

How to become a small sided referee (U10 and Below) for Northwest Youth Soccer Association.

www.nsysasoccer.org

1. To participate in a NSYSA Program, you must first register and create a profile via **Logon** [Register](#). → Please be sure that you affiliate with the Club you will be associated with, vice NSYSA. Submittal of all documents and entering of personal information shall be via the profile record. Please note that this information is Privacy Act Information and must be treated responsibly. To participate in a NSYSA Program, there may be a requirement for a specific form, document, etc. that you must provide to the NSYSA (we call it Paperwork). Generally, you can provide the necessary documents to the District via the U.S. Mail OR you can provide it electronically via **Member** [Paperwork](#). →

Keep in mind that the required Paperwork can change from year to year, as many of the requirements are imposed upon the NSYSA by other organizations (e.g. the U.S. Government, Washington State, WSYSA, etc.).

NSYSA also requests that BEFORE you sign up to become a small sided referee that you attend a class that is made possible for you by either your local club and/or the NSYSA VP of Competition. Information for these classes may be found at the website listed above or by emailing Bob Bjornemo.

Please defer all small sided referee questions to NSYSA VP of Competition - Bob Bjornemo nsysa.competition@nsyasoccer.org.

STEP ONE DONE!!!

2. You must also complete the following from Washington Youth Soccer.

MINOR Participants:

How to complete the training

Thank you for participating with Washington Youth Soccer. You are the future of the sport!! As a Minor Volunteer/Coach/Referee (non-USSF certified) we need your assistance in creating a safe environment for everyone involved.

- There are 3 compliance items that are required by either State or Federal law to be completed prior to your participation.
- Without completion your local club cannot allow you to participate.

Required:

1. Parent/Player Minor SafeSport Certification
2. Intro to Safety (combined CC and SCA training)

A. You must complete the 2 certifications

B. Make sure you download a copy of the certificate. You will upload the SafeSport Certificate.

C. The Intro to Safety trainings DO NOT provide certificates, your registrar will need to assist with syncing the platforms so they will automatically download.

A. If you have **never submitted a minor RMA**, you must **contact Sports Connect Customer Support**. Advise them you need a Minor Admin Profile for your child. They will provide you with a username and password for a minor participant.

B. Once you complete both certificates and have your username and password for the minor to upload the certificates

C. If they have an expired photo/certificate uploaded that needs to be deleted, you must contact your association/club registrar. Only your association or state administrator can delete the image.

D. If you accidentally upload an incorrect photo/certificate, only your association or state administrator can delete the image.

Sports Connect Support: 888.213.3999 or 800.808.7195 Monday - Friday:
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM PST Saturday: 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM PST Sunday: Closed

* Hours subject to change

Important information to the parents/guardians from Washington Youth Soccer:

- We believe all education is important in today's world, but that it needs to be age appropriate and delivered in an environment the parent feels is safe and sensible for their child.
- Washington Youth Soccer is required to offer SafeSport training to minors that will participate in a leadership role.
- However, participation in SafeSport training is at the consent of the parent/guardian.
- We cannot require you to provide SafeSport training to your child.
- However, they will need a SafeSport certificate
- The player/parent training has slides/videos with topics that allows the parents to decide: When and Where you will discuss SafeSport Training How or if you should deliver the topics What you feel your child or children is prepared to hear and discuss
- If you are 17 years old and will become 18 years old with 50% or more of the season/league remaining, Washington Youth Soccer requires the SafeSport Core training to be completed.

US Soccer Policy 212-3, 5B: The mandatory components set forth in the model policies set a minimum standard. In implementing the required policies, a Covered Organization may choose to implement a policy that is stricter than the Model Policy, if it is stricter than the mandatory policy. If, in implementation the required policies identified here, Covered Organizations are not in compliance with federal requirements, the organization must implement policies and procedure sufficient to meet such requirements.

Minor Athletes who become Adult Athletes:

- player/parent training is for players on teams with minor athletes who become adult athletes during the season of play, specifically teams combined with minor athlete/s 15 years or younger and adult athletes.
- Athletes that are adults (18 or older) on teams with minor players 15 years or younger are required to take SafeSport Core training, prior to being placed on the roster.

US Soccer Policy 212-3, 5A: A minor athlete that reaches the age of majority may not be subject to Prevention Policies in their capacity as an athlete, and when interacting with youth participants who are 16 or older. Prevention Policies must be in effect when this age of majority athlete interacts with minor athletes 15 or young. Should a minor athlete reach the age of majority and then obtain a position that presents a potential power imbalance, such as becoming a coach, the individual is subject to athlete prevention policies. IE: an 18-year-old teammate is not necessarily subject to disciplinary action for emailing a 16-year-old teammate unless the email would violate the prohibited Conduct Policy.

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If you would like more information, please reference US Soccer Policy 212-3, the SafeSport Act of 2017 or If you have additional questions contact your local club administrator or the Washington Youth Soccer Office.

Minor SafeSport Training: Step by Step instructions

- Go To- <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/> - Organization: Not Affiliated
- Choose Training and Education Services
- SCROLL DOWN until you find 'For Athletes and Parents'- Click Create an Account
- Click Sign In
- Click Register
- Fill out PARENT First and Last name, email and create a password
- Click Next
- Fill out the remaining parent profile information
- Check the box that pertains to you
- Click 'Add Membership'
- Use the dropdown
- Select not Affiliated
- Click Save
- Look for confirmation message, go to your email and confirm your login.
- Once logged in – Click on Shop
- Select the age-appropriate training
- SELECT a Language using the drop-down menu
- Add to Bag
- Click Checkout *NO COST for the training*
- Once you have started the training videos you can change the language at anytime.
- You may also stop and start where you left off.
- Upon Completion a Certificate will Pop Up- Type in the MINOR participant's name in the box
- Click on Certificate – Download and Save to your computer

STEP TWO DONE!!!

Intro to Safety Training - <https://learning.ussoccer.com/>

The Learning Center is an educational platform provided by US Soccer. WYS encourages any Coach/Volunteers that are interested in learning more about coaching and obtaining Coaching Certifications to look further at the website.

Your Sports Connect and Learning Center profiles MUST have FULL EXACT MATCH for the 3 systems to sync with automatic updates with the following criteria:

- LEGAL First Name
- LEGAL Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Email Address If you already have a Learning Center profile and your name, DOB or email address do not match Sports Connect, please email learningcentersupport@ussoccer.org to request changes, before proceeding.

If you need to make a change to your Sports Connect profile, contact your club registrar before proceeding

- Go to - <https://learning.ussoccer.com/>
- Login or Sign Up for a coach's profile regardless of your role

If you just SIGNED UP, you will be required to verify your email address. Please sure to complete the email verification. Otherwise, you will be locked out of the system for future use.

You will also have to make your way back to the training courses

Click on Courses

- Supplemental Courses
- Click Intro to Safety
- DO NOT Click On The Safe Sport Here - *The SafeSport training is the Adult Full Version
- Once you complete the training, email your registrar so they can sync your Learning Center and Sports Connect profiles together. You only need to make this request if this the first time you have completed trainings in the Learning Center. In the future it will be automatic.

STEP THREE DONE!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!