

New Referee Checklist for Trias

This handout is for all new referees that are wondering what to do next, now that you have finished the clinic. Many new referees go into the clinic with lots of ideas of how to spend their new money, but many also come out of the clinic wondering what the next steps are, or maybe just don't have the desire to do all that is necessary to get out onto the field.

So here is a checklist of things to do and not to do if your goal is to get on the field:

What to do after you pass the test

- **Finish your paperwork** at the clinic and pay your clinic and license fee at the clinic. Make sure you have your referee handbook and current year badge before you leave. You will eventually get an email from the WASRC (www.wareferees.org), which is our state referee governing body. Don't ignore this, as you will need to be able to log in to register for clinics and take the annual test.
- **Register on Trias** (www.triassoccercentral.org) as soon as you can. You will receive login instructions shortly after that. This is the site where you will be assigning yourself to games for the West Seattle Soccer Club. Get familiar with this site and ask any questions to HSA Assignor Cindy Moore (crmoore@u.washington.edu) or West Seattle club assignors Tim McMonigle (timpatmc@comcast.net), David Unruh (dunruh@comcast.net) or Bill Fry (FryWDAJR@gmail.com). The state referee chapters for all areas within Washington fit into state districts, which are located at www.wareferees.org/Administration/WASRCDistricts.aspx. You are free to register on any referee chapter within the state if you want to referee games in those areas. You can also find recertification clinics listed under the Instruction tab. Bookmark this site (wareferees.org).
- **Submit your RMA.** The Risk Management Application (RMA) is a national background check required by our state governing body Washington Youth Soccer. Trias checks your RMA to make sure you are cleared with the state. Go to www.washingtonyouthsoccer.org/resources/risk_management_safety/risk_management_application, and scroll down to the referee section, and click on the link. Use your legal name and birthdate to make sure it matches state records.
- **Register on WASRC.** You will be sent a welcome email with a password from an ARA, such as Area Referee Administrator Peter Maunsel (peter@maunsell.info). The state website's address is www.wareferees.org. This is where you will pre-register for other training clinics so you receive training credit. This is also where you will test for your recertification this fall for your next year's badge/license. Bookmark this site.
- **Look for referee gear.** To be assigned to matches, you must have a uniform. This means shirt (yellow, to start off with), black referee shorts, referee socks and black shoes. You should also get flags, whistle, red/yellow cards, data sheet, and watch, and a bag to carry it all in. Wear this uniform with pride! NO hooded sweatshirts, no basketball shorts (not sagged nor rolled), no sweat pants, no team warm-ups. You can find referee kits at www.whistleline.com or Score Sports (soccer.scoresports.com/soccer/packages/referees.html). You can also sometimes find referee jerseys at Goodwill or Salvation Army.
- **Get the contact info for the local assignors** in the area you intend to ref. These should be listed on www.wareferees.org.

What NOT to do

- **Wait to get set up.** Please do not wait until a day or two before the first game to do the above. This takes some time to get everything set up.
- **Wait to sign up.** When games are loaded into Trias (or other referee assigning sites), many games are taken fairly quickly. Sign up for games as soon as you can to get your desired games.

- **Have your parents sign you up for games.** If you are a youth referee, it is your responsibility to make sure the games work with your schedule, and your responsibility to sign up for them, not your parents.
- **Be afraid to ask questions.** This can be a daunting task to get all set up to be a referee, and then to follow the process to self-assign to games. We know it can be confusing, but we want you to be successful. Please ask questions so we can help you get on the field.

Every year you are required to attend a two hour hybrid clinic, take and pass 17 online modules and pay the license fee if you want to ref the next year. You must register through wareferees.org, take the modules and pay through this site to get credit. Every year, you will need to do this to register for the next year. This should be done by December 31st of that year.

The laws of the game change every year. FIFA laws change July 1st with some special notable exceptions and the youth league laws change September 1st. You should attend your local referee chapter meetings each month starting in August and KNOW these new significant law/rule changes prior to officiating in fall leagues. This is YOUR responsibility to do so. Check local referee association websites in August so you know when the meetings will be held.

We want you to be successful on the field, so it is our goal to get you through all of the above and out on the field. And when you start refereeing, you will have some good and bad experiences on the field. We are here to work through those situations as well.

Happy Reffing!

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