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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, Social Security number, 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 \$25 to register with USSF.

We encourage adults, teens, parents, players, and coaches to enroll in this course. Participants should be at least 12 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".

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1415 W. Seventh Street
Frederick, MD 21702

Dates: Saturdays, February 9, 16, 23 and March 1, and 8th (Saturdays)
Times: 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Although pre-registration is not mandatory, class size may be limited. We recommend that you pre-register with **Steve Horton** at stephenshorton@netscape.net. Please put "Referee" in the subject line. Include participant's name, address, birth date, and telephone/cell number. Questions regarding the becoming a referee may be directed to **Steve Horton** at **(301) 865-5205**.

You may also register at the first session on February 9th or thru the website below. More information is available at

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