

Alabama State Referee Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Date/Location: Call to order July 31, 2017 7:00PM via teleconference.
 2. Attendees: Pat Miller (SRA), Ohannes Younanian (SYRA), Cecilia Friday (ASA President), Kris Bailey(SDI), Klaus Staefe(SDA), Coral Gubler(SAC), Cedric Thomas(ARA), Kris Rose(ARA) and Russell Richey (ASA VP Adult)
 3. Alibi from previous meeting minutes: Assessor assessments are to be entered using ussoccer.gameofficials.net (NOT GameOfficials.net as was previously published)
 4. SRA Report:
 - Pat Miller provided a status update on a referee ethics violation hearing held by ASA where the defendant was found in violation of USSF's Code of Ethics and suspended for 1 year. The Defendant has appealed the decision to ASA.
 - There were multiple events held during the summer where Alabama referees participated in these events and were recognized for their success. These were:
 - i. Region III President Cup in Tulsa, Oklahoma
 - ii. Region III Regionals in Greensboro North Carolina
 - iii. DA Showcase
 - iv. President Cup Nationals Florida
 - v. Nationals Cup in Frisco, Texas
 - Registration is open for 2018 and 29 referees have already registered
 5. SYRA Report:
 - Ohannes requested that an assignor class be scheduled and there are 3 candidates who are interested. A possible date would be on Sunday after the State Clinic in January
 - Ohannes also requested better guidance from ASA concerning referee pay for U9-U11 Academy games in order to maintain consistency across the state. Pat will request this from Tom Condone
 6. SDA Report: Klaus stated that he is starting to schedule Fitness tests and they will be scheduled sometime in October. Klaus stated that NISOA is using the same fitness test as USSF. The SRC agreed that existing grade 7 referees and those wanting to upgrade to grade 7 can take the NISOA fitness test to complete their fitness test requirement so long as an SRC member either administers it or is present at the event to verify participation. Klaus asked how developmental assessments are handled. The SRC has an outstanding policy of funding the first developmental assessment for a referee who has requested an upgrade to grade 7. The SDA will pay for the developmental assessment which is funded by the SRA.
 7. SDI Report: The annual Roadshow was completed and we had approximately 100 referees who attended it. Entry level and Recertification clinics have been scheduled and are progressing. Kris reported that we have had high failure rates with the Grade 7 test and she is working on training material to help referees.
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8. SAC Report: Coral is working on providing training slides for temporary assignor. She also reported that an adult league has started in Mobile and she is working with the assignor.
9. ARA North: Cedric reported that he has offered mentors for the Liberty cup and Montgomery tournaments. The Liberty cup organizers could not get accommodations but Montgomery has. He will be working on lining up mentors for the Montgomery tournament
10. ASA President: Cecilia Friday congratulated the referees who participated at the President Cup and Regionals for their success.
11. Russell Richey VP Adult: On a question from Klaus stated that La Liga is USSF affiliated through the Vestavia Club.
12. Kris Bailey has tasked Guilia Colpo and Luke Horst for some material for the Newsletter and requested anyone with ideas to write an article to be included in the next one.
13. Meeting adjourned at 7:35. Next SRC meeting is scheduled for Nov 11 time TBD.