

## Becoming a VYSO Referee

Thanks for the interest in becoming a referee.

1. Begin the process by registering at the following website:  
<https://www.gotsport.com/asp/application/reg/Default.asp?ProgramID=71460&Type=OFFICIAL>
2. Certification classes are offered in Victoria in September. More information on our class and others is available at <http://stsr.org/website/default.aspx>
  - a. We encourage all referees to become certified referees but allow uncertified referees to officiate U8 or younger in their first year as a referee.
3. Referee Uniforms: We ask that all referees wear a yellow referee jersey, black shorts and black soccer socks for all recreational games.
  - a. We have a shirt for beginning referees for \$10.
  - b. Refs will also need a whistle and a pen.
  - c. VYSO has a recreation games new referee kit containing a shirt, black socks and a whistle for \$15.
  - d. To referee select games, the official referee uniform is required (Yellow jersey)
    - i. Official Sports: <http://officialsports.com/off-field-apparel/starter-kits/>
    - ii. Score Sports: <https://scoresports.com/soccer/apparel/officials.html>
4. Watch "Advice to New Referees Videos"  
<http://stsr.org/website/Videos/Advice%20to%20New%20Referees.aspx>
5. Email The Referee Administrator with times you are available to ref this coming Saturday at [vsoreferee@gmail.com](mailto:vsoreferee@gmail.com)
6. Your first experience will be watching another referee in a U8 or younger game followed by refereeing a game yourself.

Additional training videos:

- US Soccer 'Laws of the Game' Videos
  - <http://stsr.org/website/Videos/USSoccer%20LOTG%20Videos.aspx>
- FIFA Laws of the Game Videos
  - [http://stsr.org/website/Videos/fifa\\_lotg\\_videos-1-6.aspx](http://stsr.org/website/Videos/fifa_lotg_videos-1-6.aspx)
- Referee & Assistant Referee Procedures
  - <http://stsr.org/website/Videos/Procedures.aspx>
- US Soccer Online Training
  - <https://www.ussoccer.com/referees/resource-center/online-training>
- Parents of new referees
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=-8vN3XLhrKA>