

HOW TO BECOME A REFEREE

Your first step is to take a class. Classes are hosted by associations throughout North Texas and you may attend a class anywhere. You may referee anywhere you want, not just for the association that hosted the class. To start you will need to find the class. Go to www.ntxsoccer.org. This is the web site for North Texas Soccer, the parent organization for all soccer associations. Scroll down to the middle of the front page and click on referees. Then on the left click on referee clinics. They will have a complete list of classes. Classes tend to be offered before each season. This means July, August, & September and again in January, February and March. Seasons start in September and March for most associations. Burleson hosts a class every 1-2 years.

Which class you take depends upon your age. If you are 12 by the time the class starts, you would take a Grade 9 class. If you are 13 or older at the time of the class, you would take a Grade 8. Grade 9 referees can only do the games for 5, 6, 7, & 8 year olds. The Grade 8 can do games for 9 years up to 16 year old games.

You will also need to purchase basic referee uniform (yellow jersey, all back shorts, and referee socks). There are many web sites that sell referee gear. You will need black shoes (all black as you can), a whistle, and a watch that COUNTS down-not up! There is more gear that you can purchase, but this will get you started.

So, it costs to get started, but you should be able to work a deal with your parent to pay this back as you earn money.

Once you take and pass a class, you then need to contact the association that you want to referee for. They will need your name, what grade class you took, an email address and a phone number.

So, if you are interested in refereeing for Burleson and have taken the class or have questions, please contact our Referee Director, Ginny at ginny.ciriot@bisasoccer.com for more information. At BISA we take pride in accepting and training new referees. We have a mentoring program to help get you started. Our referee assignor will work around any sports schedule that you have.