



# B5 Referee Newsletter

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## Columbus Weekend in Brevard

Brevard County referees supported two competitive tournaments over Columbus Weekend, October 11-12, 2008. Challenge Sports hosted its BYSL fall challenge which had games scheduled for Palm Bay Regional, Southwest Park, and Community Park of Rockledge. After heavy rain storms going through south Brevard, Palm Bay Regional Park and Southwest Park became unplayable so games were shifted over to Gemini, Viera Regional Park, and other parks in Rockledge. Referees did a great job adapting to last minute schedule changes to keep this tournament on schedule.



Cocoa Expo's Columbus Cup played as scheduled despite rain storms preceding this tournament at Cocoa Expo Sports Center. Joe Maresca (former state referee) directed his first tournament as Cocoa Expo's new tournament director. All of the referees officiated their game as scheduled. All games have had full crews since Justin Lauer started assigning for Cocoa Expo in 2003.

## Florida State Referee Training Program

FSR has offered to help local clubs by offering CRT (club referee trainer) programs. This concept is meant to be run by local referees with mentoring experience to educate those who referee in their club. Gil Weber, Rich Akelewicz and Bill Quinter will be offering classes and field clinics to any referees interested in improving their skills. Most likely, some of the young adult referees will act as mentors to new referees. Bill Quinter is planning a CRT session at Mitchell Ellington Park in Merritt Island. Topics may include mechanics, laws of the game, and game scenarios. Referees are encouraged to bring questions or game situations to discuss from this past season. Expected results include better field performance, appearance, more fun, more compliments and rising confidence. Please e-mail Bill Quinter to get on the CRT list <[wquinter@cfl.rr.com](mailto:wquinter@cfl.rr.com)>; to register for what may change your life.

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## BYSL Season Comes to an End

I would like to thank everyone who officiated BYSL games this fall. We had an action packed season with BYSL, GCF, and FSL games at all venues around Brevard County. I received a number of compliments on referees and referee crews this season which is positive. There were minimal issues compared to how many games were played from August through November. I appreciate experienced referees supporting newly certified referees and providing feedback as needed. Great work overall. Please attend a recertification clinic if you have not earned your 2009 patch already so I can continue to assign you when spring season starts up in March. Sincerely, Justin Lauer

# Referee Spotlight

## Moncef Hadiji, Grade 07 Referee

Moncef referees soccer at all levels to stay in shape during the year.

On a regular basis, Moncef referees adult and youth matches that are USSF sanctioned. Aside from USSF, Moncef also holds FHSAA and NISOA certifications which enable him to referee high school and college games respectively. He is also working on upgrading to a state referee.

Moncef has turned officiating soccer into a family experience by recruiting his son and wife who became certified this past year. As a referee crew, they supported BYSL by reffing games in Viera, Rockledge, and Merritt Island. They also referee local tournaments as a family.



## Nate Quinter, Grade 06 Referee (recently upgraded)

My name is Nathan Quinter, and I've been reffing for 12 years, non-stop.

One of the greatest things about Refeing is you can start at a young age.

I began reffing at 14 years old, and continued reffing because I love soccer.

There were some speed bumps I ran into, like angry parents, coaches, and eventually angry players. But once I realized that their emotions were rooted in the game, and their frustrations came from competition, I was able to keep my integrity while recognizing common reactions.



One of the reasons I've stayed in the game is because I feel like I owe it to the players to give them a fair and fun game. I know what it's like to have a poor referee, I play as well. I've played for 20 years, as midfielder or striker. I've become a fanatic. I encourage other referees, especially the up-and-coming younger refs, to keep their composure during those heated moments. I love to pose hypothetical situations to prepare my fellow referees for those rare occasions where their knowledge of the laws will come in handy.

After about 10 years I decided to upgrade to Grade 7, and then the year after I went ahead and moved up to Grade 6, my most recent accomplishment. Now I can ref the upper level Adult games, the upper level youth matches, and of course tournaments. Over the past 12 years I'm sure I've met over 10,000 people. I have committed myself to the sport with roughly 300 games reffed each year. You would think by now that I've got it all figured out, but I still learn something new everyday. It's always exciting for me because it's great to see people running and having fun. As long as I'm reffing soccer, I don't think I'll ever age. It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it.

Signed,  
Nathan Quinter



# Referee Training Courses

## Grade 08 Recertification Clinics

Vineyard Christian Church (Melbourne): November 22nd; 12pm-5pm

Vineyard Christian Church (Melbourne): November 29th: 1pm-6pm

Faith Lutheran Church (Merritt Island): December 14th: 1pm-6pm

## Grade 08 Entry Level Classes

Find a room that can hold 30 people for 18 hours total and a class can get set up near you! It is recommended to have 6 nights with 3hrs per night.

## Grade 8-7 Upgrade

Fleming Island High School (Orange Park):

December 6th

8am: fitness test

10am-5pm: class and written exam

## Grade 5,6,7 Recertification Clinic

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Online Registration Required: [www.fsr-inc.com](http://www.fsr-inc.com)

### Order Referee Gear Online:

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

### Apply to referee BYSL games:

<http://www.justinlauer.net/application.html>

### 7 Red Card Offenses

- Serious Foul Play
- Violent Conduct
- Deny goal scoring opportunity by handling
- Deny goal scoring opportunity by a foul
- Foul or abusive language
- Spitting
- Second Caution

## Quiet Thanksgiving

There is currently no Thanksgiving weekend tournament in Brevard County. The Greater Melbourne Holiday Challenge played from 1988 through 2006. It was the first tournament in Brevard County and paved the way for all other tournaments.

Feel free to apply to referee at any other Thanksgiving tournaments in Florida if you would like to referee.

## Discipline Contact Information

Each league has its own discipline committee. Submit reports to the correct person!

BYSL: Frank Morreale <Discipline@cfl.rr.com>

GCF: Matt Hutchinson <jamshutch@cfl.rr.com>

FSL: Tony Laurendi <tony@mpinet.net>

Contact your assignor to get information for other leagues

# Better Match Control

By Al Zabel: Assessor and Instructor

As an assessor my purpose is to evaluate the referee and provide constructive criticism that will help him/her improve his/her performance. In evaluating the referee one of the defining attributes is how well the referee controlled the match. The assessor takes into account the age of the players, the level of the match, and the purpose of the assessment (i.e., upgrade, maintenance, or roaming, etc).

As a referee the goal should be to control the match, protect the players, and provide a pleasant experience for the coaches, spectators, parents and players.

From my reading, referee experience, and assessments I have collected some guidelines that I feel will help all levels of referees improve their game control.

1. THE ONLY PERSON ABLE TO MAKE AN HONEST ASSESSMENT OF YOUR PERFORMANCE IS YOUR ASSESSOR.
2. FOLLOW A SET ROUTINE AND RELAX BEFORE A GAME. DON'T BE STRESSED BEFORE THE MATCH BY RUSHING TO GET THERE. ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO GET TO THE MATCH TO COMPLETE YOUR PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES, (ON THE FIELD AT LEAST 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO KICK).
3. HAVE SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL TO EAT THREE HOURS BEFORE THE GAME. DO NOT STARVE YOURSELF OR OVER EAT. DRINK ENOUGH WATER TO HYDRATE YOURSELF ESPECIALLY IN A WARM SUNNY CLIMATE.
4. As referees we strive for uniformity of interpretation. We should also strive for uniformity of application.
5. Remember to be yourself. Don't try to impress players or coaches. Do that by your performance on the field.
6. Your uniform is a reflection of your attitude.
7. Qualities, which matter for a referee, are: knowledge of the rules, common sense, understanding people, strong character, determination and most of all control of your temper.
8. A referee's position on the field and his cooperation with his assistant referees are two very important tests of a referee's ability. Have confidence in and use your assistants.
9. If your decision is correct any abuses should not hurt you.
10. The best decisions are often those you don't make.
11. Be sensitive to players' feelings. Sometimes the players can resolve a close decision before you make a decision. Take your time and remember it's their game.
12. If in doubt give the decision to the defender.
13. Keep your head, and keep it small.
14. Soccer is a physical game in which passions can be aroused.
15. Be aware of incidents off the ball especially in a confusing situation. Hold your eyes a second or two longer after the play.
16. Be aware of tactical plays such as sophisticated "ankle tappers", persistently fouling the opponents better player, delaying the game or provoking opponents.
17. Gamesmanship is another attempt by players and coaches to influence the referee. Players will provoke retaliation and then give an air of injured innocence; they will dive and feign injuries, coaches and players will attempt to be little the referee with contrite remarks or attempt to be friendly so as to influence your decisions in their favor.
18. If you miss the provocation you set the scene for further provocation.
19. You cannot punish a player for a foul you or your assistants didn't see; you can however have a word with the player of whom you are suspicious.

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20. Analyze your performance after each game. Try to learn from your failures as well as your successes. If you are being assessed listen to the assessor and take what you need from him/her. Remember to be honest with yourself.

21. Your philosophy of the game will surely dictate your performance. The following wisps of information may be helpful:  
Always be in charge. It gives the game structure.

Protect all players. Read the game tactically, stop fouls that injure.

Watch the body language of the players. It is a good indicator of their intentions.

What you allow in the first and last 10 minutes of a match govern the players' actions.

Use only clear-cut advantage calls. Use it for good flow of the game, goal scoring opportunities, or tactical advantage. Remember keeping the ball is not always an advantage.

Stamp out violence and dissent. It is not part of the game. The game is about beauty and creativity.

Prevent 10-yard infringements. It causes game delay and antagonizes players.

Provide good cooperation with assistants. Keep them involved with the game. Remember teamwork inspires professionalism.

Stay within 10-15 yards of the play. Do not get in the way of the play or the players; be there if action is required. Move laterally if necessary to better see the play.

Some good personal habits:

Use body language and eye contact to influence players. Your eye is a mirror of your soul.

Talk to the players.

Use whistle tone to indicate the seriousness of the foul, **loud/serious**, **mild/normal**, and **low/minor**.

If what you are doing is not working or you have no choice, change or cards may be necessary.

Very successful referees have the ability to listen and learn and then fold this knowledge into what works for them on the soccer field. They also have a keen desire to be the best

Al Zabel

Instructor

Assessor

Referee

**All Referees are encouraged to submit profiles, stories, and articles for future newsletters.**

**Submit material to: [RefereeJustin@Yahoo.com](mailto:RefereeJustin@Yahoo.com)**

## **B5 DRA: Richard Akelewicz**



All questions regarding certification and training need to be directed to the District Referee Administrator for B5, Richard Akelewicz. If you have any problems signing up for classes on the FSR website then Rich is your point of contact.

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