



B5 Referee Newsletter

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Hall of Fame Referee Becomes Cocoa Expo Director

In August 2008, Joe Maresca was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame in Kentucky. Joe founded Kentucky's referee association in 1973, served as Kentucky's state coordinator of referee assignors, and directed many state and regional level tournaments which contained over three hundred teams. He currently lives in Florida where he referees youth games as a State Emeritus Referee and mentors upcoming referees. Joe was also a state level assessor and assessed many referees in previous years who went on to officiate at state and national levels. As Cocoa Expo's new tournament director, Joe is dedicated to building strong relationships with local BYSL clubs in addition to networking with contacts across America to bring high quality teams to Cocoa Expo tournaments. Feel free to contact Joe Maresca at Cocoa Expo's Soccer Office to introduce yourself: 321-639-EXPO, ext 20.



BYSL Roster Requirements

All teams are required to present an official computer generated state roster for all BYSL games. Teams may not write in additional players. In addition to rosters, player passes are required for all competitive division games.

A Message from B5's DRA: Rich Akelewicz



Please be careful about what you say before your games and who hears you. There have been some issues where coaches have overheard pre-game discussions when referees are talking about problem players or coaches. It is important to share information during pre-game discussions but if someone overhears what you are saying, it could be taken the wrong way. All referees should be neutral and ready to kick a game off with a clean slate. Do not let past games or experiences with coaches or players influence your decisions. However, you should pay close attention to anyone who may endanger player safety. Referees have a primary job of ensuring player safety.

Rich can be contacted if you have any questions: rakelewicz1@cfl.rr.com

Referee Information

Referee Uniforms



Referees are responsible for avoiding color conflict with teams. Currently, USSF has approved 5 different colors. Currently approved colors are gold (primary) blue, red, green, and black. At the Vero Beach Labor Day Challenge Joseph Ortiz, Sean Onus, and Katie Onus wear different uniforms in back to back games. They wore green in the first game and needed to change over to another color since Melbourne Beach Tsunami were wearing green. When you referee at competitive tournaments, you must carry alternate colors in case one team is wearing gold. Experienced referee have all five colors. New referees start out with gold and should buy one new color each season. On assessment matches, both goal keepers must be in different colors than referees and teams. An assessor will take off points in an upgrade attempt if uniform conflicts exist.

International Walk Out

Tournaments are a special place for players and referees to showcase their talents. One professional touch to start a final game on a high note is an international walk out. This is a great opportunity for teams who appear in their first tournament final to have pictures taken by spectators. Believe it or not, this could help set the tone for an enjoyable match and keep some unruly soccer moms under control. One photo could go a long way for successful game management in a tournament final.

Tournament directors will be happy if their customers (team) are happy!



Monthly Referee Submissions: Please e-mail in all soccer referee photos or articles so they can be published in future newsletters. All submissions should go to: RefereeJustin@Yahoo.com

Ralph the Ref: Now that everyone is busy refereeing games, the number of questions for Ralph have declined. Please e-mail any soccer referee questions to < RalphRef@justinlauer.net > so this article can run in next month's newsletter.



Referee Training Courses

Grade 08 Recertification Clinics

Satellite Beach Community Center: November 2nd; 12pm-5pm

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

Vineyard Christian Church (Melbourne): November 29th; 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

See FSR website for upcoming clinics

Requirements: Pass assessment on u17-19 match, complete game log with 75 centers, pass fitness test and written test at clinic

Grade 5,6,7 Recertification Clinic

Fleming Island High School (Orange Park):

8am: fitness test

10am-5pm: class and written exam

Online Registration Required: 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 Yellow Card Offenses

- Dissent
- Unsporting Behavior
- Persistent Infringement
- Entering the field
- Leaving the field
- Delaying a restart
- Failing to respect distance on a free kick

Columbus Weekend

BYSL Fall Challenge Sites:

Southwest Park — Melbourne

Regional Park — Palm Bay

Community Park — Rockledge

All Games scheduled for Palm Bay have been moved to Viera Regional Park

Cocoa Expo Columbus Cup:

Cocoa Expo Sports Center—Cocoa

Information will be posted on www.JustinLauer.net

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