

West Valley Recreational Program Referee Instructions 2015/2016

Our Real So Cal competitive program supports the West Valley Recreational Program with referees. We have a sign up system in place. Anyone who referees must sign up via our My Sign Up tool. The sign up link is posted on the front page of the realsocal.org website on the left side menu. Read all of the instructions on this page AND on the sign up link before signing up. We do not want you to lose credit because instructions were not followed.

Important points –

- Be sure to enter all of the requested details when signing up to referee. Credit cannot be issued if the sign up data is incomplete
- To view and select your game choices, scroll across and down the sign up screen to see all dates and fields. Choose the "pick this time slot" - Make sure the game is age appropriate for you. You must be 12 years or older and 2 or more years older than the age group you are covering. Make a note of the field and time and bring that note with you. Check in is very busy and you should be prepared to tell the coordinator what you signed up for. Please be sure you have checked your calendar for conflicts before signing up.
- One hour referee service = 1 volunteer hour
- Referee training is provided if needed - If you need referee training, do NOT sign up for the first game of the day because you will be trained during that slot. If you are training for the first hour of your day, please arrive one hour before the slot that you signed up for and check in with the field coordinators (they will be wearing red shirts marked STAFF). Provide your name and they will mark it down so you can receive credit - 1 hour training = 1 hour credit. After your one hour of training, you will proceed to the field you signed up to referee.
- If you do not need training, arrive at the field 10 minutes prior to your game and check in with the field coordinators. Late arrivals may lose their opportunity to referee. Your name will be checked off the list and you will be provided with a whistle.
- Wear comfortable shoes and black or dark shorts/pants. No low riding attire please. Wear a RSC/WVSL tee shirt if you have one. Don't forget sunblock and water..
- Fall referee games are held on Saturday's at Pierce College, Columbus Middle School, and A.C. Stelle Middle School. Directions and field maps are on the sign up link.
- Spring referee games are held on Sunday's at Pierce College.
- Fall and spring rules are different and appear on the sign up link.
- There are two referees per field on most fields and we encourage signing up with a buddy. Please do keep in mind though that if we have a shortage on another field (i.e., no referee), you may be assigned to cover that field so that everyone has a referee for their games.
- Check the WVSL website in case of inclement weather. Do not assume the games are off
- Everyone must sign up in advance and may not cancel for the week after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday for Saturday games and 5:00 p.m. on Friday for Sunday games. We are counting on you and it is too late to get a replacement if you cancel. The system timestamps when you sign up and when you cancel. Extreme emergency cancellations must be called in or text messaged to Nick Schwarz - 818-621-7574 - wvslreferee@gmail.com. ~~(CAN THEY EMAIL TOO? IF NOT, YOU MAY NOT WANT TO PUT THAT HERE)~~. Make sure you tell Nick your full name, the field you were scheduled on and the time you were scheduled to referee. Please speak slowly and clearly if leaving a voicemail message. No shows without explanation receive double hours owed.
- Our coordinators will be roaming the fields throughout the day. Please do let them know if a team or coach is being particularly difficult. If you don't see the coordinator during the game, please seek them out afterwards and provide details on any difficult situation. Referee abuse will not be tolerated and it is important to provide the coordinator with as much factual data as possible. Please be positive and forgiving of coaches, parents and players when possible, but seek help from the coordinators if you need it. We want the experience to be a positive one for all parties. Thank you for making the program a success by doing this important job.
- ~~See Volunteer Hour and Financial Aid document (whatever this is really titled) for information details on how many hours are owed per player.~~

