



Vermont State Referee Association 2022 Match Assignments



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- Overview of assignment process
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- GotSport walkthrough
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State Referee Committee

<https://www.vermontsoccer.org/referees/state-referee-committee-positions>

<https://www.vermontsoccer.org/referees/im-a-certified-vt-referee-now-what-do-i-do>

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Assignment Process

- ▶ THE REFEREE SHOULD BE THE ONE EMAILING AND READING EMAILS FROM THE ASSIGNOR- NOT A PARENT. A PARENT CAN BE CC'ED ON THE EMAIL.
- ▶ Sign up for an event through GotSport or other means
- ▶ **Self-Assign**
 - ▶ Only Spring VSL
 - ▶ Pick your own games (these games are approved by an assignor)
 - ▶ Schedule will open on a date for you to begin - not a race!
 - ▶ You still may be manually assigned games
- ▶ **Manual Assignments**
 - ▶ Most leagues / tournaments done this way
 - ▶ Provide availability to an assignor (either through website or google form)
 - ▶ Assignor will schedule your games- you need to accept or decline them in the system!
 - ▶ Assignments should be accepted in a reasonable amount of time
- ▶ OPEN Game lists will be sent out for you to look over and pickup additional games

VSL OPEN GAMES 5/13-5/16 ▶ Inbox x



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OPEN GAMES THURSDAY 5/13

@Veterans Memorial Park (Dorset Park) - 6:30 PM - U19B - #1 - REF,AR2

OPEN GAMES SATURDAY 5/15

@Rivendell Academy - 11:00 AM - U16G - #523 - AR1,AR2

@Tree Farm - 11:00 AM - U19B - #4 - AR2

OPEN GAMES SUNDAY 5/16

@Airport Park - 11:00 AM - U8G - #1802 - REF

@Airport Park - 12:00 PM - U8G - #1799 - REF

@Airport Park - 10:00 AM - U10B - #2087 - REF

@Bethel Recreational Fields - 4:30 PM - U19G - #1735 - REF,AR1,AR2

@Bethel Recreational Fields - 3:15 PM - U10G - #2015 - REF

@Bethel Recreational Fields - 2:00 PM - U12B - #1898 - REF

@Bishop Marshall School - 4:30 PM - U8B - #1197 - REF

@Bishop Marshall School - 3:30 PM - U19B - #54 - REF,AR1,AR2

@Bishop Marshall School - 5:45 PM - U19G - #1733 - REF,AR1,AR2

@Bissonette Rec (Millie's Field) - 2:00 PM - U10B - #2101 - REF

@Bombardier Park - 10:00 AM - U8B - #2168 - REF

Open Games lists usually
go out Tuesday & Thursday
mornings for VSL

Assignment Process (cont.)

- ▶ If you need to be taken off a game- email the assignor and include the game number.
 - ▶ Good Example: “Please remove me from game #3476”
 - ▶ Bad Example: “I can’t do my game this weekend, sorry”
- ▶ If you don’t see yourself removed, follow up
- ▶ Games cannot be dropped within 72-48 hours unless for a valid reason.
 - ▶ Not valid reasons: getting scheduled at another job, playing in a baseball game, etc.
- ▶ Tournament/Bad weather weekends can be chaotic
 - ▶ In the days leading up to a tournament or a rainy weekend, you should be checking your assignments / email at least daily
 - ▶ Games may be canceled, or you may be reassigned as changes develop
- ▶ Be the Hero - Not the Zero

Age Limits / Experience Limits / Ethics

▶ Age Limits

- ▶ Should be at least 2 years older than players where you are the REFEREE
- ▶ Should be no more than 2 years younger than players where you are an AR
- ▶ Exceptions apply

▶ Experience Limits

- ▶ First-Time officials should be doing small sided games or U14 ARs until they build confidence
- ▶ Work with assignors and mentors to make sure you are at the appropriate level

▶ Ethics

- ▶ Officiating your own club should try to be avoided - but this is not always practical
- ▶ You should try not officiate a game where you are related to a player, unless in emergency circumstances
- ▶ Example: If you are on the U14 Nordic Premier Team - you should **not** officiate the U14 Nordic Club Team
- ▶ Example: If you are on a U16 Far Post Team - you **can** officiate a U10 Far Post Team

GotSport

- ▶ Sign In: <https://system.gotsport.com/>
- ▶ How To: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1U_44-Cst2Q

Other Assignment Websites

- ▶ GameOfficials.net
- ▶ USOfficials.com
- ▶ ArbiterSports.com

GotSport Registration

Making an Account

- ▶ Officials over 18 can simply make their own account
- ▶ Officials under 18 that have had their parents register them for something in GotSport will have to make their own username and password
 - ▶ Log into parents' account
 - ▶ Go to Account > Family and click on the child
 - ▶ On the child's account go to Account > Account
 - ▶ Make them their own username/password and hit save
 - ▶ Log into their account using their own username and password, not the parents

Registration

- ▶ You will be emailed a GotSport registration link from an assignor
- ▶ You must go through this link to be assigned, will be different for each league/tournament

Before the Match

- ▶ If working with other officials, the referee should email the assistants before the game to confirm the time and place they shall meet.
 - ▶ If the referee does not email, the assistants should start the communication
 - ▶ If you do not hear back from the other officials, contact the assignor
- ▶ Print the game card
- ▶ Unless specified otherwise, arrive about 30 minutes prior to the match
- ▶ Referee should lead a pregame discussion
- ▶ Inspect the field
 - ▶ Corner flags not necessary, goals **MUST** be weighted down
- ▶ Introduce yourself to the coaches
- ▶ Check in the players
 - ▶ Different leagues/tournaments will have different procedures for doing this
- ▶ Conduct a coin toss with captains (may differ)

Game Reports

GotSport PIN: 2022

- ▶ Game Reports should be submitted no more than 48 hours after the match
- ▶ GotSport is “buggy”, double check that the score was entered
- ▶ All cards, major injuries, and other incidents need to be reported (not goals)
- ▶ If you give a red card (or other major issue)- you need to call and/or email a supplemental report to the assignor and SYRA
- ▶ A description must be entered for all cards

- ▶ Tournaments may have you report the score on a game card at the field immediately after the game

Reporting Misconduct



Referee team should discuss and agree on recorded misconduct after the game



Game report must include specific times of misconduct



Game report must include specific reason or description of misconduct using IFAB terminology



Game report must include specific language in any verbal misconduct



Game report must be completed within 48 hours of game

Payments

- ▶ Each league/tournament is different, we try to negotiate the best deal for our officials. Usually paid after the season/tournament is over. (W-9?)
- ▶ Generally:
 - ▶ Referee: \$.80/min
 - ▶ AR: \$.50/min

Spring VSL Referee Pay for 2022:

- ▶ U10: \$40
- ▶ U12: \$48
- ▶ U14: \$56 AR: \$35
- ▶ U16: \$64 AR: \$40
- ▶ U19: \$72 AR: \$45

- ▶ Other Incentives: Prizes, scholarships, YROY



Local Rules of competition

- ▶ Every league and tournament has different rules, it is your duty to learn them before the games start
- ▶ Age Specific Rules (Print out!)
- ▶ Points of Emphasis
- ▶ <https://www.vermontsoccer.org/referees/im-a-certified-vt-referee-now-what-do-i-do/points-of-emphasis-for-youth-game-officials/>

Expectations



READ YOUR EMAIL. Those who are responsive to emails will get more games and earn more money. Check at least once a day.



Understand all emails. If you have questions, follow up



Be Transparent. If you think you might not be able to do a game, we'd like to know sooner rather than later.



Tournaments

Can be hectic and last minute

Count on you to be on top of things



Other Opportunities

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REFEREE PATHWAY





Non-USSF Opportunities

Not enough Refs!

- ▶ **AR(s) - No Ref**
 - ▶ Rare. Call Assignor. Only do game if comfortable, don't let anyone pressure you.
- ▶ **Ref - No ARs**
 - ▶ Handle like small sided game, do you best on offside. Set expectations before match starts for things like out-of-bounds and offside.
- ▶ **Ref - 1 AR**
 - ▶ The AR will be AR1. Not much changes. Ref will call out-of-bounds and offside on side with no AR. AR does NOT cover both sides.
- ▶ **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** can you do the “2-man” officiating system.
- ▶ **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** can you use uncertified ARs - lose insurance!
- ▶ Club linesman.....?
- ▶ Picking up extra games “on the fly”

Mentoring / Assessments

▶ Mentoring

- ▶ Bill Edwards, State Youth Referee Administrator
- ▶ Small sided (U12 and below, 1 referee)

▶ Assessments

- ▶ Roger Ranz, State Director of Assessments
- ▶ Full field (U14+, 1 ref, 2 AR)
- ▶ Development & Guidance vs Full/Upgrade assessments
- ▶ A mentor or assessor may be put on your game for the purpose of helping you grow as an official and providing an objective assessment to assignors
- ▶ You can request a mentor to be on your game
- ▶ Mentors will be listed on your game on gotSport
- ▶ Goal- to see everyone at least once

Zero Tolerance

- ▶ The VSA has a zero-tolerance policy that applies to all players, coaches, and spectators when it comes to the treatment of officials.
- ▶ SafeSport makes it a criminal offense to verbally or physically harass minor athletes, referee included.
- ▶ Players
 - ▶ Apply misconduct as specified in the Laws of the Game
- ▶ Coaches
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 - ▶ Verbal Warning - Yellow Card - Red Card
- ▶ Spectators
 - ▶ Do not get warnings. Stop the game. Have coaches eject guilty parties
 - ▶ If parties don't leave, abandon the match
- ▶ Report all misconduct, no matter how little you think it may be.



STANDARDS OF DRESS AND APPEARANCE OFFICIAL U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION UNIFORM

UNIFORM: Always make sure your uniform is clean, neat, and professional in appearance.

CLASSIC UNIFORM

SHIRT

- Long or short sleeve
- Yellow with black pinstripes
- Men's or women's

BADGE

- U.S. Soccer Federation with current year (securely fastened to shirt over left chest).
- The badge should be for the highest grade for which the referee is currently qualified

SHORTS

- Black shorts
- Bottom edge of shorts not less than 3 or more than 7 inches above the top of the knee cap

SOCKS

- Black socks
- U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program 2-stripe socks

SHOES

- Black shoes
- Black laces (may have white manufacturer's design)



ALTERNATIVE UNIFORMS

The following shirts have been approved by the Federation as alternatives that can be worn in case of color conflict. There is no order of preference among the alternate jerseys. The other parts of the referee uniform (shorts, socks, shoes) do not change if the referee wears an alternate shirt.



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Only manufacturer's logos and U.S. Soccer approved badges and/or emblems may be visible on the referee uniform.

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Starter Kits:

<https://officialsports.com/off-field-apparel/starter-kits/>

Second Color? We suggest Red

Wristwatch NOT phone.

Shirt TUCKED.

Socks PULLED UP.

Whistle upgrade? Fox 40

Take uniform off when not doing a game.

Cold weather? Be comfortable. Black undergarments.

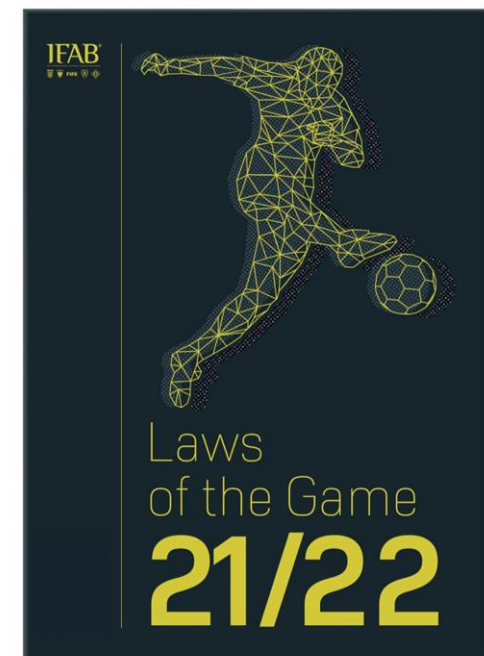
No sunglasses. Black baseball cap.

Continuing Education

- ▶ Online Zoom seminars before the Season. Dates/Times to be emailed.
 - ▶ Fouls & Misconduct
 - ▶ Handball & Offside
 - ▶ Positioning & Mechanics
- ▶ IFAB Laws of the Game Mobile App OR physical book (\$5)
- ▶ YouTube channels (USSF, MNSRC)
- ▶ VSA Website > Referees > Resources
- ▶ <https://www.theifab.com/>



Explore **the Laws**
of **football**



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Thanks!
Questions?

