

DISTRICT THREE REPORT TO THE STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE

The Election experiment:

The process of nominee selection for representative to the SRC was completed in June. The referees were self nominated at the CASRA meeting in April. Balloting was conducted then and a runoff held in June. The process was managed by the sitting district representative, Mr. Steve Eels. The forum was restricted to CASRA meetings. Multiple attempts to solicit nominees or votes on the standing candidates from the Temple area referees were unsuccessful. Lack of communication infrastructure was the primary problem. There is no organization of referees in that area, and no database of addresses of practicing referees from which to gain input into the process. Mr. Eels sent a draft methodology to the SRA and Operations Manager of STSR.

Arbiter utilization:

This assigning software has been used by WDDOA, NISOA and TASO for several years, and added this fall by Austin Men's Soccer Assn. Most practicing referees in the Austin area will utilize this program at some point in the year, giving a consistency to the assigning experience. For those in multiple assigning groups, ease of management of schedules and avoidance of conflicts is expected.

Mentorship program:

Report of the recent pilot program has been publicized and mentor candidates solicited through CASRA by Laura Matkin. Creating an infrastructure of coordinators based on geographic location is pending. Enthusiasm for the program in assisting referee retention is high.

Referee Clinic Festival:

Austin hosted a multi-level referee clinic and recertification event in August complete with a mass physical testing experience. The program, held at the Wingate Hotel conference center in Round Rock, was crisply administered and most entertaining. Congratulations are in order for administrative staff and participating instructors in the execution of a model event.

Respectfully submitted,
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