



Rockford Area Soccer Officials Common Referee Questions & Answers (USSF) www.RasoWeb.org

1. How do I get game assignments?

- Be a RASO (Rockford Area Soccer Official) member.
- RASO membership includes you in the monthly RASO newsletter / mailing, which often includes referee availability forms. These availability sheets are the vehicle for you to let the assignor know who you are, and when you are available to work.
- Communicate with the assignor through phone or e-mail. Let the assignor know you are interested in working games.
- Once you start doing games, be dependable and keep your game commitments. The assignor will call again if you continue to take games and are responsible.

2. Who are the local USSF certified assignors?

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3. What leagues will I do games in?

- IWSL – Illinois Womens Soccer League
- NISL – Northern Illinois Soccer League
- YSSL – Young Sportsman Soccer League

4. Where will I referee games?

- Rockford Sportscore 1 and 2 are where most outdoor games and tournaments are played.
- ISC (Indoor Sports Center) is used for indoor soccer.
- Pacific Bearing Soccer Complex is used for Hononegah Lions home games.
- The assignor will tell you when / where you play. He will also give you the specifics of the game(s) you will be working. You should have date, time, location, age, and team names. You will not know what exact field number you are at until you arrive at the location. Make sure you know and write down the game information.

5. What should I do with the League game cards?

- Center referee is responsible for getting the paperwork / rosters / player passes from the home & visiting teams.
IMPORTANT: Do this before the game starts!
- After the games: If you had a red card, pull the player pass(es) before returning the remaining player passes to the coach.
- Double check to make sure that you have the correct final game score and AR information filled in, prior to leaving the game site. Please get it right, your AR's are counting on you to get their pay, and the leagues do not want to track you down because you filled in the wrong score.
- Read the instructions printed on the game card, fill it out accurately, and send it in immediately.
- The leagues need the game information to update the records / league scoring.

6. Should I keep my own game record?

- Yes, this is basic Referee 101, get in the good habit of doing it, whether you are the center or AR.
- RasoWeb** has a free RASO game scorecard that you can download and make copies of.
- Keep track of date, time, location, team names, team colors, kickoff team / direction, scores / times / player, misconduct / times / player, and final score.
- This administrative task is your responsibility, and doing it properly will help you avoid many common mistakes that afflict referees who avoid this easy task.
- Keep this record. It will help you keep track of player misconduct during the game, getting paid properly, answer score disputes, writing misconduct reports to the leagues, tracking your game history, etc, etc.

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7. How do I get paid for being a referee?

- a) Tournaments
 - Most tournaments pay cash at the end of the tournament
- b) League games
 - Leagues typically pay the center referee by check at the end of the season. In the case of IWSL, referee checks are sent twice during each season, at the middle and end.
 - You will need a Referee Code for each league that you referee in. This code is very important, as you will use this code to identify yourself on the individual game cards for the games that you center referee in. The leagues then use your code to track your games worked, and to send your pay check.
 - Center referees: You are responsible for a properly filled out game card. Pay attention to the information that is required.
 - Center referees: Get the AR's their cash fee from the team manager, **PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME!**
 - AR's: If the center forgets to do his job, remind him to get your cash pay, before starting the game.
 - Center referee is always paid through the league via your code / game card.
 - IWSL, YSSL, and NISL games: AR's are paid cash.

8. How do I get a Referee Code?

- a) You will need to send your personal information into the league. The sooner you do this, the better your chances will be of getting correct & timely pay.
- b) Required information includes name, address, and Social Security number. Helpful, but not required, is phone number and e-mail address.
- c) See chart below for league contact information.

	IWSL	NISL	YSSL
Address	P.O. Box 68849 Schaumburg, IL 60168-0849	545 Consumers Ave. Palatine, IL 60067	P.O. Box 4202 Arlington Heights, IL 60006-4202
E-Mail	Office@iwsll.com	Info@chicagosoccer.com	YSSLOFFICE@aol.com info@yssl.org
Phone	847-985-4975	847-398-4545	847-818-1440
Fax	847-584-4975	847-398-4593	847-818-1487
Contact	Bob Franklin		Jan Berkley

9. I show up for my game assignment, but not everyone else is there?

- a) Welcome to the wonderful world of soccer scheduling / changes!
- b) If you are alone, you are probably in the wrong place and/or wrong time.
- c) If you are not alone (other referees or team there), do not leave.
- d) If the home team is there, you are in luck, the game is probably a forfeit, and you should get paid. If you're the center, get the game card and send it in. Make sure you take care of your AR's as well.
- e) The referee team (in part or whole) shows up, but no home or visiting teams are present. Re-read item 8a and report to your friendly assignor.

10. I showed up for the game assignment as an AR, but the center referee did not?

- a) If you are comfortable doing the center, by all means do it, and simply get a club linesman to take over your AR duties.
- b) "I do not want to do the center. I either have not done a center yet, or am not comfortable with this age group." This is acceptable / fine, so don't be afraid or ashamed to say it, and certainly don't let the coaches talk you into something that you are not comfortable with. Communicate to the coaches and work things out. Often there may be a certified parent referee present, or perhaps a referee from an adjoining / nearby field can help out.
- c) If no certified center referee is available, the game should not be played.

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11. One of the referees did not show up, can we use the 2 man system?

- a) All USSF affiliated games require the 3 man diagonal system of control.
- b) Using the 2 man system renders your USSF referee liability insurance as null and void.
- c) DO NOT USE the 2 man system for any IWSL, NISL, or YSSL game.

12. What are some of the do's & don'ts of receiving my pay for doing IWSL, NISL, and YSSL games. RASO expects you to abide by these guidelines.

- a) You get paid only for the position that you do, center or AR.
- b) If a certified referee is not used as an AR, no one gets paid for the open line.
- c) If a non-certified person is used as a club lineperson, no one gets paid for the line.
- d) No combination pay allowed.
- e) Do not sign someone else's name / code onto a NISL game card, unless the actual person worked the entire game.
- f) Payment amounts are listed on the RASO website for the various leagues and ages.

13. What will I get paid? What are the game times? What ball size is used? How many players?

- a) See league chart on page 4.

14. How often will I register with USSF for my referee certification?

- a) Once per calendar year.
- b) You will receive a registration package directly from USSF in the fall of each year.
- c) You can send in the registration and check directly to USSF. This method will allow you to receive the new USSF patch as quickly as possible. You do not need to wait for the re-certification clinic to turn in the USSF registration.

15. How often will I need to take a USSF clinic?

- a) Once per calendar year.
- b) USSF clinics are typically held in the winter months and early spring.
- c) **RasoWeb** has a listing of the scheduled USSF clinics. RASO also announces upcoming clinics in the monthly newsletter.

16. Got more questions?

- a) Go to **RasoWeb** for all kinds of additional information.
<http://www.RasoWeb.org>
- b) Call or e-mail one of the RASO board members listed on the website.

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Fall 2004

2004 Northern Illinois Soccer League - NISL				*RASO
	Game Times	Ball / Players	Referee Fee	AR Fee
U8	4 x 12	3 / 6 v 6	\$20.00	\$10.00
U9B	2 x 30	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$12.00
U10B	2 x 30	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$12.00
U11B	2 x 30	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$12.00
U12B	2 x 35	4 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$15.00
U12B Classic	2 x 35	4 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$15.00
U13B	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$15.00
U13B Classic	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$15.00
U14B	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$18.00
U14B Classic	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$18.00
U15B	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$18.00
U16B	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$18.00
U17B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$22.00
U18B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$45.00	\$22.00
U19B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$45.00	\$22.00

All NISL center fees paid by check after the season finishes

Illinois Womens Soccer League - IWSL				*RASO
	Game Times	Ball / Players	Referee Fee	AR Fee
U9G	2 x 25min	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$10.00
U10G	2 x 25min	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$10.00
U11G	2 x 30	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$12.00
U12G	2 x 30	4 / 11 v 11	\$25.00	\$12.00
U13G	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$15.00
U14G	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$15.00
U15G	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$18.00
U16G	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$18.00
U17G	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$22.00
U18G	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$22.00
U19G	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$22.00

IWSL pays centers by check 2 or 3 times during the season

Young Sportsman Soccer League - YSSL				*RASO
	Game Times	Ball / Players	Referee Fee	AR Fee
U9B	2 x 25min	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$10.00
U10B	2 x 25min	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$10.00
U11B	2 x 30	4 / 8 v 8	\$30.00	\$12.00
U12B	2 x 30	4 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$12.00
U13B	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$15.00
U14B	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$15.00
U15B	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$18.00
U16B	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$18.00
U17B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$22.00
U18B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$22.00
U19B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$22.00

YSSL pays centers by check after the season finishes

* All AR fees are cash on game day, paid by the team manager. The minimum AR fee structure is the recommendation of the Rockford Area Soccer Officials