

Referees: the TYSL Fall 2025 season's Referee assignment schedule is published to Arbiter.

At your very earliest opportunity, please log in to Arbiter and check your assignments against your own calendars ("list view" display should enable you to see/print your entire schedule at once). A few days before each assignment, Arbiter will email you a reminder (to.your.user.ID.email). Make sure that you book the dates now, that you continue to look ahead, and that you promptly notify me if you have conflicts.

SUB REQUEST PROCESS: If you need to report any issues with an assignment, write to tyslrefassignor@gmail.com, but:

1. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE: start a new email chain (please don't just hit reply to this or any other email) and

put "Sub Request" in the subject line of the email with date, time, and field of game(s), and

2. To ensure you and I are talking about the same game, please cut and paste the game line from your Arbiter assignment schedule into your email (if you check "list view" in the "display" menu under your "schedule" tab, it should be easy to cut and paste the game line).

Example:

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9/20/2023 Wed

6:00 PM

[Firefighters F](#)

I will then circulate a sub request email to appropriate level referees in our pool. Except in urgent cases, I generally wait about a day or two to give interested referees time to reply, then pick, and make the sub assignment. If you get the sub assignment, I will send you an email to confirm.

Please give me as much lead time as possible to find a sub. Check before Referees' Orientation Meeting to make sure you don't have any foreseeable conflicts now, ESPECIALLY if you have assignments in April. The longer you wait, the harder it becomes to find a sub and the greater the likelihood the Assignor won't be able to staff that position (the players don't get a referee and a potential sub loses an opportunity to learn and earn).

The Spring Referees' Orientation Meeting will be Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 7:30 pm, Troy Community Center, room number 305; I will send a link for remote access before Thursday. Please come in person if you can (especially referees new to TYSL); meet some of your fellow referees. Referees new to TYSL should consider attendance mandatory, especially if you are new to refereeing.

TYSL hopes you enjoy earning and learning. Your support enriches your (soccer) community. Please don't hesitate to let TYSL know how the League can support you to make your experience more positive and enjoyable.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or comments including matters you'd like discussed at the Orientation.

Again, thanks for your support for TYSL recreational soccer.

Gabe Locher

P.S. Two follow up notes:

1. TYSL's numbers are down this season and, therefore, there are fewer games to assign, especially on the girls' side (especially Sundays). Veteran referees may notice a lighter initial schedule than they are accustomed to receiving.
2. However, as of this writing, I still do not have the schedule for 7/8th grade girls or Coed (HS). These teams are playing inter-city and the inter-city scheduler has not yet published their game schedule. Once I get it, I will reach out promptly to qualified referees for additional coverage. Hopefully, this will enable me to nudge up game counts for veteran referees looking for extra work on the weekends (as these inter-city games tend to play Saturdays and Sundays).