



### **TSA Referee Rescue Plan 2022**

Based on the responses to our survey, we have looked to address the Top 5 Barriers To Returning”.

1. “Ref Registration Fee is too expensive.”

In 2021, the TSA introduced a “Registration Fee Rebate” to help offset the cost of registering as a referee. I am very pleased that this rebate has been retained for 2022!

The rebate is \$50 payable at the end of the 2022 outdoor season. To be eligible you must have officiated 25 TSA Festival or U9/U10 YDSL games across the entire outdoor season (mid May-end of September).

While that number may seem a lot compared to what you have had access to in the past, you will see how our commitment to you will be HUGE this summer!

2. “I don’t feel confident due to the gap in my refereeing.”

The TSA recognises that many of you have not officiated either at all or for a long time so we are here to offer support and guidance. We are hosting FREE formal referee training as follows:

Small Sided Game: Sun. May 29. St. Patricks HS (Felstead Ave, Toronto) 900am- 1.00pm  
Entry Level (11v11): Sun. May 29: St Patricks HS (Felstead Ave, Toronto) 900am- 100pm

This training will be offered by Ontario Soccer facilitators, and will give you practical input on the laws of the game, game management and how to get the most from your refereeing experience.

You will shortly receive a follow up email regarding registering for this training.

3. “Ref Centre is too confusing.”

The survey told us loud and clear that you were VERY confused about what to do next when you completed the course, and those of you who worked out that referee assignment is through Ref Centre found the system very confusing.

We got you!

We will offer virtual training on Ref Centre- creating a profile, inputting your availability and accepting games. Simply click on the link for the date that works for you to register! You can even attend this training before registering as a ref if you like:

Tue. May 17: 7.00pm- Ref Centre Training

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

Thu. May 19: 7.00pm- Referee Kick Off Meeting (inc. Ref Centre Training)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtfu2orTgsHNPJfQcx1fpeidHEctRQkXlt>

Tue. May 24: 7.00pm- Ref Centre Training

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctdeqgrDwiEtNQ7iIMke7p1cKJ2TWWI3Ps>

4. “Signed up to make some pocket money, but never got games”

We hear you and we want you to know that we WILL do something about that- in 2 very clear and committed ways:

- a. “Priority Events” – The TSA has committed to offer young/ inexperienced referees priority events at which you WILL be given several games AND supported by a mentor referee at the same time. The document listing the 8 U8 Festivals and the 2 Community Days are attached. These are yours and yours alone!
- b. U9-U10 YDSL- we will have approximately 40 games in these age groups every. Single. Saturday! You will again receive priority and as often as possible, several games at the one facility.

5. “Im need support and advice”.

The TSA is presently in the process of creating a Mentorship Group who will support and assist you at the U8 Festivals and U9/U10 Community Days. They will offer friendly, positive advice, track your development over the weeks, and step in to resolve any issues that may occur with “over exuberant” coaches or spectators. They will ensure that any abusive behaviour is swiftly dealt with.

So there you have it- the TSA Referee Rescue Plan for 2022- offering financial support, free training, access to many games, and an in person mentor for development and support!

We hope this convinces you that being a soccer match official is now what you hoped it would be all along. We would love for you to register to help us get hundreds of games played this summer.

First step- click [HERE](#) to begin the registration process, and register above for our Ref Centre training.

If you have any questions, please email me at [agould@torontosoccer.net](mailto:agould@torontosoccer.net)

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