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United States Soccer Federation

Soccer Referee Course

Western Maryland Soccer Officials Association (WMSOA) will sponsor an entry-level soccer referee course at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Frederick. The course prepares youth and adults for certification as USSF Grade 8 referees, which trains referees to officiate recreational-level youth and adult soccer games. WMSOA provides referees to leagues throughout Frederick and Washington Counties.

The 18-hour course covers the Laws of the Game, officiating techniques, and game management. Student must attend all sessions of the course. There will be a 100 question, multiple-choice test for registration with USSF. Upon passing the entry-level test, participants may register with the United States Soccer Federation as a Grade 8 referee.

Participants should bring: **Notebook, writing materials, and a check for \$30** (covering the course material and instructor fees) to the first session. They will receive a lawbook and other course materials at that time. At the conclusion of the course, participants will need a check for \$40.00 to register with USSF.

We encourage adults, teens, parents, players, and coaches to enroll in this course. Participants should be at least 13 years of age. Please invite your friends, teammates, and other adults to take this course with you. By refereeing youth and adult matches, you will earn good money while you help players, coaches and spectators enjoy "the beautiful game".

Locations: Frederick High School, 650 Carroll Parkway, Frederick, MD
And Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1415 W. Seventh Street,
Frederick, MD (**Saturday only**)

Dates: August 4, 5, 6, and 8

Times: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM (Tues/Weds/Thurs),
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (**Saturday**)

Pre-registration is **strongly recommended**, as class size may be limited. E-mail to **Steve Horton** at stephenshorton@aim.com. Please put "Referee" in the subject line. Include participant's name, address, birth date, telephone/cell number, place of birth and citizenship. "Frequently Asked Questions" are available at <http://www.wmsoa.net/training+links>. Other questions regarding becoming a referee may be directed to **Steve Horton** at **(301) 865-5205**. You may also register at the first session on August 4th. More information and other classes may be found at:

<http://www.marylandsoccer.com/referees/index.html>