

Alabama State Referee Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Date/Location: January 14, 2017. Prattville, Alabama
 2. Attendees: Pat Miller, Ohannes Younanian, Kris Bailey, Klaus Staefe, Coral Gubler, Jonathan Sauers, Cedric Thomas, **Kris Rose not present.**
 3. Summary
Referee Assessment requirements, Upgrade fees, Assignor recertification, minimum requirements for requesting instruction courses, Coach/Mentor budget
 4. Discussion
 - a. Referee Assessments:
 - i. Assessment requirements for grade 6 referees are now in line with USSF requirements (except for the fitness test). Only 2 referee assessments are required for upgrade or maintenance. Drop the extra Assistant Referee (AR) assessment requirement because the SRC felt that Alabama referees have been well recognized at Regionals for their work as ARs. Maintain more stringent Fitness Test requirement (5 seconds shorter than USSF)
 - ii. Grade 5 upgrade and maintenance assessments are as recommend by USSF including the fitness test.
 - iii. Grade 7 and State Referees who attend Regional events (Region III Regionals, National President Cup or Nationals) might be able to use those assessments to count for 1 maintenance assessment toward meeting their annual requirement. Those assessments should be forwarded to the SDA for review and approval.
 - iv. Klaus stated that quite a few referees are waiting until the last minute to request assessments. The SRC agreed to re-introduce charging different assessment fees based on meeting a certain timeline. The new fee structure will be updated and published in the Alabama Soccer Handbook and made available on the SRC website. The extra fees charged will be used to free offset developmental assessments.
 - b. The SRC voted in favor of eliminating the upgrade fee charged referees for midterm upgrades. The SRC will pay the midterm upgrade fee. Since USSF's registration period is from July 1 to June 30, there will be no midterm upgrades after July 1. However, once a referee has met all the requirements for upgrade, they will be eligible for the State League incentive pay
 - c. The SRC discussed some issues relating with the assignor bi-annual recertification, namely how can assignors who miss this recertification gets certified. Coral will be evaluating either developing an online program for assignor recertification or potential recertification clinics during the same weekend as our yearly Roadshow.
 - d. In order to facilitate assigning instructors for recertification and initial entry clinics, the SRC is mandating that all requests be done at least 4 weeks in advance of scheduling any clinic.
 - e. The SRC agreed to allow Mr. David McWhorter to be the State League assignor for the Gadsden group
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- f. Cedric Thomas stated that he created a powerpoint presentation for the newly created Coach/Mentor program. The SRC allocated a budget of \$5000 for this program from the SYRA budget
- g. Meeting dates May 6
- h. th, July 29th, November 4th
- i. Next SRC meeting scheduled for May 6, 2017

Initials	Date