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REFEREE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

The State Referee Program is pleased to announce that the Referee Development Academy for 2000 will consist of three separate camps this summer. Two will be aimed at youth referees and one will be held for adult referees. The Referee Development Academy was initiated last summer with a youth referee camp, held for 26 young referees at William and Mary College.

The two youth referee camps will be held in conjunction with soccer camps and will run from Sunday through Thursday. These camps will be residence camps and referees will stay in dormitories and dine with the other players attending the soccer camp. The first youth camp will be held at William and Mary College from July 9 - 13, in conjunction with the Al Albert's boys soccer camp. The second camp will be held at Christ Church School in Saluda, Virginia. This camp will be held in conjunction with #1 Soccer Camp for both boys and girls the week of August 13 - 17. Each camp will be limited to 25 referees.

Because the William and Mary camp is an all boys camp, we have problems housing young female referees at this camp. Therefore, we are asking all young female referees to apply for the camp at Christ Church. Young male referees may apply to either camp.

The adult referee camp will be held over two weekends from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. It will be a non-residence camp with emphasis on training

referees to referee at senior level games. Friday and Saturday nights will be devoted to classroom instruction and feedback. Saturday and Sunday during the day referees will be on the field working senior level games. The dates for the adult referee camp are July 14 - 16 and July 28 - 30. Referees will be required to attend both weekends. The adult camp will be limited to 30 referees.

The Referee Development Academy will be under the direction of Bob Kuhnle, State Director of Instruction. Arn Manella will be camp director for the two youth camps and Bob Kuhnle and our National Referees will run the adult camp.

The cost of the youth camps will be \$100 per referee and will cover all camp fees including room and board. Cost of the adult camp will be \$50 per referee. Room and board will be the responsibility of the referees attending the adult camp.

The youth referee camps will be limited to Grade 8 or higher referees between the ages of 14 and 19. The adult referee camp will be limited to Grade 8 or higher referees over the age of 19 with a minimum of three years as a referee. Any referee wishing to participate in the program and attend the camp should submit an application to the State Referee Committee not later than April 30.

An application form is included on page 3 of the issue of the **CenterCircle**. Additional copies of the application can be found on the web site at vadcsoccerref.com. Anyone with questions should contact the SRA by e-mail at sra@vadcsoccerref.com or by phone at the State Referee Office -- (703) 491-1717 or (888) 832-1866 outside the 703 area code.

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STATE REFEREE PROGRAM CALENDAR for 2000

Date		Start Time	Location
February 18 - 20	Instructor and Assignor Classes	7:00 PM	Fredericksburg
February 24 - 26	USYSA Workshop		Philadelphia
February 25 - 27	USASA Mid-Year Meeting		San Francisco
March 11	Instructor and Assessor In Service Training	9:00 AM	Fredericksburg
March 18	Professional Clinic	9:00 AM	College Park, MD
March 19	Professional Clinic	9:00 AM	Richmond, VA
March 24 - 26	State Assessors Class		Richmond, VA
April 10	SRC Meeting	7:00 PM	Woodbridge
April 15	Youth State Cup Competition		
April 29	Youth State Cup Competition		
May 6	Youth State Cup Competition		
May 13	Youth State Cup Competition		
May 20	Youth State Cup Competition		
June 3	Youth State Cup Competition		
June 4	Youth State Cup Competition		
June 9 - 12	Amateur Regional Cup		Franklin and Marshall College, PA
June 9 - 12	ODP Tournament		Ryder College, NJ
June 10 - 11	Youth State Cup Competition		
June 17 -18	Youth State Cup Competition		
June 24 - 25	Region I ODP (U17)		New Jersey
June 24	Annual Meeting for all Instructors, Assessors, Assignors, and Mentors	9:00 AM	Fredericksburg
June 24	Referee Night at DC United and Referee Clinic	4:30 PM 10:00 PM	RFK, Washington, DC
July 1 - 6	Region I Youth Tournament		Rhode Island
July 9 - 14	Youth Referee Camp - 1		William and Mary
July 10	SRC Meeting	7:00 PM	William and Mary
July 14 - 16	Senior Referee Camp -- Part 1		Arlington
July 28 - 30	Senior Referee Camp -- Part 2		Arlington
August 11 - 14	Senior Referee Camp (make-up)		Arlington
August 13 - 17	Youth Referee Camp - 2		Saluda
August 17 - 21	USSF, USYSA, USASA AGM		New York
August 19	Senior Referee Training Day		
September 11	SRC Meeting	7:00 PM	Woodbridge
October 14 - 15	Region I Youth Meeting		Boston
October 19 - 21	Region I Amateur Meeting		
November 18	Senior Training	9:00 AM	Richmond
November 19	Senior Training	9:00 AM	Hampton-Roads
December 2	Senior Training	9:00 AM	Roanoke
December 3	Senior Training	9:00 AM	Springfield

Check web site at www.vadcsooccerref.com for changes, additions and corrections.

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REFEREE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

I am applying to attend the following referee camp:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Camp	July 9 -13	College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Camp	August 13 - 17	Christ Church School, Saluda, Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult Camp	July 14 - 16, 28 - 30	Arlington, Virginia

Applicant Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Age on July 1, 2000: _____
E-mail: _____

Parent or Guardian Information (if under 18 years of age)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____

Referee Information

Grade: _____ Years Experience: _____
Approximate Game Count: Referee _____ Assistant Referee _____
Primary Club or League where you referee: _____
Highest level game you normally referee: _____

References: Please list three references who know you as a referee

1. Name: _____ Position: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____
2. Name: _____ Position: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____
3. Name: _____ Position: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Reasons for Attending

On one separate sheet of paper, please tell the State Referee Committee why you want to participate in the Referee Development Academy and what you hope to gain from it.

Statement

I ask the State Referee Committee to consider my application to participate in the Referee Development Academy. I certify that I am a currently registered referee in good standing. I understand that if I am selected, I will pay \$100 to attend the Youth camp (\$50 for Adult Camp) and submit any necessary medical and other information required to attend the camp. Further, I promise to make my best effort to participate in all activities of the Referee Development Academy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 30, 2000

Please mail to State Referee Office, 2239-N Tackett's Mill Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192

ASSESSVOUS

by

Paul Rapalski, State Director of Assessment

Each new year traditionally brings with it promises for improvement. Many people make New Year's resolutions that are usually forgotten before the Holiday decorations are put away. Scott Meyer, the SRA, asked me to set a series of goals for the State Assessment Program, one of which was to be a standing article for the **CenterCircle**. This is the first installment toward that promise. The article itself highlights the goals for this year to help improve upon the State Assessment Program. You become the judge on how well these promises are kept.

Over the past several months since I took over the position of SDA, I have been reviewing the assessment program and attempting to identify what areas need the most attention. My overall impression is that we have a number of outstanding assessors in the State that developed their skills mostly through their own initiative. I congratulate these assessors for what they have accomplished and acknowledge to everyone else that there is a need for a formal assessor developmental program. This program should set standards and provide a roadmap from entry level through advancement to national assessor. Initially, there needs to be a minimum criteria established for those who desire to become assessors. The program should develop in service training clinics for all assessors to help them refine their skills, and we need to provide opportunities to help those assessors who desire to advance in grade to gain experience and exposure both within the State and around the Region.

Another area that is in need of attention is the documentation of policies. What does it take to upgrade

to the next referee grade? How do I get an assessment? What level of game is required to meet my field evaluation requirements? A number of these questions are answered in the Referee Administrative Handbook. However, just like the Law Book, the Handbook does not answer all your questions. We are in the process of amplifying the table in the Handbook that addresses field evaluation requirements. Once this is finalized and approved it will be placed on the State Referee Program website, made available to all assessors and Area Directors of Referee Assessment, and will be included in the Referee Guidebook that is also being developed.

The final area of concentration for the assessment program this year will be improved communications. In reality, success or failure in this area will dictate how well we will do in realizing our other goals. Initially, the focus will be on the communication channels among the SDA, the Area Assessor Directors, and the assessors in the state. From this foundation we will branch out to providing better information to the SDI, instructors and assignors who need more information on what is happening on the field in order to improve the development of our referees.

One final note. Assessors don't assess for the sake of assessing. They are there to help the referees improve their officiating abilities. The areas listed above may seem inwardly focused. They are. The goal this year is to develop the infrastructure to support the overall assessment program. Once the foundation is set, the benefits should be able to flow to our most important customer: the referees of DC and Virginia.

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