



Head Referee Report 2022-23 Fall/Winter Season

Over the course of the 22-23 Fall/Winter season, over 160 officials participated in our league. This was fantastic number considering the diminishing number of registered referees in BC since 2019.

A big thanks to the MWSL refereeing team for their efforts making sure all the assignments were covered and pitching in where needed. There were numerous late cancellations by the referees due to illness throughout the year, especially early in the season, but the team's collective support ensured coverage for all the games.

The MWSL education sessions were very well attended. It was nice to get together and meet in person after not being able to gather and virtual meetings! At the sessions, some CSA material was shared with the referees, as well as Report Writing. These topics are used to enhance refereeing and understanding of the laws of the game amongst our referees. We look forward to hosting education sessions for our referees in the Spring and next fall and winter season.

The MWSL Cup Final event was once again a success, with majority of the games being officiated by female crews. Majority of the games were assessed by BC Soccer assessors, and the referees were provided with feedback after their games.

I would like to thank the teams who continue to provide feedback through the Match Feedback form. These reports are reviewed every week, and if necessary, the feedback is reviewed with the referees. I would ask the teams to please keep the reports subjective and specific to the referees.

Thanks for your continued support, and I look forward to a great Spring season!

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