

# Alabama Soccer Referee

## HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

# 2017

As another year comes to an end, the Alabama State Referee Committee (SRC) wants to thank all the Referees for their work this last year! We have had numerous successes as a state and it is all due to your efforts! We have professionally covered our games and had few concerns expressed by our customers! We look forward to 2018 being even bigger and better!

A couple of reminders in professionalism for this coming year! Make sure you have completed all your recertification requirements. You must attend a recertification class (it will be a \$25 fee if you wait until after January 1, 2018, plus a limited availability of classes); you must pass your level test with a grade of 80% (let your instructor know if you have any difficulties reading the test); and finally YOU MUST REGISTER in ARBITER! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your SRA Pat Miller or SYRA Ohannes Younanian with any questions!

If you receive a communication asking for a response....answer it. Have the courtesy to respond to the sender even if it is a negative response. Do NOT just ignore it!

Make sure you check Arbiter on a regular basis and set your blocks. The Assignors need to know your availability and need you to respond if you are assigned.

Finally, get to know your SRC members! They are here for YOU!

### ***SRC Members:***

*SRA: Pat Miller*

*SYRA: Ohannes Younanian*

*SDA: Klaus Staefe*

*SDI: Kris Bailey*

*SAC: Coral Gubler*

*North ARA: Cedric Thomas*

*Central ARA: Kris Rose*

*South ARA: Jon Sauers*

*Website: [alasoccerref.com](http://alasoccerref.com)*

### **State Camp**

An invitation to the Alabama State Camp is being sent! Please make sure you respond if you receive one!

Details:

Mandatory State Referee Camp  
(Grades 5 and 6)

Encouraged for Grade 7s, Smokin Aces, Instructors and Assessors

Park Crossing High School  
8000 Park Crossing  
Montgomery, AL 36117  
8:30am to 5pm

### **Instructor:**

Richard Heron, Former MLS Referee  
SDA, Arizona

### **Special Guest:**

Amanda Ross, Retired FIFA AR  
National Coach Mentor Candidate



## Highlight — Female Youth Referee of the Year Giulia Colpo

Becoming the Paul Stanton Female Youth Referee of the Year came as a bit of a surprise to me. I went from having a casual interest in refereeing, to receiving the news that I had been picked to represent Alabama's female youth referees. I thought, "Surely, there are others more qualified for this honor." But I came to realize that I didn't have to have previous experience, even though it would be easier to be a referee. I just had to have potential. After all, thanks to my dad, soccer is in my blood.

I went to the Spring Classic in Huntsville and Open Cup in Decatur, which were big opportunities for me. I didn't understand before I went that there would be important people watching me and taking notice of my achievements at those tournaments. In my mind, I was there to have fun and gain more game experience. In going to those tournaments and meeting assessors and assignors, and talking to them a little, I made important contacts.

I also recently went to the Disney Soccer International Cup in Orlando, Florida and the Region 3 Olympic Development Program summer camp. Both were a great experience for me. I learned so much from the mentors that were there and talked to so many people. What I experienced gave me a better understanding of the game and helped equip me for the future.

Receiving this honor has given me confidence in my abilities and made me realize that I can accomplish a lot when I put my mind to it. I now realize that there are people watching my progress, waiting to see me succeed. That motivates me to work

hard, learn more, make myself better and become a very good referee, not just a good one. I want to show everyone that I was the right choice when selected, and that I am able to meet the challenges set before me.

There are several people who helped me get from the place where I didn't have any experience with soccer to knowing how I am going to make calls during a game. A big thanks would go to my dad for helping me sign up for tournaments, answering all my questions and being there to listen to my post-game stories. He was my first mentor. I also have taken a lot of advice from the many referee mentors I've talked to and even the people I've worked with. I wouldn't referee the way I do without their advice and tips.

When I started my referee career in February 2017, I didn't want to be the best. I didn't have aspirations to become an MLS, NWSL or even National referee; it just wasn't my goal. Nothing has changed there and I don't think it will, but I love refereeing far more than I thought I ever would. I've met so many new people and have made some great friends. I have no plans for the future of my career other than continuing to work hard at bettering myself and learning to love the game even more.

To other young women like myself, I would encourage you to work at your own pace, keep setting goals for yourself and work towards them; whether you are content with doing a few games or working with the best in the country. Don't be afraid to talk to people, to introduce yourself and get to know them, and be confident.



Giulia Colpo  
2017  
Female Youth Referee of the Year



Watch for an update from Luke  
Horst, 2017 Male Referee of the Year  
in the Spring Newsletter





## Ready to Upgrade??

You know.....I've been a Grade 8 referee doing lots of games and I heard about that thing called "incentive pay" for Grade 7 referees who do State Games. I think I would like to get that money and do some more challenging games! Now, how do I get to do that!

Attend the Upgrade Classes being held January 14, 2018 at Park Crossing High School in Montgomery! There will be a Grade 8 to 7 class and a Grade 7 to 6 class that day.

If you are interested, write to the SDI, Kris Bailey, catloverbailey@yahoo.com, as soon as possible to reserve your place in the class! You need to respond no later than December 31, 2017!!!!

**Are you getting the most from US Soccer? Check out this video for excellent information on Challenges and Tackles!**

Go to USSoccer.com, click on MORE, Referee Program, Resource Center, Downloads, YOUTUBE Channel, and select from a number of excellent training videos!



### Upcoming RECERT CLINICS

can be found at: <http://www.alasoccerref.com/recertclinic.htm>

Nov 18 - Heardmont Park, Birmingham 1-6pm  
Dec 2 - Heardmont Park, Birmingham 1-6pm  
Dec 2 - Founder's Park, Fairhope 8am-1pm  
Dec 3 - Club House, Prattville 1-6pm  
Dec 9 - Heardmont Park, Birmingham 1-6pm  
Dec 9 - First Christian Church, Huntsville 9am-2pm  
Dec 10 - CSRA Offices, Daleville 1-6pm\*  
Dec 16 - Heardmont Park, Birmingham 1-6pm  
Dec 17 - Wire Rd Soccer Complex, Auburn 1-6pm

*\*Date and Time Change*

**Get your Recertification  
done before January 1, 2018**

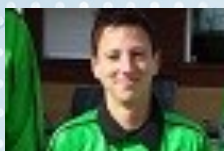


**Thanks to all who  
helped with Fall  
State Cup!  
Watch for 2018  
dates so you can be  
a part of this elite  
group of officials!**

**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!**

***Alabama Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (ALISOA)  
Corner***

Congratulations to Tiffini Turpin, assigned to the SEC Final Match, November 5th in Foley, AL



There is always a need for new collegiate referees. If you are interested, go to [NISOA.com](http://NISOA.com) - Forms. Read the requirements under the New Membership Application Procedures.

Fill out a New Membership application and send completed form to Pete Dakis, ALISOA Chapter Secretary, 1028 Lakeshore Cir, Hoover, AL 35244. His e-mail is [petedakis70@gmail.com](mailto:petedakis70@gmail.com).

Get ready for 2018!

Watch for a future  
announcement about  
an  
Assignor's  
Clinic!

Contact Coral Gubler  
if you are interested!



**SAVE THE DATES FOR 2018 STATE CUP**

**OPPORTUNITIES**

May 4-6 Spring State Cup (U-12-U14)

May 12-13 Spring Final 4 (U13-U14)

Nov 3-4 Fall State Cup (U14-U19)