

Become a soccer match official



INFORMATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SOCCER SEASON

Benefits of Refereeing Soccer

- Enjoy a flexible schedule – you only need to work the evenings or tournament weekends you're available.
- Develop important soft-skills – referees quickly gain strong leadership, communication, and decision-making skills through their work.
- Create meaningful relationships – the officiating community is close-knit and often offers opportunities to establish a sense of community among referees.
- Get paid to stay active and enjoy a sport you love.



How to get started in 2024

Step 1

Visit <https://www.refcentre.com/ontario/> when **registration opens (mid-February 2024)** and select the “Entry Level” certification option if you’ll be age 14+ by March 31, 2024.

If you’re between the ages of 12 (as of March 31, 2024) and 14, you can select “Small-Sided” certification. Please note, some soccer clubs in Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Cavan, Hastings, and Northumberland County don’t use small-sided referees. If you’re not sure about the options where you live, please reach out to the District’s Referee Recruitment Officer, Beth McClelland at beth.music@live.com or the Club Head Referee contacts listed at the end of this document to discuss.

Once you’ve selected a certification option, you’ll see a list of the remaining steps and expectations for the course. You can read about each step in more detail by clicking on each icon.



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Step 2

Complete the payment and registration details for the certification course you've selected (\$135 for Entry Level) as well as the pre-course feedback and waivers. This step should take 10-15 minutes.

*Note: In your registration, you'll be asked to select a Club. This is so that the Club Head Referees can monitor your progress and help where needed. If unsure of Club, you should select the Club that is closest geographically. For example, if you live in Peterborough, you could select Peterborough Youth Soccer Club OR Peterborough City Soccer Association. Even though you can only select one club, once you complete your referee certification, you'll be able to referee for as many clubs as you'd like.



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Step 3

Register for your mandatory webinar (virtual) and your mandatory practical session (in person). Your practical session date must occur AFTER your selected mandatory webinar.

In 2024, the in-person practical will take place in Peterborough on April 20th and in Cobourg on May 5th. The in-person practical is approximately 4 hours long.

Step 4

Once you've selected your online webinar and in-person practical session, you'll need to complete self-guided modules online. All of these modules are available through the Ref Centre website on which you completed your registration. The modules will help you get ready for your webinar. You must complete your self-guided modules before your webinar date.

Step 5

Attend the mandatory webinar you selected (you'll be taught by a live instructor online).

IMPORTANT:

During the Mandatory Webinar, the student will be provided with an EXAM CODE. The student must write down this code as they will need it to access the exam.

The exam code is valid for 5 days after the Mandatory Webinar has been attended.

Staff will not be providing codes – DO NOT LOSE THE CODE!

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Step 6

After completing your mandatory webinar, you'll be prompted to complete a one-hour open-book exam. You must achieve a grade of 80% to pass the exam. If you do not pass the exam, you can re-sit it after 48 hours. You may only re-sit the exam once.

Step 7

Provided you pass the exam, you'll be able to attend your in-person practical session. After the practical, you must complete a brief signal tests back in the online portal (applying what you learned in the practical session) before you can finalize your registration as a referee and receive your official certificate!

For a more detailed version of the referee registration process, please visit

https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/4f4e-2886933/Student_Guide_Clinics_2023_Updated.pdf

Please note: this guide and the link above are based on the 2023 registration package and may be subject to change by Ontario Soccer for the 2024 season.

ECOSA Referee Contacts

District Contacts

District Referee Coordinator: Michael Smith (mews@nexicom.net)

Referee Recruitment Officer: Beth Pelow (beth.music@live.com)

Club Contacts

Jeremiah Beggs – Kawartha Lakes Soccer Club (jeremiahbeggsreferee@gmail.com)

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