



Ottawa South United Referee Mentoring Program

The Ottawa South United (OSU) Referee program is vital to our Recreational and Competitive soccer programs. Our objective is to recruit, educate and retain Referees. To progress within the Ontario Soccer Association's Grading Protocol, we need to prepare Referees for more challenging game assignments, as they advance to a higher grading.

Education and retention of Referees is very important, and OSU is dedicated to developing Referees. There is a shortage of Referees in our club area, and with a mentorship program, it can greatly impact that in a positive way.

OSU has a pool of experienced Youth and Adult Referees, who assist the club, with the Referee mentoring program. Typically, Referees graded from 1 to 5 are eligible to be mentored. A Referee can be observed by an OSU Referee Mentor. A Referee may request to be mentored to help in their development, or the OSU Club Head Referee may assign an OSU Referee Mentor to observe a Referee, who may be requiring some valuable advice. These Mentorship sessions, can occur several times throughout the season, to gauge the development of the Referee.

Mentors are there to offer the Referee, support, guidance, encouragement and feedback. Mentors will arrive at the Referee's assigned game and they will introduce themselves to the Referee prior to the start of the game. Their role is to observe every aspect of the Referee's game, and to offer support and guidance.

The Referee Mentors are available to review and answer questions, or discuss any issues that occurred during the match. Referees who request a Mentor, must have the desire to improve their skills. OSU is here to help every Referee succeed and help promote you to the next level.

For further information, please contact the OSU Club Head Referee, Andy Weston at referees@osu.ca