



B5 Referee Newsletter

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Recertification for 2009

It is recertification time again. Each year, referees must meet certification requirements in order to referee past Dec 31, 2008. Referees who do not recertify lose their certification at that date. Grade 08 referees need to attend a five hour recertification clinic and pass an entry level referee exam with a score of 75% or higher. Grade 07 referees and better have more strict recertification requirements that include a fitness test, assessment, and game log. A complete list of course offerings in Florida is posted on the Florida State Referee's website: <www.fsr-inc.com>. When you view a course you would like to attend, sign up as soon as possible since space is limited.



2008-09 BYSL Referee Fees:

2008-2009 BYSL Referee Fees				
	R	AR	AR	Format
u8 (below)	\$16	n/a	n/a	4v4
u9-10*	\$20	*	*	6v6
u11-12	\$25	\$14	\$14	8v8
u13-14	\$30	\$15	\$15	11 v 11
u15-16	\$40	\$20	\$20	11 v 11
u16 rec	\$26	n/a	n/a	6 v 6
u17-19	\$50	\$25	\$25	11 v 11
u19 rec	\$30	n/a	n/a	6 v 6

* \$12 per AR if used

Central Brevard's First 3v3 Tournament

Central Brevard Soccer Club hosted their first 3v3 tournament at Mitchell Ellington Park in Merritt Island. This inaugural event was hosted by Challenge Sports. This event took place on June 7-8. The following referees with 3v3 experience officiated:

- Chris Scott
- Steven Potter
- Harold Grosholz
- Moncef Hadiji
- Amanda Potter
- Jeff Grosholz
- Orhan Coklar
- Al Sickle
- Tahsin Coklar
- Joe Goldian
- Jonathan Quinter
- Angel Rivera
- Nate Quinter
- Lew Storum
- Bill Quinter

Referee Highlights

Handling Coaches and Spectators by Tony Laurendi, Grade 8 Referee

Very important to remember – just because you are being paid does not mean you can be abused or assaulted by coaches, players and spectators.

Coaches and spectators may or may not have ever played the game of soccer but each of them will tell you that they know the rules. They may, but very few of them have or will ever referee a soccer match.

Your first discussion with a coach should be during the team check-in when you introduce yourself and not only during the match. If you are yelled at persistently by a coach or anyone on the bench, stop the match at a convenient point and tell the coach to stop dissenting. If they do not comply, ask them to leave the site which means go to their car and drive away. Make sure you note the poor behavior of the adults as well as the players in your game report. You may not issue a caution or send-off to a coach using the yellow and red cards but you can still “send them off” by telling them to leave. If you are spoken to improperly, it is called referee abuse and if you are ever touched or your personal space is crossed, it is called referee assault.

Your first discussion with a spectator should be through the coach. The coach is responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on the sidelines. If the spectator continues to be abusive, tell the coach to ask them to leave the field area and wait in their car until the match is over. Make sure you note the poor behavior in your game report.

At all times, avoid yelling and cursing or otherwise making intimidating actions back; but, never stay close to a situation where you are being threatened. If you have one, keep your cell phone within reach and use it if you feel threatened. Write up all incidents in your game report. Leagues and clubs can remove coaches or prevent spectators from ever coming back but they need a formal complaint to do so. Read the “Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Players and Parents & Spectators” starting on page 26 of the on-line version of the BYSL Handbook.

Tristan Williams, Referee

Tristan Williams has refereed soccer in Brevard County for over ten years. During this time frame, he has supported almost every local tournament as a referee. Recently, Tristan also represented Brevard County as a referee at the USSSA Florida State Championship in Ocala. Aside from refereeing, Tristan is also the head coach for Titusville Soccer Club and conducts soccer clinics for competitive level teams across Florida. His philosophy is to help young referees and players alike become better at their respective roles.



Monthly Referee Spotlight: E-mail your profile and picture if available so you can be included in next month’s newsletter. All submissions should go to: RefereeJustin@Yahoo.com



Referee Training Courses

Grade 5-6-7 Recertification

August 2, 2008, 8:00 AM run, Stetson Field, 10:00 AM written test Hall above the cafeteria. 11:00 lunch at Stetson Cafeteria, 12:00 PM class begins with the National Instructor in the hall above the cafeteria, Class ends about 5:00 PM

Grade 08 Entry Level Classes

Palm Bay Hospital (Malabar): July 10,11,14,15,17,18; 6pm-9pm
Vineyard Church (Melbourne): July 22,23,24,29,30,31; 6pm-9pm
City Gas Company (Rockledge): August 4,5,7,11,12,14; 6pm-9pm

Grade 7-6 Upgrade

August 2, 2008, 8:00 AM run, Stetson Field, 10:00 AM written test Hall above the cafeteria. 11:00 lunch at Stetson Cafeteria, 12:00 PM class begins with the National Instructor in the hall above the cafeteria, Class ends about 5:00 PM

August 3, 2008, 9:00 AM till 12:00 PM field training Stetson field

Grade 08 Recertification Clinics

Melbourne area classes will be scheduled for August. Keep checking the FSR website until details are posted.

Online Registration Required: www.fsr-inc.com

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<http://justinlauer.net/refgear/gear1.html>

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BYSL Fall Season

A number of referees are ready to get back on the field and officiate games. Fall's first weekend of games will be August 16-17. An e-mail will be sent out to all referees on Justin's distribution list prior to the fall season.

Any B5 club can set up an entry level clinic

Any B5 club can host an entry level referee clinic. A club will need to find a meeting room for a total of 18 hours. Most classes are spread over 6 sessions of 3 hours each. Once a location is confirmed, the details need to be submitted to FSR by contacting the B5 DRA, Richard Akelewicz. Rich will ensure the course is posted on the FSR website: <www.fsr-inc.com>. Once the course is posted, the club can tell interested parties to sign up online. Online course registration is required. At least

ten students must sign up for the class in order to have it. There is a maximum number of thirty students that may sign up for a class. It is important to sign up early before all thirty seats are taken.

Finally, students must attend all sessions and pass the final exam with 75% or higher in order to get certified as a grade 08 referee.

If someone does not pass the entry level course then a referee candidate may attend any other clinic within one year to re-take the grade 08 exam.

Schedule entry level clinics each year to ensure there are enough referees to cover all of the seasonal games. Each year only about 65% of referees re-certify so new referees are needed each year.

Ask Ralph the Ref

Referee Ralph Allen a.k.a. Ralph the Ref is from area A3. His monthly advice column will give an out of town perspective as well as answer the kind of questions that we don't find in the Laws or Advise to referees.



I started playing soccer as a sophomore in High School in NJ way back in ancient times when the NASL and Pele were playing. I was too small for football, too short for basketball, and could not hit a curveball. I figured my chances for High School glory were pretty slim until some friends introduced me to the game of soccer. I was pretty embarrassing the first few practices, but I was hooked! One state championship and one 2nd place at state over 3 years netted me 2 scholarship offers! I also learned about hard work, teamwork, reaching and attaining goals, sacrifice and true friendship. I played a year at U of Miami but gave it up when any thoughts of playing Pro were quickly dashed when I started playing against all the talented foreigners in Miami.

When my son was old enough to play I was excited that he had an interest, so naturally we signed him up and I made the mistake of telling the club director that I used to play. Guess what? Yep. I got to be coach! Little did I know at the time that when I said yes, I would coach 16 teams in 13 years, Be a director for 2 clubs (Cooper City Soccer Club 4 yrs. & Davie United 3yrs.), President of the Greater Hollywood Soccer League for 3 years and become a referee.

Since I started my referee career somewhat late, I have taken the approach that I have a lot of catching up to do. So I take every opportunity to improve my skills both physically and mentally. It never ceases to amaze me how much there is to learn about a game with only 17 laws! My goal is to be the best referee that I can be. Refereeing is a way for me to stay involved with the game I love. I try to be a positive influence for the players, coaches, parents, and officials in the sport. It is a way of giving back to the game that has meant so much to me during my life. I have been very fortunate that my wife, Nora, has been incredibly supportive of all the time I spend on soccer, and jokingly calls herself the "soccer widow".

Dear Ralph the Ref,

I have refereed for several local clubs for a couple of years now. I have even been to a couple of local tournaments. Recently, I have been invited to some tournaments, but they are out of town. What is the up side to refereeing at an out of town tournament?

-Homebound for Now

Dear Homebound,

The best part is Road Trips!!! Seriously, though, it's a great experience overall. I get to meet new people, ref new teams, and have some fun. In addition, I observe what other referees are doing to see if I can learn something and see if laws are being applied differently in other areas (they shouldn't, but it happens).

-Ralph the Ref

Dear Ralph the Ref,

I know that all of the Laws of the Game are important but I am often asked by parents what is the most important law of the game?

-Breaking it Down for Spectators

Dear Breaking it Down,

The most important law of the game is unwritten. It is of course the 18th law, common sense. Good referees not only know the laws, they know how and when to apply them in game situations. A good referee doesn't just make calls; he/she "manages" a game based on the laws, competition level, age level, etc.

-Ralph the Ref

Dear Ralph the Ref,

I just started picking up centers. I enjoy refereeing but in some games the parents get overly intense. I don't want to interrupt the game more than is necessary. How do you deal with a parent that is yelling at you from the sideline during a game?

-In the Middle...of you know where

Dear In the Middle,

Soccer is a passionate game, and because of that I expect the occasional outburst questioning a call. I usually ignore this unless it is directly derogatory or adult language is used. Once I feel that a parent has crossed the boundary or is constantly yelling, I wait until the next stoppage and go to the coaches. I explain to them in a calm and professional manner that their fan's behavior is unacceptable and that they need to make him/her behave in an acceptable manner for the game to continue. I explain that if they do not behave the coach can be sent off as well as the parent, and ultimately cause the match to be suspended. This works in 98% of the situations. If both teams' parents are vocal, I ask both coaches to take action. Under no circumstances do I confront the parents directly. Do not get "MACHO". If you lose your cool, so will everyone else! I also rely on my AR to discreetly keep track of which parents are causing the problem and report to me if he/she feels things are getting out of hand.

-Ralph the Ref

Submit Questions or comments to RalphRef@JustinLauer.net