

Are you looking to earn some extra money? Do you love soccer and want to get paid to watch it?

### **Become a soccer official!**

The local Wausau area new soccer official class has been announced. The course is a one-day class on Saturday, March 14th from 8:30 – 4:30 PM. It is being held at the [Greenheck Field House \(6400 Alderson Street, Schofield, WI 54476\)](#). **The minimum age to become a new soccer referee is 13 years old (this is new as it used to be 12 years old. You must be 13 years old before being allowed to register for the course).** The estimated total cost of the course and uniform is around \$100-125. There is online coursework that must be done before the class that takes about 5-10 hours. There is a limit of 30-40 people for this class so register as soon as possible in order to secure a spot. There are not many opportunities out there for youths to make at minimum of \$14 per hour. Last season, the Central Wisconsin Soccer League paid referees (Center and Assistant Referees) between \$14 - \$58 per game depending on age group and referee experience. The minimum payment for a U9/U10 game (which is the level a new referee would start at) is \$20 for a center referee and \$14 for assistant referees. That is at least \$14 for refereeing a U9/U10 game of 50 minutes in length!

#### **Details to sign up and learn more:**

The new soccer referee course offered in the Wausau area is now in the US Soccer Learning Center. The class is on March 14, 2020 at the Greenheck Field House that is attached to the DC Everest High School. To find information: go to [wisref.org](http://wisref.org) and move your mouse over and click on “[Becoming a Referee](#)” on the top or the page to learn more about becoming a new soccer referee. Here is the information to sign up for a "Grassroots - First Time Referees" course as it is now referred to:

1. First of all, the website's address that you should go to is <https://learning.ussoccer.com/>
2. Click on “Referee Program”
3. Click on “Start Your Journey”. This will take you to the Course Listing search page in the Learning Center.
4. Click on “Go to Course List” in the upper part of the right-hand side of the page.
5. This will take you to the course listing of all courses.
6. Locate the course you want (look for Schofield, WI on March 14 for the course in town)
7. Click on “Course Details” to find more info about the cost (\$70 for the course). Note if you are 18 and older you will need a background check good for 2 years that will cost more too.
8. Once you are ready to register, you need to log-in (if you created an account already) or you need to sign-up for an account at this point. If you are 18 and older you must complete a background check before being allowed to register for the course. This can take up to 10 days. On the following page is info you will need when creating your account in the US Soccer Learning center:

## Sign up

You are just one step away from joining the U.S. Soccer Learning Center. Please fill in the form below to open your free account now. \* - required fields

Please note: the personal information provided (name, date of birth, email address, etc.) must be those of the referee that will be seeking certification, not the details of a parent or guardian. For parents/guardians, there is a field for secondary email address if you wish to receive a copy of all email notifications that are sent to this user.

<b>Your Email *</b> <input type="text" value="Your Email"/>	<b>Mailing Address</b> <input type="text" value="Address"/>	
<b>Secondary Email</b> ⓘ <input type="text" value="Email of your parent or guardian"/>	<b>Apt / Unit / Suite</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>Password *</b> <input type="password" value="Password"/> <small>Password must contain at least one capitalized character, one lower case character and one number</small>	<b>City *</b> <input type="text" value="City"/>	<b>State *</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>Confirm Password *</b> <input type="password" value="Confirm password"/>	<b>Zip *</b> <input type="text" value="Zip code"/>	<b>Country *</b> <input type="text" value="United States"/>
<b>First Name *</b> <input type="text" value="First Name"/>	<b>Middle Name</b> <input type="text" value="Middle Name"/>	<small>U.S. Soccer invites you to self-identify your personal demographic information to help us fulfill our commitment to achieving a diverse and inclusive sport. <b>Your response is completely optional</b>, and the information you share will only be used to monitor and assess our progress in achieving our diversity and inclusion goals such as improving our recruiting, hiring and development practices across the sport. Providing this information is voluntary, but we hope you will assist us in our efforts to uphold these values.</small>
<b>Last Name *</b> <input type="text" value="Last Name"/>		
<b>Gender</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> X <small>What's this</small> ⓘ	<b>Birthdate *</b> <input type="text" value=""/>	
<b>Phone *</b> <input type="text" value="(201) 555-0123"/>	<b>Ethnicity *</b> <input type="text" value="Choose Ethnicity"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree to the <a href="#">Terms of Use</a> <input type="checkbox"/> I agree to the <a href="#">Privacy Policy</a>	

✓ SIGN UP NOW

When you have completed your sign-up for your account, you can then log into the Learning Center and register for the course or request a background check (see Background check below) if you are 18 years old and older.

Please note that background screening for persons 18 years of age and older, **MUST** be applied for and cleared before US Soccer will allow registering for any course. The link for the background check is in your Referee profile. The background screening takes between 2-10 days for a response. As all course work including the online portion **MUST** be completed at least 48 hours prior to the classroom attendance, you should plan accordingly when you choose a course. I recommend signing up for a course at least 3 weeks in advance to give yourself enough time to complete the background screening, register and complete all assignments.

Please note that if your address is one of those that has changed in the last year due to the Marathon County readdressing project, you may need to use your old address when completing the background check request.

After the background check is completed (for those 18+), to register for the "Grassroots - First Time Referees" course of your choosing. Here are the steps:

- 1) When you are logged in, click on Courses in the blue banner at the top.
- 2) When the "My Courses" page appears, click on "Available Courses".
- 3) When the "Available Courses" page appears, click on "Grassroots – First Time Referees"
- 4) Click on the red "Go to Course List".
- 5) The list of courses for the whole State appears. The list has multiple pages in date order with the most future date first.

- 6) Select the clinic that you wish to attend and click on "Course Details". This will take you to the course page.
- 7) Click on "Proceed to Registration" to register and pay the course fee.
- 8) Now complete the course assignments.

If you have any trouble, contact Eric Lorge (Wausau Area Referee Assignor) below and I can walk you through it as this process is completely new this year (hopefully I didn't mess any directions above up). If you know of anyone else interested, please share these directions.

**Details how to get to classroom in Greenheck on the day of class:**

Enter Greenheck Field House through the main entrance. Walk past the front desk as you enter the building. Walk into commons area and past the concession stand. Continue walking down the long hallway until you get to the end (you will go through a couple doors but keep walking straight). At the end of the hall, go left through the doors. You will see the group fitness studio on your right and the fitness center straight ahead. Enter the fitness center and walk straight ahead to the conference room on the other side of the fitness center.

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