

WHY BECOME A SOCCER REFEREE!

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF?

BENEFITS:

Not Bad Pay.
Work your own schedule.
Be an expert on the rules of the game.
Earn the respect & admiration of peers.
Great exercise.
Share soccer with your kids.
Contribute to your community.
Help develop character & sportsmanship in youth.
Make you a better coach and/or player

OTHER REASONS TO BECOME A SOCCER REFEREE!

People who love soccer can help the game by becoming a referee. If there were no referees, there would be no game.

Refereeing is...

- Responsible
- Challenging
- Satisfying

It will give you...

- Enjoyment
- Exercise
- Commitment
- New Friends
- Communication skills
- Decision making skills under mental and physical pressure
- Increased confidence
- People-management skills

And here are the common excuses for not becoming a referee.

I don't know enough about the game

Don't worry...you will be given comprehensive training and you will know more about the Laws of the Game than almost anyone.

I don't have time

The initial commitment is only to attend the training course. You can then referee to suit your own schedule.

I'm not the right kind of person

Yes you are. Would you want games refereed by someone who is not as good as you?

I'd look silly in that uniform

Well you can wear black or yellow or red or...

I'd be embarrassed

Everyone makes mistakes (even those refereeing for years.) The important thing is to approach the job with enthusiasm and enjoyment, because this will be passed on to the players and managers.

I'm a woman - I never see them referee

Wrong. We have quite a few women qualified as referees - and they are great. We could use more.

I don't care

Well here it is, if you don't care about the quality, safety or enjoyment of soccer then you have come up with the correct excuse and we no longer have to ask why, because you can't be a referee, and that is that.

However, if this last excuse doesn't apply to you (and we hope it doesn't), then we badly need you.

You'll never be able to watch any major sport quite the same way again.

If you still don't think you're the right kind of person for this job you took the time to read this whole page, which means you care and that means you are exactly the right kind of person

TIME TO GET CERTIFIED—NOT MUCH

16.5 classroom hours (Usually Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday).

\$25 class fee plus \$30 USSF Registration fee/Insurance. \$25.00 Class fee may be reimbursed to CFBSA members, ask for details.

Soccer referees must also purchase their own uniforms. The initial uniform costs about \$50.00

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO A BETTER JOB?

Become a referee, NOW!

