



SOUTH KING COUNTY SOCCER REFEREE ASSOCIATION

"For the Good of the Game"

January/February 2010

Serving: Auburn, Federal Way, Kent Youth Soccer Clubs / WOA / PSSS / WSWA

Welcome! To our first SKCRSA newsletter of the New Year. The board members are ready for another great season of soccer. For those of you that may be a new referee in SKCRSA, welcome to our family.

We held our first meeting for 2010 on January 11th. This was also our AGM. Unfortunately, we were short a few members to hold our elections, so the **elections will take place on Monday, February 8 at 7 p.m.** held in the Starfire classroom - PLEASE mark your calendar for this very important meeting. If you would like to be considered for any of the positions, please email linda_rimmer@hotmail.com. We will also have training on the new USSF mechanics for "restarts with the whistle." Hope to see everyone there!

Linda Rimmer, President SKCRSA

Get To Know Your Assignors

So it's a random Wednesday night and you look at your calendar and notice you do not have any plans this weekend! Great! That means you can get on the SKC site and take a look for some open matches. *Who do you contact? How to you get those open matches?* Well now would be a good time to get to know some of the assignors on the SKC site. Below are just a few contacts and the club or league they assign for.

Ernest L Bodoh	PSPSL	253.476.1418
Maizie Franco	FWSRA	253.838.6402
Debbie A Frazier	Federal Way YSA	253.874.9354
Scott Hatfield	Kent YSA	360.886.2275
Bobbi Lane	HPFC Tournaments	425.430.9950
Linda Rimmer	Mentor Director	253.631.2705
Donnie Roberts	Liga Hispana/ Starfire CoEd	253.222.1368
Betty Schmeck	FW Parks, SPSL Starfire Tournaments	425.271.4885
Robbie Schuck	Mentor Assignor	206.428.8397
Judy Simone-Johnson	Federal Way MOD Youth League	253.740.0251
Kristian Smits	CFSC	360.825.8250
Robert Zipp	AYSA / WSWA High School	253.350.9215

Are You Ready for the High School Season?

DON'T MISS OUT! Make sure you are registered for the upcoming boys' high school season. Contact Kathy Chromy at 425.647.8845 or email kchromy@comcast.net with any questions about registration to referee for high school.

Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, January 20 - Federal Way SRA monthly meeting 7 - 9 p.m. @ at Saghahie MS. Checks for December will be available at the meeting.

Saturday, January 23 - **LAST CHANCE!** to register for 2010 through SKCRSA, 10a-12p @ Starfire. You need to pre-register at www.wasrc.org, click on INSTRUCTION, then CLINICS.

Sunday, January 31 - **DEADLINE**, don't forget that state cup semi and finals are coming up. To be considered to work these matches you need to apply for the State Cup Referee Academy. Log into www.wasrc.org and click on REFEREE then EVENTS. You will see the application. Do not delay, the application to be considered closes January 31st. **Note: You must take the fitness test before applying.**

Monday, February 8 - SKCRSA monthly meeting. Starts at 7 p.m. @ Starfire. Training will be "restarts with the whistle"

Saturday, February 13 - WSWA needs volunteer referees for a 7 v 7 Tourney @ Starfire. If available, please contact Linda Rimmer at linda_rimmer@hotmail.com.

Congratulations! To our 2009 SKCRSA "Young Referees of the Year"



Scott Turner, Brooke Reed and Chris Turner

Have A Topic or Picture for our Newsletter?

We would love to include any soccer referee related topic, questions, answers or just a shout out to thank or praise another referee! Of course any pictures of a fellow referee in action or just hanging out would be appreciated. Submit your ideas to Bobbi Lane via email at soccermailBL@yahoo.com. Please send it in the body of the email or unformatted WORD document. The newsletter will be bi-monthly. Submissions need to be emailed by the 14th of the month to be considered for the next 2 month issue.

You Make the Call!

Team-mate of the kicker encroached into the penalty area before the PK was taken. The ball entered the goal. What is the re-start?

Referee Marketplace

Do you have any gently used referee gear that you would like to pass onto a fellow referee that may just be getting started? Do you have jerseys that are too big because you have done so many matches, you've lost weight? Please consider donating jerseys, shorts or socks that still have some life in them. Feel free to bring them to the monthly SKC meeting, or contact Bobbi at 425.430.9950.

Looking for a Tournament?

Whether you enjoy refereeing youth matches or find adult games more your "cup" of tea, there are many to choose from. Take a look at the upcoming local tournaments.

Starfire Memorial Day Cup / May 28, 29, 30, 31

Starfire Spring Classic 5-Aside / June 4, 5, 6

Tactical Words

Any referee that is also player, parent, grandparent or just an "every day Joe" watching a soccer game; always and forever will be a referee even when not actually refereeing a game. We've all been in this situation - a timid referee that is scared to call anything because they don't want to make anyone mad. Or maybe the opposite, a referee that "nit picks" everything and constantly blows their whistle, which can slow the game down. As a referee it can be hard not to mumble under your breath (or maybe even out loud) at the referee because you would definitely call the game differently, right? Instead of keeping it to your self, take the time to fill out an evaluation on-line, or email their assignor directly. But now comes the fun part...how do you write up an evaluation so it benefits the referee NOT a bunch of negative comments about "how bad the referee did." Below is a letter to an assignor that a parent, that is also a referee, wrote. The opportunity to fill out an evaluation on-line was not available so this was sent directly to the assignors' email. **team names, age and location have been removed.*

To Mr. Assignor:

*In my opinion, which I understand an evaluation is based on opinions and views, the center referee and AR 2 on the *U-XX Team A (team id 000) vs Team B (team id 000) played at a field at 1pm, could use some mentoring.*

This referee crew would benefit from a mentor with an experienced referee that has done U-XX matches, as well as taking the time to review LAW 12 and LAW 8. The inconsistency of the calls did take away from the flow and pace of the game and had an impact on the way the players played and reacted to him/her.

*I understand all calls are in the opinion of the referee and understand he/she is in charge, **but the safety of the players should always be number one with the referee crew.** There were quite a few reckless fouls from one of the home players throughout the game, at some point in the first half a yellow could have been deemed for "persistent infringement." Both teams played physical, as to be expected at this age level; however the referee allowed the game get out of control and wasn't able to bring it back to a level where retaliation was starting to be the focus of some player's. There was an incident where one of the home players pushed an away player and didn't even warrant the referee talking to him...this is just one situation that could have been the point of bringing the game under control again. The player's do recognize when a referee has lost control of the match and most will take advantage.*

Overall, the center referee was moderately fit and kept up with play. His path of travel was exclusively straight up the middle of the field. If he worked on his diagonal run, he would be able to see his AR's sooner and more clearly and be able to look through play instead of the back of players. At this age, most tactical and "cheap" fouls that referees miss take place in close quarters, and he was not able to see these most of the time. The way he reacts to players and coaches could use some fine tuning (be proactive, instead of reactive.)

The AR could also benefit from some mentoring. There were 2 times during the course of the match that he/she had her flag (one for an offside and one for what she thought was a foul) up for 2-3 seconds and the center did not see her, so instead of standing in position with his/her flag up she brought it down and allowed play to proceed. Practicing better mechanics lends a great deal of credibility to the calls made.

When you travel 120 miles for a match, please know that we do appreciate having a full crew of referees and wish the best success for them when they go onto the pitch. I know firsthand how thankless the job is. As their assignor, if you are willing to share some of these points with the referee crew it possibly could improve the quality of the game called.

Thank you for your time.

Parent