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## **DEL MAR CARMEL VALLEY SHARKS SOCCER RECREATIONAL REFEREE PROGRAM**

The Sharks soccer league referee program is open to area youth and adults aged 11 and older. Each season approximately 100-125 referees participate in the Shark's recreational referee program. Application forms for the recreational referee program can be obtained from the referee page on the league web site at [www.DMCVSharks.com/referee.html](http://www.DMCVSharks.com/referee.html).

To be eligible to participate in the program you must be 11 years or older and must have or obtain a valid United States Soccer Federation (USSF) Grade 9 (Junior) or Grade 8 (USSF) referee license. Grade 9 referees can referee recreational games in divisions 3 (Under 14), 4 (Under 12), 5 (Under 10), 6 (Under 8), 7 (Under 7) and 8 (Under 6). Grade 8 referees can referee all ages for both recreational and competitive games.

Games for the Fall recreational league for divisions 3-8 are assigned by the Sharks referee assignor. The recreational season runs for eleven weeks from early September through the weekend before Thanksgiving with games on local fields each Saturday. Payment is done by checks mailed to the referee's home 3-4 times during the recreational season.

Games for the Fall recreational league for divisions 1-2 (Under 19 and Under 16) as well as competitive club games are assigned by the local Presidio league referee assignor. Competitive games and tournaments run throughout the year. For information on refereeing division 1-2 recreational games and/or competitive games, please refer to the league web site for more information.



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## Three Requirements For Participation

**Note: all 3 requirements must be met!**




1. **COMPLETE A USSF GRADE 8 OR 9 CLASS** – New referees must complete a Grade 8 or Grade 9 referee class with a passing grade on the final exam. After the course is passed, the referee will receive in the mail either a blue Grade 9 or a black Grade 8 referee shirt patch showing the appropriate year.  
*Note: New referees who complete the Grade 9 or Grade 8 class after June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year get a license and patch valid for the remainder of the current calendar year and also for the entire following calendar year.*  
 or  
**RENEW EXISTING USSF GRADE 8 OR 9 LICENSE** – Current referees must pay a yearly USSF referee registration fee to obtain a USSF Grade 9 or Grade 8 license for the current calendar year. After the fee is processed, the referee will receive in them mail either a blue Grade 9 or a black Grade 8 referee shirt patch showing the appropriate year.  
*Note: Renewal registration fees are due by June 30<sup>th</sup> each year, after that date licenses cannot be renewed for the current year. It is common for our recreational referees to miss this date as they are focused on the Fall season in September.*
  
2. **ATTEND A USSF RE-CERTIFICATION CLINIC** – Each year after obtaining their referee license, referees must also attend a 4 hour re-certification class. The Sharks league usually offers one or two re-certification clinics each year in late August or early September just prior to the Fall recreation season. Referees do not have to attend the Sharks clinic, but must attend a local clinic given by an approved CalSouth ([www.CalSouth.com](http://www.CalSouth.com)) soccer league. Registration for all clinics is done online through the CalSouth web site, clinic fees typically are \$35.
  
3. **FILL OUT AN AVAILABILITY FORM** – Before any games will be assigned to a referee, a completed “Referee Availability” form must be completed and emailed to the league recreational assignor. In the 2011 Fall rec season, this form will be completed online.

## Referee Pay Rates By Division

### 2011 Season

Payment is done by checks mailed to the referee’s home 3-4 times during the recreational season

| Division           | Regular Season Games |      | Tournament Bracket Games |      | Tournament Semis and Finals |      |
|--------------------|----------------------|------|--------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
|                    | CTR                  | AR   | CTR                      | AR   | CTR                         | AR   |
| <b>G1 &amp; B1</b> | 33                   | 25   |                          |      |                             |      |
| <b>G2 &amp; B2</b> | 29                   | 21   |                          |      |                             |      |
| <b>G3 &amp; B3</b> | \$25                 | \$17 | \$15                     | \$10 | \$25                        | \$17 |
| <b>G4 &amp; B4</b> | \$20                 | \$13 | \$13                     | \$8  | \$20                        | \$13 |
| <b>G5 &amp; B5</b> | \$16                 | \$10 | \$12                     | \$7  | \$16                        | \$10 |
| <b>G6 &amp; B6</b> | \$12                 | N/A  | \$8                      | N/A  | \$12                        | N/A  |
| <b>G7 &amp; B7</b> | \$10                 | N/A  | N/A                      | N/A  | N/A                         | N/A  |
| <b>G8 &amp; B8</b> | \$10                 | N/A  | N/A                      | N/A  | N/A                         | N/A  |

|                                | Grade 9 (Junior Referee)   | Grade 8 (USSF Referee)  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Referee patch?                 | <br>BLUE = Grade 9 Referee  | <br>BLACK = Grade 8 Referee            |
| How long is license valid for? | Grade 9 and 8 licenses are valid for a calendar year, from January - December. <u>Licenses must be renewed each calendar year by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year.</u><br><i>Note: Year on patch indicates valid license through December of that year</i>   |   |
| Required clinic?               | 8 hour CalSouth/USSF Grade 9 clinic  | 16 hour CalSouth/USSF Grade 8 clinic  |
| Clinic cost?                   | Typically about \$35.  | Typically about \$45.   |
| Clinic registration?           | CalSouth Soccer<br><a href="http://www.calsouth.com/en/referees">http://www.calsouth.com/en/referees</a>   |   |
| Governing body?                | United States Soccer Federation (USSF)<br><a href="http://www.ussoccer.com/Referees">http://www.ussoccer.com/Referees</a>  |   |
| Referee recreational games?    | Yes, divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8   | Yes, divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8  |
| Recreational assignment?       | Done by Sharks recreational assignor   | Done by Sharks recreational assignor for divisions 3-8 and Sharks Presidio league competitive assignor for divisions 1-2. |
| Referee competitive games?     | NO   | YES   |
| Competitive assignment?        | NO   | Done Sharks Presidio league competitive assignor.   |
| Required uniform?              | Yellow striped referee shirt, black referee shorts, black referee socks with three white stripes, black shoes, whistle, line ref flags, timer, yellow/red cards, coin  |   |
| Uniform purchase?              | <p><b><u>Each referee is required to purchase their own uniform kit.</u></b></p> <p>Starter referee packages are available at many local soccer stores and online.<br/>           Starter kits usually cost about \$35-\$50.</p> <p>Soccer Fanatic – Local stores and online at <a href="http://www.soccerfanatic.com">http://www.soccerfanatic.com</a><br/>           AYSO Store – <a href="http://aysostore.com/enlevrefpac1.html">http://aysostore.com/enlevrefpac1.html</a><br/>           Fold-A-Goal – <a href="http://www.Fold-A-Goal.com">http://www.Fold-A-Goal.com</a></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC-2010 jersey</li> <li>• SC-715 shorts</li> <li>• SA-7800 socks</li> <li>• sport bag</li> <li>• flags</li> <li>• whistle</li> <li>• lanyard</li> <li>• data wallet</li> <li>• match report pad</li> <li>• game coin</li> </ul> </div> </div> |   |

## Recreational Referee Assignment Process Overview

This is a quick overview of how recreational referees are assigned to games each week of the recreational season.

**SUNDAY - ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE:** On the Sunday prior to the next weekend's games, the referee assignor uses the "Referee Availability" information submitted by each referee to assign referees to the games. Assignments are based on referee grade (Grade 8 referees are assigned before Grade 9 referees), age appropriate assignments (referee must be 2+ years older than the division's age to be a center referee) and on referee evaluations from the previous and current seasons. Based on each referee's open time slots, the referee assignor will attempt to assign each eligible referee at least one game. Each referee may or may not get a game any given week due how their open time slots match available games. Generally there are many more morning games than afternoon or evening games, so showing more early availability is better than showing late availability.

**MONDAY 12:00 PM - SCHEDULE IS POSTED TO WEB SITE:** The referee assignor will post the referee schedule to the web site by Monday at noon and send out an email asking referees to check game assignments. Even if this email is not received, referees should check the web site for the schedule anyway. If there are any games marked **AVAILABLE**, referees may request to claim these open games. To allow all referees a fair chance at claiming open games, referees may only request open games as long doing so will not give that referee more than two games total until Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

**WEDNESDAY BEFORE 6:00 PM - CONFIRM/DECLINE DEADLINE:** Each referee must confirm or decline their assigned games via email to the referee assignor. Confirmation emails should be specific and include (a) referee name, (b) division, (c) field and (d) time. "I confirm all my games" is not acceptable. "Joe Smith confirms his two B5 games at CCA Large at 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM" is much better. Put this short confirmation sentence as the subject line of the email. As referees confirm/decline games, the web site schedule will be periodically updated on the web site (but not in real time). Referee names showing in **Green Bold** letters indicated confirmed games. Referee slots showing as **AVAILABLE** can be requested for assignment. Any games not confirmed by Wednesday at 6:00 PM will be changed to **AVAILABLE**.

*Note: If a referee's schedule changes, it is the referee's responsibility to update their availability information by Saturday night.*

*Note: If a referee declines an assigned game that a referee's form shows as available, then that referee cannot ask for **AVAILABLE** games until after Wednesday 6:00 PM of that week.*

*Note: Declining an assigned game that a referee's form shows as an available time slot OR being assigned a game and not confirming by Wednesday at 6:00 PM more than twice, is grounds for being removed from the recreational referee list for the remainder of the season.*

**WEDNESDAY AFTER 6 PM - REQUEST AVAILABLE GAMES:** After 6:00 PM on Wednesday any games marked **AVAILABLE** may be requested (even if it gives you more than two games total) via email on a first come, first served basis. When requesting a center referee slot, make sure the referee's age on September 1<sup>st</sup> was two years older than the division's age. For example to center referee a Boys Division 5 (U10) game, the referee must be 12 or older as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**FRIDAY 6:00 PM - RECHECK SCHEDULE:** Friday evening, each referee should re-check the schedule. All of their confirmed games should be listed with their name in **Green Bold**. If there are any discrepancies, contact the referee assignor ASAP via email to resolve the conflict.

**SATURDAY - MISSED GAMES:** If a referee misses an assigned game for any reason, it is the referee's duty to notify the referee assignor immediately with referee name, division, field and time of missed game along with an explanation.