

2023 Match Officials F.A.Q.

February 14th, 2023

Please note that your annual fee goes well beyond providing you access to officiate soccer matches in Ontario. It is a vital investment to ensure that we have a sustainable officiating infrastructure in place to support you.

Clinics / New Match Officials

Question	Response
I completed the Small Sided Clinic previously, and am interested in "upgrading" to Entry Level this year. What	Do not complete the annual registration. This fee is included in the Clinic fee. To access the clinic, you must create a new account on
should I do?	https://www.refcentre.com/Ontario/. You must continue to login from that website until you have graduated. Your new account can be created with the same email address as your existing RefCentre account, but you MUST use a different password.
I am 14 years of age or older, and am interested in refereeing both Small Sided and Entry Level games. Do I need to register and complete both Clinics?	Our recommendation for individuals that are interested in both Clinics is to only take the Entry Level Clinic. Once you graduate, review the Small Sided Laws and work with your Club Head Referee so that you are ready to officiate Small Sided games. Then let all assignors you work with know that you are interested in officiating both Entry Level and Small Sided games.
I registered and paid for a Clinic, but I am now unable to login. Can you help me?	Until you graduate, you should always be logging in on https://www.refcentre.com/Ontario/ , not just https://www.refcentre.com/ To explain: - Clinics and Student Accounts are hosted on https://www.refcentre.com/Ontario/ -Assignments and Referee Accounts are hosted on https://www.refcentre.com/

Annual Registration / Returning Match Officials

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Where can I find the Ontario Soccer Return to Play Guide and general Return to Play Resources?	www.ontariosoccer.net/ReturnToPlay
If I register this year, what happens to my previous grading?	Officials will being the season with their 2021 grade in 2023. Grade maintenance and upgrading requirements are in effect. Please review the Grading Protocol for requirements: https://www.ontariosoccer.net/grading-protocol
What if I did not register in 2021 and 2022? Can I still register in 2023?	Typically, there is a 2-year non-registration period with no penalty as per Canada Soccer rules. Canada Soccer recently removed this requirement therefore, you may be able to register in 2023 with no need to retake an accreditation course. Please visit www.ontariosoccer.net/matchofficialsregistration for more details.
In order to register, am I still required to complete "education evaluation"?	Yes, the education evaluation is still required.
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Do you know if Ontario Soccer or Districts will be organizing some education sessions for referees, online or in person?	Many Districts are providing online sessions. You can find review our webinar recordings here: https://www.ontariosoccer.net/page/show/6208203-webinars Please note - you must be registered to attend any online PHYSICAL TRAINING session. You do not need to be registered to attend education webinars with no physical training.

