



# Referee Sign-Up Rules (Fall 2017)

Welcome to the Fall 2017 WVSL recreational referee sign up. Fall games are held at Pierce College, Columbus Middle School and AC Stelle Middle School. Fall Dates - September 9, 16, 23, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, December 2

**Read and follow all the referee rules.**

**Training:** If you need referee training, do NOT sign up for the first game of the day. If you are training for the first hour of your day, please arrive one hour before your scheduled start and check in with the field coordinators (they will be wearing STAFF shirts). Provide your name and they will mark it down so you can receive credit. 1 hour of referee training = 1 hour credit. After your one hour of training, you will proceed to the field you signed up to referee.

**If you do not need training,** arrive at the field 10 minutes prior to your game and check in with the field coordinators. Be prepared to tell the coordinator which game you selected. Late arrivals may lose their opportunity to referee. Your name will be checked off the list and you will be provided with a whistle.

**Clothing:** Wear comfortable shoes and black or dark shorts. Wear a RSC/WVSL Tee shirt if you have one. Don't forget sunblock and water.

**Number of Referees:** There are two referees per field and we encourage signing up with a buddy. Please do keep in mind though that if we have a shortage on another field (i.e., no referee), you may be assigned to cover that field so that everyone has a referee for their games.

**Inclement Weather:** Check the WVSL website. Do not assume the games are off.

**Cancellation Policy:** While we do not encourage cancellations, we understand issues may arise. Volunteer cancellations may only be made *up to 5:00pm on the Friday prior to your shift*. We are counting on you to honor your volunteer commitment. The system timestamps when you sign up and when you cancel. Extreme emergency cancellations must be called in or text messaged to Victoria at 818-625-0637. Be sure to tell Victoria your full name, the field you were scheduled on and the time you were scheduled to referee. Please speak slowly and clearly if leaving a voicemail message. No shows without explanation receive double hours owed.

**Walk-Up Referees:** Every referee *must sign up online in advance* to receive volunteer credit.

**Age Restrictions for Referees:** Make sure that games you select are age appropriate for you and your skill level. Referees must be 12 years or older and two or more years older than the age group they referee (e.g. a 14 year old may only referee 12 year old and under games).

**Field Coordinators and Field Help:** WVSL coordinators will be roaming the fields throughout the day. Please do let them know if a team or coach is being particularly difficult. If you don't see the coordinator during the game, please seek them out afterwards and provide details on any difficult situations. Referee abuse will not be tolerated and it is important to provide the coordinator with as much factual data as possible. Please be positive and forgiving of coaches, parents and players when possible, but seek help from the coordinators if you need it. We want the experience to be a positive one for all parties.

**Thank you for making the program a success by doing this important job.**