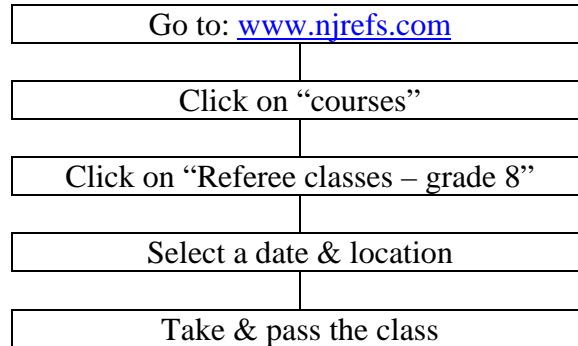


BECOMING A FAIR HAVEN REFEREE

In order to become a referee in the Fair Haven Recreational Soccer program, you must have completed the United States Soccer Federation's (USSF) Grade 8, referee class. To sign up for this class you must do the following:



Once you have successfully completed the sixteen hour class, simply contact the Fair Haven Recreational Soccer referee coordinator (listed elsewhere in this web site) to obtain an application. A completed application must be received by the referee coordinator by the deadline date for each season in order to be considered. Typically that date is in the middle of August.

To maintain your USSF Grade 8 certification, referees must take a four hour refresher course every year. You sign up for the refresher class by accessing the same web site. In lieu of clicking on the "Referee classes – grade 8" you click on the link for "Re-cert Grades 8, 9, & 7 Classes". No one will be permitted to referee unless in possession of a valid USSF Grade 8 certification, or higher (except as stated below). If a referee allows their certification to expire by not taking the refresher course, the USSF requires that the sixteen hour class be retaken.

In instances where a referee inadvertently allowed their certification to expire, or was unable to recertify due to other circumstances beyond their control, they may be allowed to officiate for one additional subsequent season with the understanding that:

- 1) Compensation will be at the next lower level
 - a) Senior referees paid at the Junior level,
 - b) Junior referees paid at the Apprentice level,
 - c) Apprentices paid at \$5.00 less than certified apprentices.
- 2) If the referee does not subsequently become recertified, they will not be allowed to officiate in future seasons until such time as they are recertified.

FAIR HAVEN REFEREE GRADE LEVELS

The Fair Haven Recreational Soccer program has three levels of referees. They are: apprentice, junior and senior. Refer to our Referee Qualification Guidelines (listed elsewhere in this web site) to learn how to achieve each level.

COMPENSATION

Senior referees: \$25.00 per game.

Junior referees: \$20.00 per game.

Apprentice referees: \$15.00 per game.

SCHEDULING OF GAMES

It is the responsibility of the referee coordinator to schedule officials for all home games. While there is no written policy, the process of scheduling referees for games typically adheres to the following philosophy.

In mid-August the Northern Monmouth Soccer Association (NMSA) issues the league's game schedule. The referee coordinator then creates a game matrix for the entire season. This matrix indicates game: dates, locations (specific field), allocated playing field time durations and assigned referee(s). This matrix does not in any way consider the set aside weekend for the in town tournament.

Though not an NMSA policy, in Fair Haven there are typically three referees assigned to officiate each game. The first listed referee in the matrix is assigned senior referee responsibility. All subsequent referees are to adhere to specific field responsibilities as assigned by the senior referee prior to the game.

The referee coordinator takes into account: the number of referees that are available at each level (apprentice, junior and senior), their anticipated availability for the season, and the total number of games to be scheduled. Except in unusual circumstances each game will have a single apprentice and two other higher grade referees. One of the two higher grade referees should be a senior referee, again unless special circumstances dictate otherwise.

The number of games a referee can expect to officiate in any given season is a function of several factors. These include, but are not limited to:

- Number of apprentices, junior and senior referees,
- Referee's availability due to other commitments,
- Number of games to be played in Fair Haven,
- Known quality of referee's prior officiating to date, and
- Cancellation of scheduled games due to weather or other circumstances.

Regarding the in town tournament. Though not an NMSA policy, typically only junior and senior referees participate in the officiating of games for school grades three through eight. Additionally, if there is a referee that is eligible to play in the tournament, they will be required to play with their team as opposed to referee games while their team grade level is scheduled for play. However, they will be allowed to officiate during allocated blocks of time when their team grade level is not playing. Apprentices will be allowed to officiate in tournament games for school grades three through eight only in unusual circumstances, and as conditions dictate, may be offered the opportunity to assist in the Kindergarten through school grade two activities.