

NOTES OF THE STSR STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE 1/07

STATE REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR (SRA) – STEVE EELLS

Meeting of State SRAs attended with coordination of training, retention and development efforts. Each state assigned a Law for which to develop a training module.

Formal budget process will be initiated for South Texas Soccer Referees (STSR).

Online clinic registration will be available to all effective July 2007.

STSR will identify pool of well qualified referees for cup competition in 2007.

District reps with assistance of assignors invited to present names to Dick Triche, operations manager for collation.

Unfortunate software limitation prevented SRA from communication with STSR members except through operations manager, who has to go through the programmer. A solution is pending.

MOST 2007 BADGES FROM APPLICATIONS PRIOR TO 12/06 HAVE BEEN MAILED. CONTACT OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR FAILURE TO RECEIVE.

STATE ASSIGNOR COORDINATOR (SAC) – BILL JORN

Next assignor clinic is at STYSA General Meeting 2/10/07 on South Padre Island. All assignors are invited to attend. See stsr.org to register.

All adult participants in youth soccer programs should receive KidSafe certification through STSR or their local associations.

Assignor fee registration increase for 2008 registration from \$10 to \$20 proposed.

STATE YOUTH REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR (SYRA) – PAUL HOOKS

Youth tournament information is requested by SYRA to allow STYSA input and support.

STATE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION (SDI) – BOB MOHLER

Details of instructional activity in STSR presented.

Clinics for instructors will be available at STYSA 2/10/07 South Padre meeting.

Four new computers and projectors are ordered for instructional use.

Billing guidelines and draft 07 budgets were presented.

STATE DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENTS (SDA) – ED CZERWINSKI

ASSESSMENT PROCESS CHANGED:

Greater advance notice required.

All payments are to be made directly to SDA by mail in advance.

NO ONFIELD PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE.

Fees are going up for many locations and will be standard across STSR.

08/07 - \$30

06/05 - \$45

04 - \$60

All above pertain to both upgrade and maintenance assessments.

SEE STSR HANDBOOK FOR DETAILS. PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER TO AVOID REPORT DELAYS.

TREASURER REPORT – EARLE McCANTS

Customary thorough and lengthy report presented.

Mr. Eells summarizes as \$210,000 in receipts with disbursement of \$120,000 in fixed operational expenses such as payment of USSF registrations, referee development, office expenses, and administrative support. Remainder rendered to instructional, assessment, and assignor programs.

OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT – DICK TRICHE

CLINIC REGISTRATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE.

USSF registrations are not yet an on-line process because of software limitations to be addressed in near future.

Extensive correction of referee data base has been performed with kudos to Michael Day for his IT expertise. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR PERSONAL DATA AND CORRECT IF NEEDED.** Log on to stsrref.org and follow the prompts.

All USSF registration fees are now subject to STSR administrative fee of \$5.

Therefore, Grade 9 is \$25, Grades 8&7 is \$30, and Grades 6&5 is \$45.

STSR fee will also apply to instructors, assessors, and assignors.

SEE STSR.ORG FOR DETAILS.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Pro-forma reports were offered from Districts 2, 3, 4b and 5. I informed the group of our pride in Saki Papadopolous' achievements in his National Assessor status and our general satisfaction with the affairs of referees in both CASRA and TASO.

GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE AGENDA

Age requirements for entry level clinics were discussed and further information is requested from assignors by Bill Jorn on how this would impact local situations.

Mileage policy was discussed to exclude the first 50 round trip miles for STSR reimbursement of referees, assessors, and instructors. Mileage charge policy will remain the same at this time and be reviewed next quarter.

Grade 06, 07 and selected 08 referees are candidates for service at the TSSAS Women O-30 State Cup 2/24-2/25 in Round Rock, TSSAS CO-ED State Cup 3/3-3/4 in San Antonio, and the TSSAS Women D1-3 State Cup in Round Rock 3/31-4/1. Interested refs may send their names and grade to me for forwarding to the selection officials. Assignors are encouraged to nominate developing refs of quality for training at these events.

District reps will be responsible for forwarding all USSF Registrations from clinics to the operations office, personally, or through delegation to a District Registrar effective 7/1/07. Interested individuals may contact me to discuss the particulars of this task.

Mentorship initiatives were discussed in some detail. Models of this process are noted to vary between metropolitan areas. It is acknowledged that the process will most likely be "Grass Roots" phenomena with the capabilities and needs of each community dictating the mentorship approach. Therefore a standard model is not likely to be forthcoming from the SRC, though this body is most interested in assisting with advice and resources. I observed most of the programs are likely to well address the needs of developing referees, but do not suggest methods to improve recruitment and retention.

Soccer in South Texas is getting big enough to require more leadership in the form of redistricting to allow better penetration of services and general energy. Proposals will be developed this year. Currents maps are available on the STSR web site. I'd appreciate ideas on this issue. Dividing the Austin metropolitan area may not be in the best interest of our group cohesiveness, though division of labor has merit.

The next SRC meeting should be in May. Please forward your comments on our activities and agenda items.

Respectfully submitted,
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