



# Midwest Referee Manual

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Preface



**We can't stress to you enough how important it is for you to review this manual.** Everything you need to know about getting started, including getting certified and re-certified every year, getting up and running assigning matches to yourself, getting set up in league systems, recording scores for competitive matches, getting paid and much, much more are all in this manual. If it's not covered here and we receive a question on it then we add it to the manual. We've added tips and tricks we've learned along the way to help you be a better referee. We want everyone to succeed and have a fun time doing it!

The table of contents should be an easy way to navigate the document. We try to keep everything in a logical order so if you've already skipped past it go back and take a look. If you're viewing the electronic version of this document, click on the page number in the table of contents to take you right to the information you need.

We are trying to streamline the process for all referees and give the clubs and leagues a better way of managing their coaches and team managers. Other assignors are taking note of what we are doing. As we have additional assignors joining the group we will add their club information. You can easily tell who the assignor is for the match by clicking the "I" icon next to the match.

We think that it is very important to pay referees through GoPay. We believe that this ensures that everyone gets paid properly. We've had instances of referees not being paid at the fields properly and it creates a huge administrative headache on our end. We understand that instant gratification is important to some younger referees. In these cases, we suggest that perhaps they work out a loan with their parents and have the money from GoPay go straight into the parents' bank account. For those of you that are patient and don't need the loan, GoPay provides a built-in savings method for you. If you are working enough matches to require a 1099 at the end of the year, we suggest that younger referees discuss doing their own taxes with their parents. Filling out a 1040 EZ is a great learning experience and you likely aren't making enough money to be taxed if you file your taxes yourself. Talk to a tax advisor, but once you have documented income you are eligible to contribute to an IRA. Perhaps a crafty parent would want to gift their child a small amount equal to their earnings to go into a retirement account. Think of the growth over a 40+ year period. Again, talk to your tax advisor, which we are not.

We hope you find everything we are doing useful and have a great experience with the systems we are putting in place. Feel free to reach out with any questions, but first... Please read the manual!

Trey & Gail McClure

Midwest Referee LLC



## Insurance

Any matches that are not USSF are not insured. This means that when you step on the field as an independent contractor to do a match you are not financially covered should something very bad happen to a player. You **MUST** have separate insurance. League matches for NISL, IWSL and YSSL are covered under USSF insurance. Most tournaments, unless otherwise noted are covered under USSF insurance. Any friendlies (which includes "Summer League"), pre-season or **recreational leagues** are not covered under USSF because they are not affiliated matches.

Midwest Referee will be purchasing insurance for you for all non-affiliated matches. The insurance for you as an independent contractor will cost \$15 and will be taken out of your payment at the end of the season. Your insurance is good from the time it is purchased to the last day of the year (12/31).

## General Guidelines

This is a self-assign system based on a rating you have been given. You will see matches that you are able to sign up for. If you're not seeing all of the matches it's likely because your date filter at the top isn't set correctly. It defaults to dates in the past. If you set it to display the entire year (1/1-12/31) you should see all matches for the year. You could also be looking in the wrong group. Make sure you go to "My Assignors" under "Personal Info" and click "Switch" next to group. Matches will be posted once we receive them from the league. We will send out an email when they are ready for taking.

If you are an experienced referee and only prefer to center we understand, but please consider taking an AR position occasionally to help us out with assignments and to mentor other referees.

Please make sure you are accepting/declining any assignments promptly. When details about a match change (ie. time or location) your status will change from accepted to assigned and you will need to accept the match. This tells us you have seen the change. As we get closer to a match we will need to remove you from the match to find someone else if you haven't accepted. It's much easier if you accept/decline it right away.

Please keep your availability up to date on the site so that we can see who is available to work open matches. This comes in very handy and makes things run much more smoothly.

The general rule of thumb is that you need to be 2 years older to center and same age or older to AR. Please also take into consideration the match level if you are a younger/newer referee. The difficulty rating we've assigned to you should take this into consideration, so you should only see the matches you are eligible to sign up for. If you are not eligible for the match you will see [TBD], likely because you would be eligible to AR if the position were open.

If you can't make a match, please don't find your own replacement and not notify us. If you do find a replacement, all the better, but let us know who it is so we can update the site. This also goes for signing up for matches and handing them off to other people. That can't happen.

If you are assigned to a match you should be the referee working the match.

Remember to arrive at least 15-20 minutes before match time.

Remember to look the part and you will garner more respect from players, coaches and spectators

Have all of your proper gear. Reminder of things that everyone should have:

- Black shorts

- Black Socks (**pulled up**)

- Flags

- Whistle and cards if center

- Jersey tucked in with multiple colors so you can change in case of conflict.



Pens/pencils and paper to write on

Wristwatch with timer - not a stopwatch around your neck and definitely not an iPhone

If we find that referees are abusing the system they will be removed and not asked back. We don't ever want to have to do that so please remember to do your best to follow the guidelines.

Please also refresh yourself on the laws of the game before your first match. Remember to try to learn something from more experienced officials at each match. If you're new let them know that and they will help you with the basics first.

This is a job so we must be professional at all times, but it's a fun job so have fun doing it!

## Getting Started

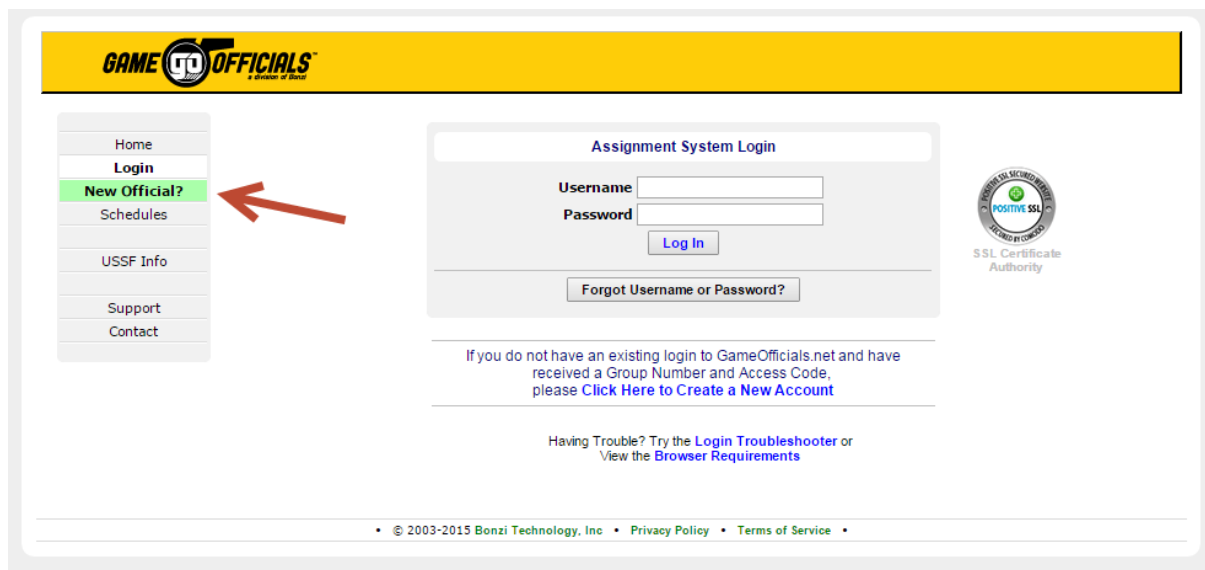
Join the Midwest Referee group

Open the url <http://www.gameofficials.net>

If you already have a gameofficials.net account, skip to the next section.

### No gameofficials.net Account

If you don't already have a GameOfficials.net login, click on the green hyperlink in the upper left corner that states "New Official?" If you already have an account with another group (ie. NISL) log in and see the next step below.



The screenshot shows the GameOfficials.net website. The header is yellow with the logo. On the left is a sidebar with links: Home, Login, New Official? (highlighted in green with a red arrow pointing to it), Schedules, USSF Info, Support, and Contact. The main content area has a section titled 'Assignment System Login' with fields for Username and Password, a Log In button, and a link for 'Forgot Username or Password?'. Below this is a message for new users: 'If you do not have an existing login to GameOfficials.net and have received a Group Number and Access Code, please Click Here to Create a New Account'. At the bottom, there are links for 'Login Troubleshooter' and 'Browser Requirements'. The footer contains copyright information and links for Privacy Policy and Terms of Service.

**Group Number: 1387**

**Access Code: soccer**



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### NEW USER SIGNUP

When you have received an invitation to join a new Group or Assignor that is using GameOfficials.net, you can create a new user account if you do not already have one. If you received an email from your Group or Assignor stating that you now have access to GameOfficials.net, please use the login provided to you in that email and do not create an additional login using this process ([Click Here To Log In](#)). If you do not know if you have an existing login, please contact your Group or Assignor for more information.

### EXISTING USERS

If you already have a login to GameOfficials.net, you can link your account to the new Group by logging in and using the "Join Group" feature on the "My Assignors" page. If you are having trouble logging in, you can try to reset your password ([Click Here](#)). If you are still having trouble, you should contact one of your current assignors for further assistance. **If you have an existing login to GameOfficials.net, DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT WITH THIS PROCESS.**

### REQUIREMENTS:

- New Users Only** - This feature is only for new users. If you already have a login for GameOfficials.net, you should log in, go to "My Assignors", and follow the instructions in "Join New Group" section.
- Valid Email Address** - You must have a valid email address to continue. Your new Username and Password will be emailed to the email address you enter. If you enter an invalid email address or are unable to receive email at that account, you will not be able to log in.

**Group Number and Access Code**

Group Number

Access Code

[Button Not Working? \(Click Here\)](#)

You must have the Group Number and Access Code of the group you are attempting to join. If you have not been given this information, you need to contact your Group or Assignor to continue as you will be unable to create an account without it.

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Fill out your profile information as thoroughly as possible. If you don't know your USSF ID you can leave it blank (see below).

Already Have an Account, but need to join the group?

If you already have a gameofficials.net account, you can log in and click on "My Assignors" on the left menu under "Personal Info". The click on "(Show)" to the left of "Join New Group"

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	Group	Assignor(s)
Current	MWR: Midwest Referee	<a href="#">View</a>
Switch	NISL: Northern Illinois Soccer League	<a href="#">View</a>
Switch		<a href="#">View</a>

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Join New Group
Need Help?

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Official Link Request
Need Help?

NOTE: Group Link Request has been moved to the Change Identity link

Use the following join information to join the group:

**Group/Assignor Number: 1387**

**Access Code: soccer**





(Hide)
Join New Group
Need Help?

**Join Existing Group**

Group/Assignor Number   
Group Access Code

\* If you have received a Group Number and Access Code from a new assignor, enter the items above and click "Join Group."

In Either Case...

We will receive notification that you've joined. Once we activate your account you will be able to see available matches and sign up for them.

**USSF ID**  
Sometimes it takes a few months after you receive your badge for US Soccer to add you to their system and create your ID. Once it has been created you can look it up on your profile of the US Soccer Referee training site. Once you have your USSF ID be sure to update it in gameofficials.net.

### Change Identity

Once you have joined the group you can switch between groups by either using the My Assignors link and clicking the switch link next to the group (see in image two above) or by clicking the Change Identity link on the lower left menu. Change Identity also allows you to switch between groups in a similar fashion.

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Switch		<a href="#">View</a>

(Show)

Join New Group

Need Help?

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Official Link Request

Need Help?

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If you center for NISL you will need to join the NISL group to report your scores. To sign up for that group follow the same process, but use the group number 1444 and access code NISL2015. Instead of using the old process of looking up a match in NISL's old referee system you will report your scores in this group to get paid.

### Work Permit

If you are under 16 you will need to get a work permit. Please see the news items for the most recent version of the letter needed to obtain a work permit. You will not see any matches in the group until we get a valid work permit that is specific to Midwest Referee.



There are links on MidwestReferee.com in the getting started section under Uniform to get great deals on the required uniform. The shirts are almost identical to other brands, but don't have the US Soccer logo on the shoulder. We think you'll like the pricing.

We suggest Yellow, Green and Blue if you're only going to buy three shirts. This is what we've always suggested and ensures that all three referees have the same color shirt to change into in the event of color conflict with the teams. You should never have the same color on as either one of the teams. The reason there are five colors is because you also don't want to conflict with the goalkeepers. If you can only afford three shirts we'll let it slide at this level, but as you start refereeing higher level matches you should consider using the money you've earned to buy five shirts. Ten (long sleeve) if you want to stay warm in the cold!

**There is no score reporting in the recreational leagues.** Please sign up for a GOPay account in GameOfficials.net in order to get paid. The rec leagues will be paid at the end of the season via GOPay. We suggest connecting a bank account or a pre-paid credit card for them to deposit money directly because it's free and VERY convenient. They charge an outrageous amount to mail a paper check (currently \$6). To sign up for GOPay click on the "My Payments" link under "Personal Info" in the left menu. A helpful video for GOPay Set up is here: <http://bit.ly/GOPaySetUp>

Once you have set up GoPay and a payment has been made, click on My Payments to view your payments, add a bank account and set your preferences for payment frequency. If you've set up a bank account we suggest selecting "Daily" as you will get our money the same business day it goes into your GoPay account.





## Taxes (W-9 is not a 1099)

Anyone that pays you needs a W-9 such that if they're ever audited, they can report the earnings to the IRS. If you make over \$599 you will receive a 1099 from that entity and should report it on your taxes. IWSL and YSSL collect your social security number and generate a W-9 when you sign up on their site. NISL and Midwest Referee are not that sophisticated yet and need a paper W-9. You can email a photo of the W-9 or mail it if you prefer.

## Midwest Referee W-9

Some matches are paid out by Midwest Referee at the end of the season. This includes all of the rec league matches, all 4v4 matches and ARs for some clubs. We use GOPay built into GameOfficials.net to pay out. The only thing we need from you is a W9. If you've already sent us this in the past, no need to send it again. We only need it once. Please email the W-9 to MidwestReferee@gmail.com with the subject "W9 - [Your Name]" so it will go to the correct place. If you don't want to email it you can mail it to us at the address on the form.

## NISL W-9

NISL pays via GOPay in gameofficials.net on a regular basis. If you haven't sent them a W-9 you will get a notice that there is a tax hold on your payment. You need to email a scan of a completed W-9 to Philip Richardson (philip@chicagosoccer.com) and sign up for GoPay on gameofficials.net

## Recreation Leagues

A rec league is a great place for new referees to gain valuable experience and get paid a decent rate for it at the same time. Matches are typically played on Saturday morning and early afternoon, with a few matches played during the week. If you are an experienced referee your experience is very helpful with getting new referees up to speed. We would greatly appreciate your help even if it's only for a day or two.

If you want to see the rec league matches you need to add yourself to the rec league. It's very simple to do. Navigate to "My Info - My Preferences" and under "Leagues" check the box next to both rec leagues and click Save. You will then see the matches under self-assign.

All of the rec league matches are paid out at the end of the season by Midwest Referee. See W-9 section above.

Please see the additional posts regarding the rules for each rec league. Make sure you know any special rules of the league you will be working for.

## Elk Grove Rec League

The rates for this season will be as follows:

Kindergarten - Center: \$25

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Center: \$30

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Center: \$35

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade - Center: \$40; AR: \$25

## Medinah Rec League

The rates for this season will be as follows:

U10 Center: \$35

U12 Center: \$40

U14 Dual Center: \$40



## WSA Rec League

The rates for this season will be as follows:

Micro 1 and 2 (1st-2nd grade or U7/8) - Center: \$15

Junior (3rd-4th grade or U9/10) - Center: \$25

Intermediate (5th-6th grade or U11/12) - Center: \$30; AR:\$15 (2 man: \$30 each)

Senior (7th-12th grade or U13+) - Center: \$45; AR:\$25 (2 man: \$45 each)

Please call the rainout hotline at (630) 206-1722 when the weather is poor to determine if your match is canceled. You can also download the rainout line app which is very convenient (<http://bit.ly/WSARainout>) or subscribe to text/email messages on that same page. We will also cancel the matches on the site as soon as we're aware.

A quick link to the WSA maps on their website is here:

<http://bit.ly/WSAFields>

## Competitive Leagues

This applies to NISL, YSSL and IWSL.

### AR Pay

Each club can determine how much they would like to pay ARs. We have suggested amounts, but it is ultimately up to the club. Some clubs pay a little less and some a little more. If ARs are not getting paid within these ranges, please bring it to our attention:

9v9: \$25

11v11: \$30-40

U15+ 11v11: \$40-50

In an effort to clarify what each club is paying for ARs we have asked them to let us know exactly what their club is paying if it's different than the suggested amounts. Below is what we've been told to be true. If there are ever any discrepancies, please bring it to our attention and we will contact the club.



Club	Pay Method	7v7*	9v9	11v11 – U13/14	11v11 – U15+
AUSC	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
AJFC	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
AYSO 300	GoPay		\$25	\$30	\$35
BH Dragons	GoPay		\$25	\$35	\$45
Black Wolves	GoPay		\$30	\$40	\$50
Bloomingtondale	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
Chicago Blast	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
Chicago City	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
Chicago Rogue	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
Cicero Jaguars	Club ARs				
CS Panthers	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
Coyotes	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
Eclipse	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
EGSC	GoPay	\$25	\$30	\$40	\$45
ECSA	GoPay		\$25	\$35	\$45
Firebirds	GoPay	\$20	\$25	\$40	\$50
Gladiators FC	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
Glendale Heights Phoenix	GoPay				\$50
Jahbat	Club ARs				
HUASCA	GoPay				\$50
Lancer SC	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$40
LG Celtics	Club ARs				
Liverpool	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
Midwest United	GoPay		\$25	\$35	\$45
Pineda	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
SC Knights	GoPay		\$25		
Southlanders	Club ARs				
Strikers Ohare	Club ARs				
Tesla	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50
Wizard	GoPay		\$25	\$35	\$40
WZD Oak Brook	GoPay		\$25	\$40	\$50

\*Generally, 7v7 matches don't have ARs



## Center Referee Pay

Below are instructions for signing up on the NISL, IWSL and YSSL referee sites for score reporting in those leagues. NISL pays via GoPay in gameofficials.net on a regular basis. See the W-9 section for sending a W-9 to them and sign up for GoPay on gameofficials.net. IWSL and YSSL each pay twice per season; midway through the season and at the end of the season. Please be sure to sign up on the sites as soon as you know you'll be working a match that they pay. You must sign up on the leagues site (or GO group in the case of NISL) and report the score of the match in order for the league to pay you. The score reporting steps and registration are basically the same for YSSL and IWSL, but two separate websites.

**For NISL, we don't assign the matches to you in gameofficials.net in the NISL group until after the match is complete. This could sometimes take some time (and typically happens the Monday after the match) so please don't email asking why you can't report the score until we've had a chance to assign the match to you. The reason we wait until after the match is so you don't get duplicate notifications regarding the match. That would cause too much confusion.**

If you are a center referee for a competitive league match please make sure that the ARs get paid at every match that we assign unless it is a match paid via GoPay (see below). We will pay ARs for clubs that pay via GoPay at the end of the season. NISL pays Championship league matches separately through GoPay when they pay centers.

## NISL Registration

If you are assigned any match that NISL pays the referee (any center and ARs for Championship League) you will need to join the NISL Game Officials group. You may have already been added to the NISL group if you were already a member of our group when NISL created their group. If you are already a member you will see it listed under "Group" on the "My Assignors" page. This is where you will need to go to switch between assignors.

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If you are not already a member of the group you need to add yourself to the group by clicking "(Show)" on the "Join New Group" line. Here you can enter the Group Number (1444) and access code (NISL2015) for NISL:



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Join Existing Group

Group/Assignor Number

Group Access Code


\* If you have received a Group Number and Access Code from a new assignor, enter the items above and click "Join Group."

You can then switch back and forth between the NISL group and our group Midwest Referee. NISL is not allowing self-assign so we will continue to use the Midwest Referee group for assigning. **Make sure to always switch back to Midwest Referee to self-assign your matches.**

Make sure your personal information is up to date in Game Officials. This is what NISL will use to pay officials. You can even sign up for direct deposit through Game Officials if this is something you desire.

### NISL Score Reporting

If you are not already a member of the NISL group, please see the document for joining. If you center a NISL match you will need to report the score to get paid. We will continue to use the Midwest Referee group for assigning because it allows officials to request and self-assign matches. To avoid the confusion of multiple emails, some of which may have old field assignments, we will wait until after your match to assign the match within the NISL group for score reporting. Once the match is assigned to you in the NISL group you will need to report the score (within 48 hours of the match per NISL request). First you will need to switch to the NISL group listed under "Group" on the "My Assignors" page.



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After you click "Switch" next to the NISL group you will need to click on "After Games" under Personal Info.



Find the match you need to report and click on the game number:

Game #	Date & Time	Level & League	Teams (Score)	Officials (Mileage)	Incident Reports
12345	8/1/15 12:00pm (Saturday)	U12 - F (BSL)	EAGLES vs. GIANTS	JANE JONES	

Enter the match score and click the “SAVE (Modify Game Details)” button:

Game #	Date & Time	Level & League	Location	Teams	Officials
12345	8/1/15 12:00pm (Saturday)	U12 - F (BSL)	BUCKMAN FIELD - MAIN FIELD (PORTLAND, OR)	EAGLES vs. GIANTS	JANE JONES

**Game Score**

Final Score: EAGLES 3 (Home), GIANTS 1 (Away)

Kicks From The Mark: (Only If Applicable)

☐ Do Not Post This Score

SAVE (Modify Game Details)

Once all matches scores are reported you can then switch back to the Midwest Referee group via the first screen in this document. NISL is not allowing self-assign so we will continue to use the Midwest Referee group for assigning. **Make sure to always switch back to Midwest Referee to self-assign your matches.**



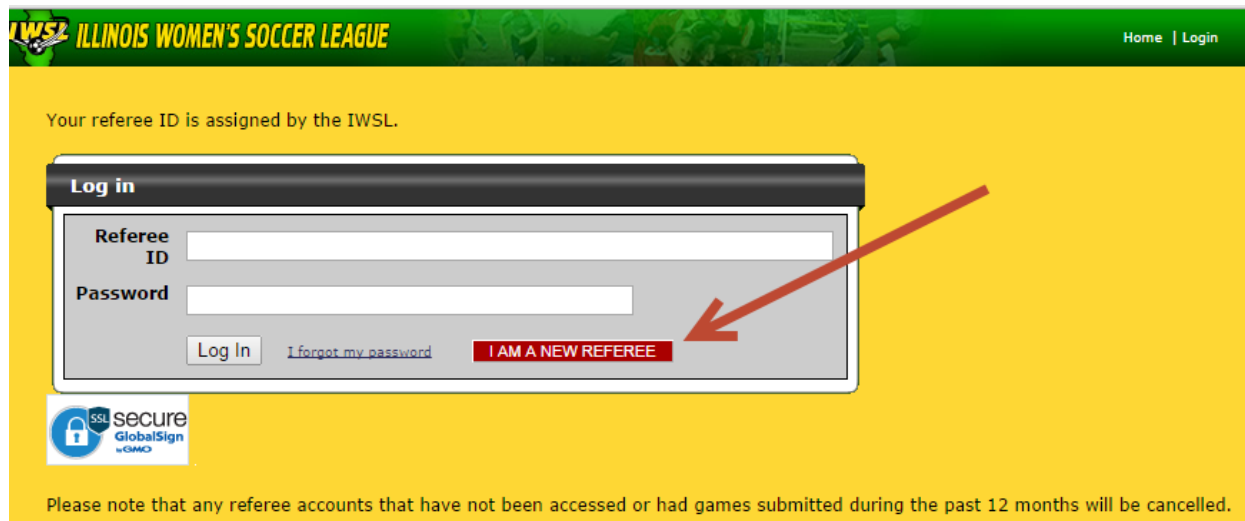


Make sure your personal information is up to date in Game Officials. This is what NISL will use to pay officials. You can even sign up for direct deposit through Game Officials if this is something you desire.

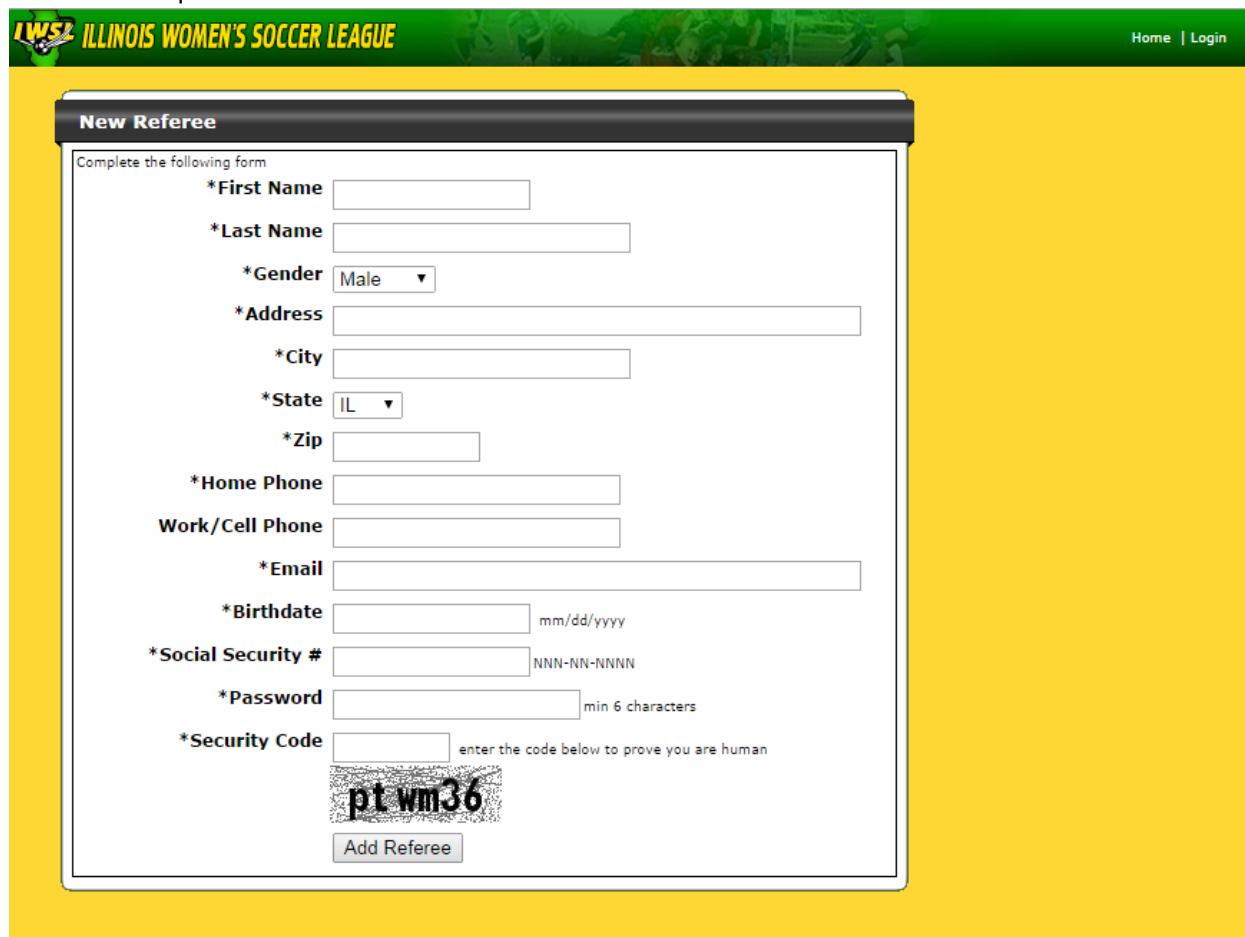
*IWSL Referee Site Registration*

<http://www.iwsl.com/ref>

Click on the “I am a new referee” button



Fill out the required information



Click on the “I am a new referee” button

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**REFEREE**  
Your referee ID is assigned by the league.

**Log in**

Referee ID   
Password

Please note that any referee accounts that have not been accessed or had games submitted during the past 12 months will be cancelled.


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Fill out the required information

**YOUNG SPORTSMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE**

**New Referee**

Complete the following form

\*First Name   
\*Last Name   
\*Gender   
\*Address   
\*City   
\*State   
\*Zip   
\*Home Phone   
Work/Cell Phone   
\*Email   
\*Birthdate  mm/dd/yyyy  
\*Social Security #  NNN-NN-NNNN  
\*Password  min 6 characters  
\*Security Code  enter the code below to prove you are human  




Process is the same for both; Screen shots are from IWSL. Click "Submit Referee Game Card" link on the main page

Enter the game number and click Find Game

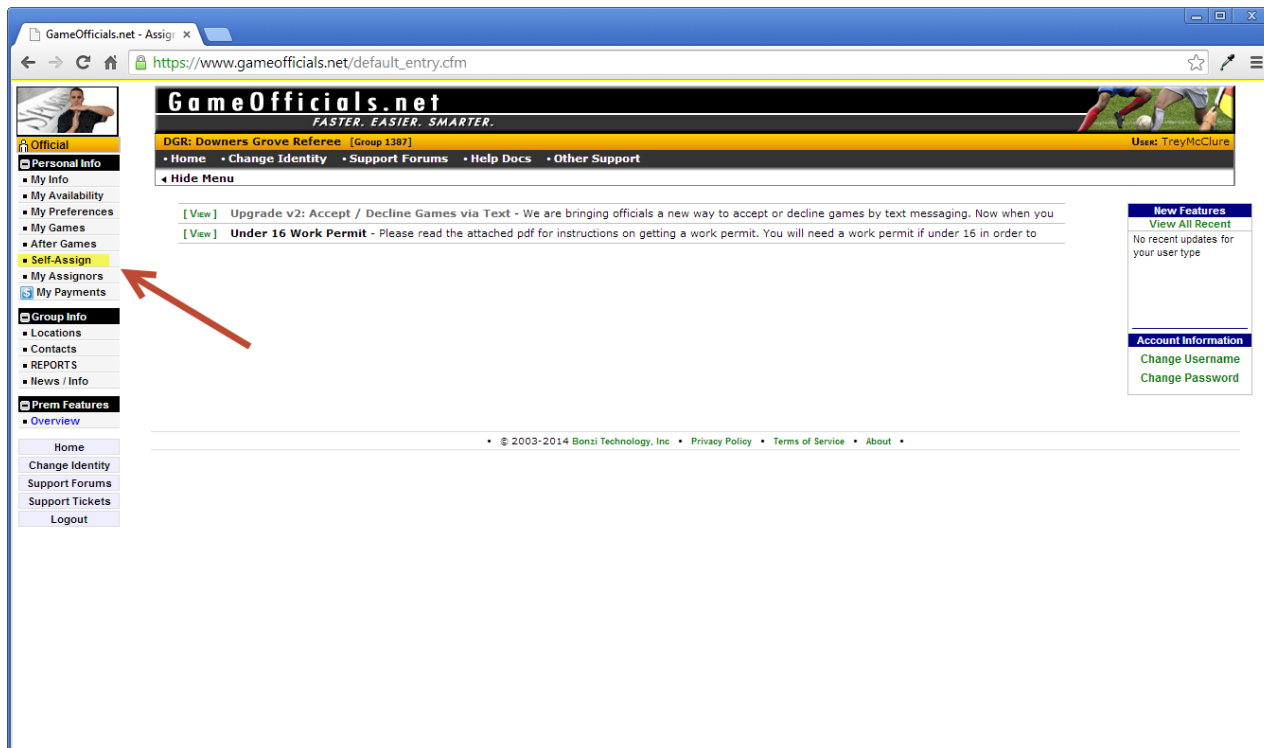
Enter any guest player pass numbers, enter the score and click Add Referee Game



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## Self-Assign

Once you are logged in, click the Self-Assign link in the left menu.




You will be taken to the list of games that should look similar to this:

A screenshot of the GameOfficials.net website showing a list of games for assignment. The page has a blue header with the site name and tagline 'FASTER. EASIER. SMARTER.'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home, Change Identity, Support Forums, Help Docs, and Other Support. A left sidebar menu is visible, with 'Self-Assign' highlighted in yellow. The main content area shows a 'Game Filters' section with 'Single Assign Mode' and 'Dates: 4/1/14 - 9/30/14'. Below this is a table of games for assignment. The table has columns for Game #, Date &amp; Time, Level &amp; League, Location, Teams, and Officials. The games listed are for various leagues including U10-M (NISL), U10-F (IWSL), U07-M (NISL), and U08-F (IWSL). The officials listed are 'Date Too Far In Future'.



You may need to open Game Filters and modify the dates shown by selecting Custom Dates:



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League: [ All ] Sport: [ All ] Location Area: [ All ] Complex: [ All ] Age: [ All ] Level: [ All ] Gender: [ All ]

Date Range: 4/1/14 - 9/30/14 Custom Dates Reload

Single Assign Mode

Dates: 4/1/14 - 9/30/14

TREY MCCLURE

Viewing Filtered

38 Total

Some positions on a game may be ineligible for Self-Assign due to active Assignor Filters. Only Future Games are available for Self Assign / Game Request.


This group has a Self-Assign limit of 3 game(s) within a 24 hour period. You have Self-Assigned 0 game(s) within the last 24 hours.

Self-Assignments Allowed: 3 Remaining

Week #36: 9/1/14 - 9/7/14

Game #	Date & Time	Level & League	Location	Teams	Officials
B5100103	9/6/14 10:30am (Saturday) [BRONZE-S-1]	U10 - M (NISL)	MCCOLLUM PARK - MCCOLLUM 1 (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS BU10 BLACK vs. FURY FC	[ TBD ] Date Too Far In Future
P5100103	9/6/14 4:00pm (Saturday) [PLAT-S-1]	U10 - M (NISL)	MCCOLLUM PARK - MCCOLLUM 1 (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS BU10 SELECT vs. PANTHER SC U10 ORANGE	[ TBD ] Date Too Far In Future
RS120103	9/7/14 10:30am (Sunday) [RED-S]	U12 - M (NISL)	63RD & BROOKBANK (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS BU12 WHITE vs. CHICAGO BLAST U12 BLUE	[ TBD ] [ TBD ] [ TBD ] Date Too Far In Future
B6110105	9/7/14 12:00pm (Sunday) [BRONZE-S-2]	U11 - M (NISL)	63RD & BROOKBANK (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS BU11 BLACK vs. F.C. CICERO MAYAS	[ TBD ] [ TBD ] [ TBD ] Date Too Far In Future
RS100103	9/7/14 9:00am (Sunday)	U10 - M (NISL)	CONCORD SQUARE PARK - CONCORD... (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS BU10 WHITE vs. CHICAGO BLAST U10 BLUE	[ TBD ] Date Too Far In Future

Enter your custom range in the Start and End dates and click reload:



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League: [ All ] Sport: [ All ] Location Area: [ All ] Complex: [ All ] Age: [ All ] Level: [ All ] Gender: [ All ]

Date Range: Start 04/01/2014 End 10/11/2014 Custom Dates Reload

Single Assign Mode

Dates: 4/1/14 - 9/30/14

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RS100103	9/7/14 9:00am (Sunday) [RED-S-1]	U10 - M (NISL)	CONCORD SQUARE PARK - CONCORD... (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS BU10 WHITE vs. CHICAGO BLAST U10 BLUE	[ TBD ] Date Too Far In Future

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You can also click any of the other custom filters (age and location area are both very useful) and selecting the filter in the dialog that displays:

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League: [All]

Sport: [All]

Age: [All]

Level: [All]

Gender: [All]

Reload

Viewing Filtered

5 Total

Single Assign Mode

Dates: 4/1/14 - 10/11/14

Week #36: 9/1/14 - 9/7/14

Game #	Date & Time	Level & League			
RS120103	9/7/14 10:30am (Sunday) [RED-S]	U12 - M (NISL)			
573	9/7/14 9:00am (Sunday) [U12BW]	U12 - F (IWSL)	POWERS PARK (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS GU12 BLACK vs. PANTHER U12 ORANGE	
655	9/7/14 3:00pm (Sunday) [U12DW]	U12 - F (IWSL)	POWERS PARK (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS GU12 WHITE vs. FIREBIRDS SC PHOENIX	

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- [TBD]

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- [TBD]

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https://www.gameofficials.net/assign/assignRefMaint.cfm#

You can remove the filter by clicking the icon to the right of the filter:

to

\* Age: U10

\* Level: [All]

Gender: [All]

Clear Filter

Reload

You can click the referee positions (Center, AR1, AR2) on the right side of any match to sign yourself up for the match:

Location	Teams	Officials
63RD & BROOKBANK (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS BU12 BLACK vs. C.MAGIC U11/12 SOUTH WEST	<div><div></div>Center</div> <div><div></div>AR1</div> <div><div></div>AR2</div>
EBERSOLD (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS BU13 BLACK vs. UNITED SOCCER ELITE BLACK	<div><div></div>Center</div> <div><div></div>AR1</div> <div><div></div>AR2</div>
MCCOLLUM PARK - MCCOLLUM 1 (DOWNERS GROVE,...)	ROADRUNNERS BU10 BLACK vs. FURY FC	<div><div></div>Center</div>

- Assumed Unavailable

- Assumed Available

- Assigned to game

T

 - Team Frequency

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Once you're assigned you will see your name and the ability to remove yourself from the match.

Teams	Officials
ROADRUNNERS BU12 BLACK vs. C.MAGIC U11/12 SOUTH WEST	- [ TBD ] - TREY YAHOO (Remove) - [ TBD ]
ROADRUNNERS BU13 BLACK vs. UNITED SOCCER ELITE BLACK	- Center - AR1 - AR2
ROADRUNNERS BU10 BLACK vs. FURY FC	- TREY YAHOO (Remove)

- Assigned to game  
T - Team Frequency

You can remove yourself up to 5 days before the match if something comes up. We never want to have a match not covered so if it's within 5 days please do email so we can get the match covered. Please don't find a replacement and leave yourself assigned. If you do find a replacement that is great, but please send an email to us to make the switch. We need to make sure that the person signed up is the person working the match.

## My Matches

You can always view all of the matches you are assigned to by clicking My Games in the left navigation:

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MY GAME INFORMATION

Day Week Month Year

Select Date

Not Accepted All Future Games All (May Load Slowly)

as of Monday, Aug 25, 2014 [8/25/14]

View Games From ALL Groups

Click on a date range above to view games for a specific day / week / month.

Click "Not Accepted" to view all of your unaccepted games.

Printable Schedule

Status / Grp	Game #	Date & Time	Level & League	Location	Teams	Pos	Officials
Accepted	B5100103	9/6/14 10:30am (Saturday) [BRONZE-S-1]	U10 - M (DUMMY LEAGUE)	MCCOLLUM PARK - MCCOLLUM 1 (DOWNERS GROVE, IL)	ROADRUNNERS BU10 BLACK vs. FURY FC	Center	TREY YAHOO
Turn Back as a Group	S5120203	9/6/14 3:00pm (Saturday) [SILVER-S-1]	U12 - M (DUMMY LEAGUE)	63RD & BROOKBANK (DOWNERS GROVE, IL)	ROADRUNNERS BU12 BLACK vs. C.MAGIC U11/12 SOUTH WEST	AR1	[ TBD ] TREY YAHOO [ TBD ]
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Accept All Decline All Clear All

My position in crew

SAVE Game Status

\*\* A reason is required when declining or turning back games. Enter a reason in the field underneath any declined game(s).

Position is filled, but not accepted

Position is filled and accepted

Position is vacant, needs to be filled

Position is filled, but declined

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Day • Week • Month • Year • 8/25/18 (Sat) •

Not Accepted • All Future Games • All (May Load Slowly) •

as of Saturday, Aug 25, 2018 [8/25/18]

View Games From ALL Groups

Click on a date range above to view games for a specific day / week / month.

Week #36: 9/3/18 - 9/9/18

Status	Game #	Date & Time	Level & League	Location	Teams
Accept / Decline	IWSL-386	9/9/18 12:00pm (Sunday) [U12CS]	U12 - F (IWSL)	OAK BROOK POLO FIELDS (OAK BROOK, IL)	WIZARD MAGICIANS GU12 vs. LOCKPORT SC 07/08 WHITE GU12

Accept All / Decline All / Clear All

To create a vCalendar appointment for use in Outlook, Palm Desktop, etc. click the diamond vCalendar icon to the left of the game or run the [Export Schedule](#) report. (Click here to change your Export Settings)

Click the “i” icon next to a match to get more information about the match, including driving directions on google maps. There are also multiple assignors using Midwest Referee so here is where you can look to see who the assignor is to contact in case of any issues.

IWSL-386 - Game Information - Google Chrome

Secure | <https://www.gameofficials.net/misc/gamelform?gmID=5471575>

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Game #IWSL-386 / IWSL U12CS

Date/Time: 9/9/18 12:00pm (Sun)

Level & Sport: U12 - F (Soccer)

Length: 35

Home: WIZARD MAGICIANS GU12 Score: TBD

Away: LOCKPORT SC 07/08 WHITE GU12 Score: TBD

Location: OAK BROOK POLO FIELDS (OAK BROOK, IL)

...Show Current Weather

Directions: ...Show Directions

Assignor: TREY MCCLURE

[i] [c] (630) 452-4331 midwestreferee@gmail.com

## Match Calendar Item

You can use the icons on the left of each match to manually export a calendar item for each match

You can then import them into your favorite calendaring tool. Google calendars are great for this (<http://calendar.google.com>).

There are also reports that you can run to get calendar item for your full season... more to come.

Week #36: 9/1/14 - 9/7/14

Status / Grp	Game #	Date & Time	Level &
Accepted	B5100103	9/6/14 10:30am (Saturday) [BRONZE-S-1]	U10 - M (DUMMY)
Turn Back as a Group	S5120203	9/6/14 3:00pm (Saturday) [SILVER-S-1]	U12 - M (DUMMY)

1387: DGR

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## Custom Filters

You can create a custom filter by opening game filters and clicking on the “Create Custom Filters” link:



Game Filters

Change the Games in the List Below

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Click a Category or the Date Range link to select Filter options  
 \* Create Custom Filters to select more than one League, Complex, etc at a time. [More Info](#)

\* League: [ All ]  
 Sport: [ All ]

\* Location Area: [ All ]  
 \* Complex: [ All ]

\* Age: [ All ]  
 \* Level: [ All ]  
 Gender: [ All ]

Date Range: 8/20/16 - 8/21/16 ☐ Custom Dates

Click on the filter you want to create. For instance, you can create filters to only show matches in a particular Location Area or to separate recreational from competitive league matches. See following pages for examples and usage.

### Location Area Filter

To only show matches in locations you would like to referee, click

Loc Area Filters

Add New Loc Area Filter

#	Name	Items
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*Note: Location Area is much broader than Complex or Location; Location areas are typically cities.*

Give the filter a name (ie. "My Area") and then select the locations that are convenient for you. Save the filter.

### • CUSTOM FILTER MAINTENANCE •

Filter Name

Enter a Name for this Filter

Name

Loc Area Filter

Select items to include in this Filter

Select All / Clear All

<input type="checkbox"/> ** Not Assigned **	<input type="checkbox"/> LAKE FOREST
<input type="checkbox"/> BERWYN	<input type="checkbox"/> LEMONT
<input type="checkbox"/> BROOKFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/> LOMBARD
<input type="checkbox"/> BURBANK	<input type="checkbox"/> NAPERVILLE
<input type="checkbox"/> BURR RIDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> NORTHBROOK
<input type="checkbox"/> CHICAGO	<input type="checkbox"/> OAK BROOK
<input type="checkbox"/> CLARENDON HILLS	<input type="checkbox"/> OAK LAWN
<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTRYSIDE	<input type="checkbox"/> ORLAND PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> DARIEN	<input type="checkbox"/> PLAINFIELD
<input type="checkbox"/> DEERFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/> ROMEOVILLE
<input type="checkbox"/> DOWNERS GROVE	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMIT
<input type="checkbox"/> ELMHURST	<input type="checkbox"/> VERNON HILLS
<input type="checkbox"/> GURNEE	<input type="checkbox"/> VILLA PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> HAWTHORN WOODS	<input type="checkbox"/> WAUKEGAN
<input type="checkbox"/> HIGHLAND PARK	<input type="checkbox"/> WESTERN SPRINGS
<input type="checkbox"/> HINSDALE	<input type="checkbox"/> WESTMONT
<input type="checkbox"/> JOLIET	<input type="checkbox"/> WHEATON
<input type="checkbox"/> LA GRANGE	<input type="checkbox"/> WOODRIDGE
<input type="checkbox"/> LAGRANGE PARK	

Select All / Clear All

☐ Quick Add (Return To Add After Saving)



## League Filter

To separate recreation from competitive leagues, click on the “Add New League Filter” link:

Custom Filters allow you to create a group of items into a single named list. Once you have created a named list, you will be able to select that item in the corresponding dropdown in the Game Filters box.

For example, if you set up an item called “My Leagues” that contains “League A”, “League B”, and “League C”. When you go to the League Filter, you will see “@ My Leagues” listed in the dropdown. If you select this and Reload the page, the list of Games will include any applicable games from Leagues A, B, and C.

 [Click for more info about Custom Filters](#)

League Filters
There are currently no League filters



Add New League Filter

Give the filter a name and select the leagues you would like to include:

### • CUSTOM FILTER MAINTENANCE •

Filter Name	Enter a Name for this Filter
Name	<input type="text" value="Competitive"/>
League Filter	Select items to include in this Filter
Select All / Clear All	
<input type="checkbox"/> DGPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NISL
<input type="checkbox"/> DUMMY LEAGUE	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCCTOBERFEST
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IWSL	<input type="checkbox"/> WSA
<input type="checkbox"/> IYSA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YSSL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MISC	
Select All / Clear All	

SAVE (Modify Filter)

☐ Quick Add (Return To Add After Saving)

### • CUSTOM FILTER MAINTENANCE •

Filter Name	Enter a Name for this Filter
Name	<input type="text" value="Recreational"/>
League Filter	Select items to include in this Filter
Select All / Clear All	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DGPD	<input type="checkbox"/> NISL
<input type="checkbox"/> DUMMY LEAGUE	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCCTOBERFEST
<input type="checkbox"/> IWSL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WSA
<input type="checkbox"/> IYSA	<input type="checkbox"/> YSSL
<input type="checkbox"/> MISC	
Select All / Clear All	

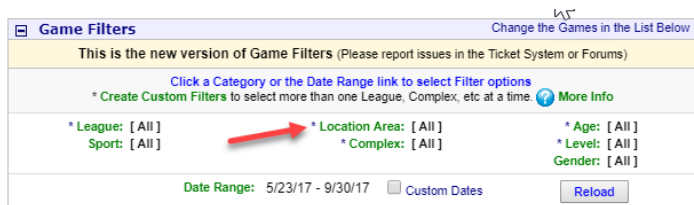
SAVE (Modify Filter)

☐ Quick Add (Return To Add After Saving)



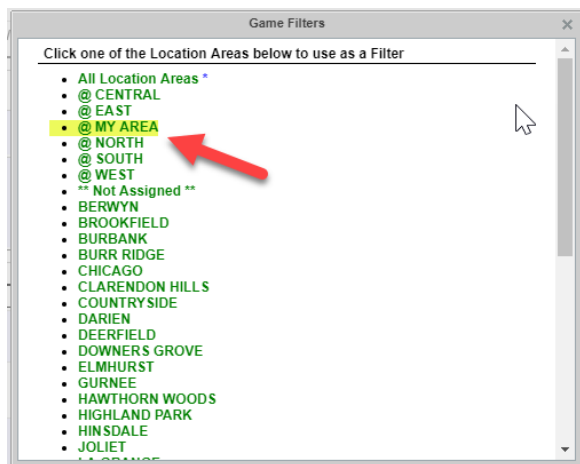
## Using Filters

Once you save the filters you can use them in the game filters. Click the text “Location Area”:



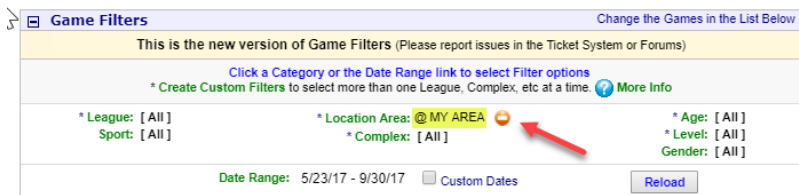
The screenshot shows the 'Game Filters' window with the title 'Change the Games in the List Below'. It contains a message: 'This is the new version of Game Filters (Please report issues in the Ticket System or Forums)'. Below this, there is a link: 'Click a Category or the Date Range link to select Filter options'. A red arrow points to the 'Location Area: [ All ]' filter option. Other filter options include 'League: [ All ]', 'Sport: [ All ]', 'Age: [ All ]', 'Level: [ All ]', 'Gender: [ All ]', and 'Complex: [ All ]'. At the bottom, there is a 'Date Range: 5/23/17 - 9/30/17' and a 'Reload' button.

Select the Location Area filter or a specific Location Area:



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled 'Game Filters' with the instruction 'Click one of the Location Areas below to use as a Filter'. A list of location areas is displayed, including 'All Location Areas', '@ CENTRAL', '@ EAST', '@ MY AREA' (highlighted with a red arrow), '@ NORTH', '@ SOUTH', '@ WEST', '\*\* Not Assigned \*\*', and various city names like BERWYN, BROOKFIELD, BURBANK, etc.

You should see your selection next to Location Area:

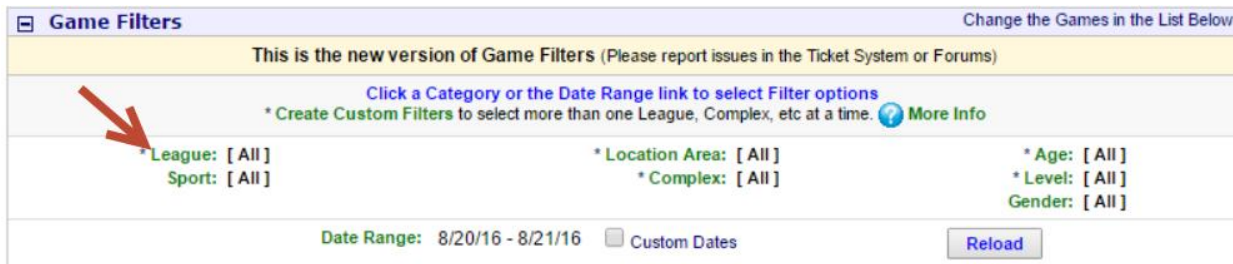


The screenshot shows the 'Game Filters' window with the 'Location Area: @ MY AREA' filter selected. A red arrow points to the red icon next to the filter, which is used to remove the filter. The 'Reload' button is also visible.

Note: you can use the red icon to the right to quickly remove the filter.

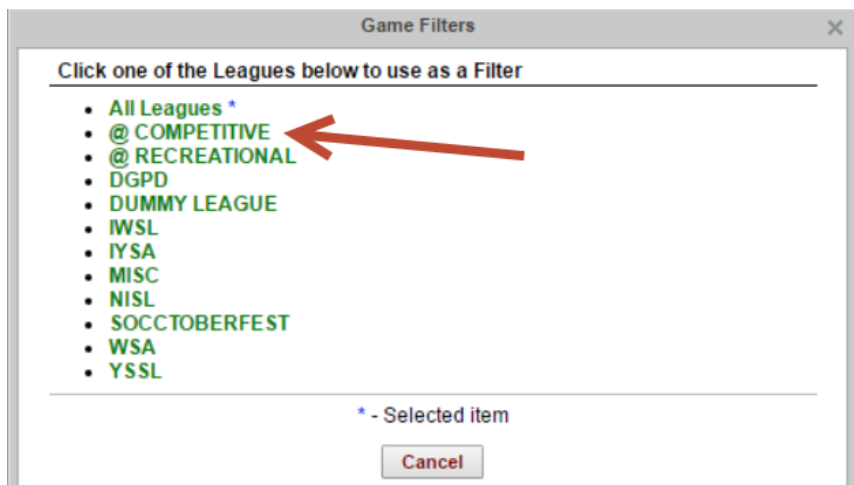
Always click “Reload” to see the filtered results. Keep in mind when you select this filter you will only see matches in these locations.

Use the same process to filter by other categories (ie. League). See below.

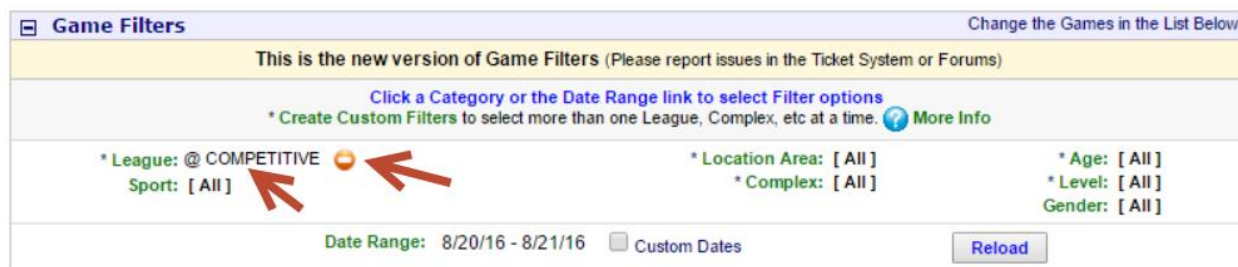


The screenshot shows the 'Game Filters' window with the 'League: [ All ]' filter selected. A red arrow points to the 'League: [ All ]' filter option. The 'Reload' button is also visible.





You will see the filter you have selected displayed and can clear it by clicking on the icon next to it.

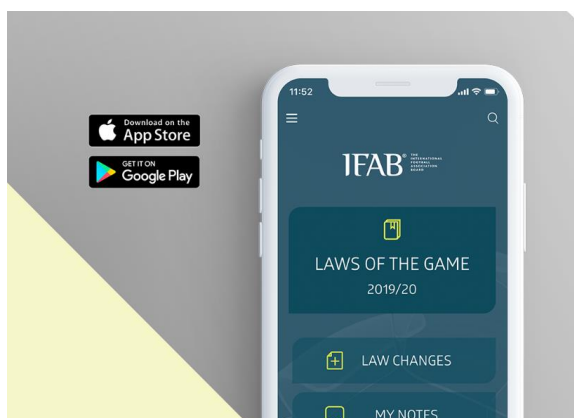


## IFAB Laws of the Game

The laws of the game are always changing to meet the demands of the game. To see the latest laws of the game, including any recent changes, please go to the IFAB (International Football Association Board) website here:

<http://theifab.com>

We highly recommend downloading the IFAB app on your iPhone or Android device. You can find it on the website or simply search "IFAB" in your app store on your phone. The rules are very nicely laid out and the changes are all explained separately.





## Notes from past Referee Meeting

Most important first thing to work on as an AR: Always stay with the 2nd to last defender or ball; whichever is closer to the goal line

Arrive 20 minutes before the match; if it's 15 minutes before the match we'll receive a phone call if refs aren't there

### What to wear

- Black ref socks - pulled up to knee
- Black ref Shorts
- Undershirt - always tuck in shirts when you put referee shirt on
- Don't wear your team/club gear if you can avoid it
- You can wear black warm up pants if it's really cold; shorts when warm enough
- Multiple thin layers are better than a bulky heavy sweatshirt
- Black shoes or soccer shoes

### Bring

- Your bag with at least 3 jerseys
- Your badge
- Flags
- A Whistle (ARs should also bring one in case the referee has a problem)
- Red/Yellow Cards
- Black book w/ Game Cards
- Coin
- Watch (2 if you want to be official)
- Pencils/Pens

### What to do when you arrive

- Check goals/nets
- Check field - Corner flags must be 5 feet high
- Ask coaches for player cards and game cards
- Review rules on game cards
- Referee meeting to discuss any procedures (often is done after captains)
- Set watch to match half time
- Check players in
  - Greet and introduce
  - Give instructions and check equipment - shin guards; cleats; no jewelry
  - Check player passes
- Call for captains
  - Make sure home team brings a ball
  - Introduce - shake hands
  - Check ball and show and allow visiting team to inspect; keep for kickoff
  - Record captain numbers
  - Identify home team; visiting team calls coin
  - Toss coin - should catch it and turn
  - Winning team chooses goal to attack (or ball with new IFAB laws)
  - Other team has 1st half kickoff (or chooses side if ball chosen by coin toss winner)
  - Tell them to tell their coaches and we'll start in a minute
- All referees walk to center carrying the ball
  - Place ball in center circle
  - All referees shake hands



ARs move into position (can run to goals to recheck nets then into position)

ARs Unfurl flags when players are counted and goalkeeper looks ready

Start watch when center starts match with whistle

## Centers

Loud whistle

Left wing diagonal - move around on the field; not just from one side of center circle to other

Keep players in front of you, but be close to the play

## ARs

Stay with the second to last defender (gk is defender)

Watch down the whole line - Attention to touchline when ball is near it

Peripheral vision

Flag should always be closest to field/referee

## Crisp signals

Wait and see on offside

Just relax and have fun

Don't be shy - you are in charge

Be nice to coaches and they will work with you to help

Younger kids (U7-U9) will need some help

Generally - never touch the ball; except for a pk or drop ball; or in the case of young kids needing help

