Candidates who do not meet the eligibility requirements will not be allowed to referee in the program. Referees who do not satisfy their responsibilities set forth herein, or miss game assignments may not be assigned games to referee or may be disqualified from the referee program.**

B. DEFINITIONS

Adult Referee means any Adult Referee Candidate who has met the eligibility requirements set forth herein.

Adult Referee Candidate means an individual at least 18 years of age applying to be a referee with the West Islip Soccer Club.

Board means the current Board of Directors for the West Islip Soccer Club.

¹ The West Islip Soccer Club is no longer responsible for training Assistant Referees or assigning games to Assistant Referees.

Board Member means a current member of the Board.

A **Fall Soccer Season** begins in September and ends in November.

Member means any Youth Member, any current coach with the West Islip Soccer Club, any current assistant coach with the West Islip Soccer Club, any Adult Referee, and any current Board Member. All Members must be in good standing in accordance with the West Islip Soccer Club By-Laws and any guiding rules.

Referee means Adult Referee or Youth Referee.

A **Soccer Year** begins in the fall and ends in the spring, and consists of a Fall Soccer Season and a Spring Soccer Season. By way of example, the 2008-09 Soccer Year comprises the Fall 2008 Soccer Season and the Spring 2009 Soccer Season.

A **Spring Soccer Season** begins in March and ends in May.

Volunteer means any West Islip Resident under the age of 18 who is not a Youth Member.

Youth Member means any current player under the age of 18 properly registered to play soccer in the West Islip Soccer Club.

Youth Referee means any Referee Candidate who has met the eligibility requirements set forth herein.

Youth Referee Candidate is any Youth Member or Volunteer applying to be a referee with the West Islip Soccer Club.

C. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT REFEREES

Board Approval

All Adult Referee Candidates must be approved by the Board.

Training & Testing

All Adult Referee Candidates with no referee experience are required to attend two (2) training sessions at a time and place designated by the Director of Referees for the West Islip Soccer Club (the “Director of Referees”).

D. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH REFEREES

Age Requirement

Youth Referee Candidates interested in refereeing for the Club must have reached their 12th birthday by August 1st of the year in which the Soccer Year begins. By way of example, Youth Referee Candidates interested in refereeing for the 2009-2010 Soccer Year must reach their 12th birthday by August 1, 2009.

Application

To be considered for the referee program, all Youth Referee Candidates must submit a completed application by the date specified by the Board or Director of Referees preceding the next Fall Soccer Season. Late applications will not be considered. However, the West Islip Soccer Club reserves the right to re-open the application process or initiate a new application process if necessary. The age requirement applies for any application process.

Application forms are provided for easy download at the following link:
<http://www.westislipsoccer.org/referee.html>

Applications are reviewed by the Referee Committee and submitted to the Board for final approval.

Board Approval

All Youth Referee Candidates who are Volunteers must also be approved by the Board. Any Board Member who does not approve of a Volunteer Youth Referee Candidate must raise their objection in a Board meeting and the Board shall vote.

Training & Testing

All Youth Referee Candidates are required to:

1. Attend two (2) training sessions at a time and place designated by the Director of Referees; and
2. Pass a written test administered by the Director of Referees.

Registration Fee

All Youth Referee Candidates are required to submit to the Director of Referees a registration fee for refereeing in the upcoming Fall or Spring Soccer Season. The registration fee is \$10.00 and must be submitted at the first training session. The registration fee must be paid by check, payable to the West Islip Soccer Club.

E. RECOGNITION/BENEFIT

For their participation in the referee program, Referees will receive a benefit in accordance with the benefit schedule provided by the Director of Referees. Such benefit will be awarded at the end of the Fall and Spring Soccer Seasons as appropriate. Volunteer Youth Referees are not eligible for any benefits until they meet the volunteer service requirements set forth herein.

Volunteer Service

To receive any benefit for the Fall Soccer Season, all Volunteer Youth Referees must complete six (6) hours of volunteer service for the Club during the six month period beginning March 1st and ending August 31st and/or during the Fall Soccer Season. Volunteer Youth Referees will not be eligible for any benefits for refereeing any games prior to achieving the requisite number of volunteer service hours.

To receive any benefit for the Spring Soccer Season, all Volunteer Youth Referees must complete six (6) hours of volunteer service for the Club during the six month period beginning September 1st and ending February 28th and/or during the Spring Soccer Season. Volunteer Youth Referees will not be eligible for any benefits for refereeing any games prior to achieving the requisite number of volunteer service hours.

A Volunteer Youth Referee can meet his/her volunteer service requirement through the referee program or through other Board approved volunteer programs.

Prior to or during both the Fall Soccer Season and the Spring Soccer Season each Volunteer Youth Referee shall provide the Director of Referees copies of all participation certificates signed by a the Director of Referees or another Board Member designated by the Board to approve participation certificates, setting forth the date the volunteer services were performed and the number of hours of volunteer service. For Volunteer Youth Referees, completing an electronic certification process set up by the Director of Referees will satisfy the participation certification requirement.

F. RESPONSIBILITIES

Uniform and Equipment

Referees must wear the designated referee uniform of the club. The referee uniform consists of a yellow referee jersey, a Club patch for the jersey, black referee shorts and black socks. The Club will provide referees with the jersey (subject to a security deposit), shorts and socks. Prior to each of the Fall and Spring Soccer Seasons,

all Referees are required to pay a \$20.00 security deposit in order to receive a yellow referee jersey for the upcoming season. At the end of each of the Fall and Spring Soccer Seasons the yellow referee jersey will be collected and the security deposit returned.

Referees must have a whistle and red & yellow Cards for each game refereed. The Club will provide referees with a whistle and red & yellow Cards.

G. CLASSIFICATIONS

Referees are classified into levels based upon their experience:

- Level 1 Referee consists of beginners and referees with less than 8 games experience.
- Level 2 Referees are intermediates and consist of referees with more than 8 games experience.
- Level 3 Referees are Adult Referees, referees certified by the Long Island Junior Soccer League or SSI, or school certified referees.

H. GAME ASSIGNMENTS

Each game covered by the referee program should have two Referees assigned to the game. Game assignments involve a two or three stage process. First, Referees must request games they would like to referee during the upcoming weekend. Second, the Director of Referees assigns games to Referees based upon games requested by each Referee and game availability. Third, in the event all games are not requested or covered, the Director of Referees will advise each Referee of available games and seek additional requests.

All game requests will be reviewed and game assignments handed out by the Director of Referees. Referees are assigned to games based on experience:

- Level 1 Referees can only referee U8 & U9/10 games;
- Level 2 Referees can referee U8, U9/10 and Inter-League games; and
- Level 3 Referees can referee U8, U9/10 and Inter-League games.

Because this is a time intensive process, all Referees are required to request games during the period starting Sunday evening at 6:00 pm and ending on Tuesday evening at 10:00 pm each week. To request games to referee please go to following link

<http://www.westislipsoccer.org/referee.html>.

If all games for an upcoming weekend are requested and assigned to Referees, your failure to request games by the Tuesday deadline will result in your ineligibility to referee games during the upcoming weekend.

All Referees who are not available to referee games for an upcoming weekend must go to the website and check the appropriate box indicating that they are not available.

I. GAME REPORT

All Referees are required to submit a game report for every game they referee. Game reports are entered via the website (Referee Page) at the following link <http://www.westislpsoccer.org/referee.html>. All Referees must include the following information that you will need to keep track of:

- Your name and e-mail address;
- Your refereeing partner;
- Game time and date; and
- Game location.

In addition, Referees who participate in the refereeing SSI games will be required to fill out the additional SSI Game incident form if **ANY CARDS** are issued or for any serious issues that arise during the game.

It is the responsibility of each Referee to track the games refereed. This game report confirms your attendance at the game and is used by the Director of Referees to calculate any volunteer service credits or any benefit. Any Referee who fails to enter a game report will likely lose credit and/or any benefit for the game.