

New Jersey State Referee Committee
Tuesday, August 7th, 2018, 7:00 PM
Minutes

Call to Order – 705pm SRA Marc Block

Members in Attendance -SRA Marc Block, SYRA Dan Paolini, SDI Derek VonLangen, SDA Brian Fenlon, Treasurer Pete Milwicz 730pm, NJSRC Office Teri Connor

Minutes

- Review and approve minutes from previous meeting- first SDA, second SYRA, All in favor

Reports:

- Treasurer’s Report – attached. Audit tabled to next meeting. First SDA, Second SYRA. All in favor.
- SRA – Referee promotions
 - To Grade 5 State Referee: Kate Wasiak, Szczepan Dziewa
 - To Grade 6 State Referee: (none)
 - To Grade 7 Referee: Carlos Neira, Greg DeMello, Matthew Falk
- SYRA / State Youth Assignor Coordinator
 - Youth Regional tournaments- NJYS will continue to give travel support to select events. Western PA was short on sending officials, so we were able to help them. Ended up sending 31refs to regional event, 22 to President’s Cup. Joseph Paolini was only referee from NJ to attend Nationals a an Alternate official.
 - Assignor Recertification- will have an in class session for 2019. One on Saturday, Sunday and 2 during week at office.
 - Out of State Referee / Assignor Policy – attached. SYRA made a motion. SDA second. All in favor. ADOPTED
 - Competitive Youth Referee Development Framework- spoke on ideas to attract, retain and develop officials. Spoke of holding a “road show” for officials to attend for more education than what they receive at recertification only once a year.
 - Rules of Competition aggregation- will try to post online for all referees can have easy access.
- SARA – did not attend.
 - (discussion by SRA, SDA, SDI, and SYRA) Plans for Fitness Testing of Adult Referees (Grades 7 and above)- Fitness test and training session to run 2 in September and 1 in October. They will run first and then stay for on field referee training drills.
- SDI – report attached.
 - 2019 Referee Recertification
 - Soccer – Recertification classes running August thru December.
 - Indoor – will be done online.
 - Futsal – 2 recertification classes and 2 Entry Level classes will be held November thru January. Scott Ashcroft is in charge of this program.
 - Instructor development- need new and younger instructors moving into the program. Will have them take online clinic and attend an entry level or recertification class to teach a section and see how they do
 - Entry Level classes
 - Grade 8 – updated for 2019

- Grade 9 – currently a new presentation is being worked on. Should be used for all future classes.
 - Next G7 upgrade class – looking to hold an upgrade class at office over winter of 2019 once there is a need.
- SDA
 - 2018 Assessments recap
 - Assessor Recertification – will be offered over the winter in the Office.
 - Coach/Mentors at adult Super Division matches – only 3-4 games per weekend.
 - Adult clinic with guest speaker (Alex Chilowicz) – will speak at office to NJRDA and select group of G7s and upcoming G8s
- Representative of the NJYS – did not attend
- Representative of the NJSA – did not attend
- State Adult Assignor Coordinator – did not attend

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- Travel Assistance Policy – The NJSRC has been accumulating funds and needs to re-focus on investing in the development of our referees. Grassroots programs are in development. We also need to enable our advancing referees the opportunities to grow and be seen at higher levels. These opportunities are more than just Development Academy events. Therefore, the existing Travel Stipend policy should be updated as follows:

“Referees invited to participate in Regional or National level premier tournaments (such as Showcase events) may be eligible for up to \$500 in travel expense reimbursement. Upon receiving an invitation to such a tournament, referees are to contact the SRA (sra@njrefs.com) to confirm eligibility.

Upon return from such tournaments, the referee shall submit a Travel Expenses voucher with supporting receipts to the SRA with a copy to the NJSRC office (sra@njrefs.com and office@njrefs.com) for review and approval. Individual referees are limited to three (3) such reimbursements per calendar year. Exceptions to the annual reimbursement limit may be requested prior to attending such an event.

Referees invited to National Championships (such as Development Academy, NCS, Presidents Cup, etc.) may request to have all uncovered travel expenses reimbursed.”

Approved by unanimous vote.

Next meeting: when there is enough to discuss email by SRA will be sent out

Adjournment – 9pm. Motion to adjourn SDA, second SDI. All in favor.