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TO: Washington Area Girls Soccer (WAGS), National Capital Soccer League (NCSL) and the Metro DC – Virginia State Referee (MDCVASRP) Program members

FROM: WAGS; NCSL; and MDCVASRP

SUBJECT: Referee Feedback 2014-2015

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WAGS, NCSL and the MDCVASRP jointly announce the “How is My Refereeing” program. It is an initiative designed to support the Referee Development Program. We are committed to improving communications, instruction, assessment and accountability processes for the referee development program. With approximately 6,500 referees in MDCVASRP and over 160 youth soccer leagues (nearly 70 in WAGS and NCSL), the ability to have referee educators and coaches at each match is impossible. However, someone is watching every match played. WAGS, NCSL and the MDCVASRP would like to leverage that audience and pilot an online feedback system. The online system <http://reffeedback.com/> was designed by the MDCVASRP to quickly gather data from the thousands of games played in Virginia. It will allow the referee association to analyze the data and identify focus areas for its education, training and management to improve the referee development program.

People accessing the feedback system must understand that the system is:

- designed to be quick, but provide feedback data to the state referee association for improving the referees; not a complaint forum or initiate disciplinary action for any referee,
- a way for the State Referee Program to identify outstanding referees, as well as referees who may need some additional training and the areas to emphasize as a result of aggregated feedback at the program level
- one that we hope will result in the steady improvement of the referees through communications and professional feedback

To access the feedback system, follow the instructions below.

1. On you mobile or stationary internet browser, go to <http://www.reffeedback.com>
2. Input the Game detail information
3. Answer the feedback questions presented
4. Submit the input and exit the system

We all look forward to our collaboration in keeping the Beautiful Game special. Thank you.

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