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Referee Development Academy

The State Referee Committee is pleased to announce that the 2002 Referee Development Academy will be held at the University of Richmond from July 21-25. The Referee Development Academy was initiated in 1999 as a joint venture of the State Referee Committee and the Virginia Youth Soccer Association. The past three summers have provided opportunities for development to over 75 young referees. The VYSA Young Referee of the Year awards have gone to graduates of the Academy in each of the last three years.

This year, the Referee Development Academy will again be held at the beautiful campus at the University of Richmond in conjunction with the soccer camp run by the University of Richmond men's soccer coach, Jeff Getler. The Academy, which runs from Sunday July 21 to Thursday July 25, 2002, is a residence camp. Referees will stay in dormitories and dine with the players attending the soccer camp.

This year two academies will be run in parallel – the Basic Academy for younger referees attending their first academy and one for older, more experienced referees. The Advanced Referee Development Academy will be held for referees between the ages of 17 and 20 who have either attended a referee academy in the past or have upgraded to Referee 1 (Grade 7)

The Referee Development Academy is an integral part of on-going instructional programs offered through the State Director of Instruction, Bob Kuhnle. Arn Manella, a National Assessor from Virginia, will again be the Academy Director.

The cost of the Academy will be \$100 per referee and will cover all camp fees including room and board.

Referees wishing to participate in the program and attend the camp should submit an application to the

State Referee Committee not later than April 30, 2002. An application form is found on page 2 of the **CenterCircle** and can also be found on the web site (www.vadcsoccerref.com).

Anyone with questions should contact the SDI by e-mail at sdi@vadcsoccerref.com or by phone at the State Referee Office – (703) 491-1717 or (888) 832-1866 outside the (703) area code.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Every year the Metro DC-Virginia State Referee Program has an opportunity to send referees to various Youth and Amateur tournaments held at the regional and national levels. These tournaments give referees a chance to meet and work with referees from other states, referee games at an advanced level, and be seen and evaluated by assessors from other states.

This year, the State Referee Committee will send referees to the following tournaments:

Youth

- Region I ODP tournament, June 7-9
- Region I Snickers Youth, June 28-July 2
- Premier League, March through August

Amateur

- Veterans Cup, June 19-23
- Co-ed Open Cup, August 10-11
- U-23 tournament, June 22-23

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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REFEREE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

I am applying to attend the [check one] Basic Advanced Referee Development Academy to be held at the University of Richmond from July 21 – 25, 2002.

Applicant Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Age on July 1, 2002: _____
Email address: _____

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

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

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 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, 2002

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

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Any referee wishing to attend any of these tournaments must submit an application or nomination form to the State Referee Committee not later than March 30 using the application below or the one found on the VYSA web site (www.vysa.com) or the Metro DC-Virginia Referee web site (www.vadsoccerref.com). Assessors who wish to attend should contact their area assessor.

Referees and assessors who are selected to attend any of the Youth tournaments must have worked State Cup games during this VYSA year, either in the fall of 2001 or this Spring.

**REFEREE APPLICATION and NOMINATION FORM
YOUTH and AMATEUR REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

NAME: _____ E-MAIL _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____ AGE: _____

I am interested in attending the following Regional Tournaments as a Referee

| YOUTH | AMATEUR |
|--------------------------------|---|
| ____ Premier League | ____ Veteran's Cup (June 19-23) |
| ____ ODP (June 7-9) | ____ U-23 Tournament (June 22-23) |
| ____ Region I (June 28-July 3) | ____ National Co-Ed Tournament (August 10-11) |

Present Grade: _____
Date of Current Grade: _____
Total Years of Experience: _____

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Games During Last Year: ____ Youth U-17 ____ Youth (other) ____ Amateur

Description of Referee Experience:

I ask the State Referee Committee to consider this application to attend the regional tournaments indicated above. I certify that I am currently a registered referee in good standing. I understand that if selected, I will be available to attend the regional tournament, will give these games priority, and will make my best effort to participate in all games assigned.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 30, 2002

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

REFEREE CALENDAR

2002

- April 8 SRC Meeting
- June 7-9 Region I ODP Tournament, Rider College, New Jersey
- June 19-23 USASA Veteran's Cup, Beckley, West Virginia
- June 22 Annual Instructor/Assessor/Assignor Meeting, Fredericksburg
- June 22-23 USASA Under 23 Tournament, Franklin and Marshall University, PA
- June 28-July 3 Region I Youth Snickers Tournament, Niagara, New York
- July 21-25 Referee Academy, University of Richmond
- August 8-11 USSF AGM, San Francisco
- August 10-11 USASA National Co-Ed Tournament, Hampton Roads, VA
- October 18 Region I Youth Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA
- December 7 Senior Re-cert, Hampton Roads
- December 8 Senior Re-cert, Richmond
- December 14 Senior Re-cert, Roanoke
- December 15 Senior Re-cert, Falls Church
- December 28 Re-cert Classes for College Students (one in each area)

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- January 24-25 VYSA Meeting and Workshops (*tentative date*)
- February 1 Instructor and Assessor in service training, Fredericksburg
- February 6-9 US Youth Soccer Mid-Yea Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana
- February 21-23 USASA Mid Year Meeting, San Diego, CA

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