ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE COURSE ELIGIBILITY: Involvement in soccer and meets the age deadline of being 14 as of May 15 of this year.

Being an entry level referee means that the person would be eligible to referee U9 and U11 house league games, as well as, travel team games provided the age of the players is BELOW their own age. Entry level referees are eligible to be a linesman (assistant referee) at any age level.

The Entry Level Referee course involves self guided modules online, a webinar, an exam, and a practical in person session in order to be certified.

The Entry Level Referee course covers:

- Referee and assistant referee duties and responsibilities
- The FIFA laws of the game (11v11 soccer)
- U11 8v8 Rules for the game
- On field practical training

Students are supplied with a FIFA law book, a U11 8v8 rule book and a referee badge and whistle, yellow and red cards and a referee wallet.

This course will be offered in Whitecourt at St. Mary's School (5630 Mink Creek Road) on Sunday April 16th from 9 am to 3 pm. The cost is \$136.24.

Please note that any person who takes the Entry Level Referee course, passes and then referees a total of three games with WMS will be given a full refund of \$136.24 in addition to getting paid the regular referee rate of pay.

After successfully completing the course, referees are classified as a youth referee if they are 14 or 15 years old. Referees that are 16 years old and up are called district referees.

REGISTRATION INFO:

If you choose to take the ref course, you will need to create a ref Centre account if you do not already have one. This requires an email and a password that you set up through the <u>Alberta Soccer Association website</u>. The course code for this course is **#2183**.

If you or your child is interested in taking this course, it is recommended that they register as soon as possible since it includes taking several self guided online modules and online exam in addition to a practical in person session.

Refereeing is a great activity so please consider this opportunity for your child.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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