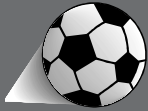


WMSOA



A Soccer Officials Association
for West Michigan

<http://www.wmisoa.com>

(new website under construction)

WMSOA exists to promote soccer, maintain a high standard of refereeing, encourage fair play and sportsmanship, make available an adequate number of well trained and capable referees, and cooperate with other organizations to promote soccer.

WMSOA provides training with both written and physical testing opportunities to maintain registrations with MHSAA, USSF, and NISOA. The organization provides high school game assignments for high school referees, "Cracker Barrel" meetings for additional input into the high school and collegiate game, and a source of information about activities in the area.

To join WMSOA, please call John Flood (669-2420). Regular Membership is \$30 per year. An Associate membership is available for referees that do not do high school or college games. The cost is \$10.00 per year to cover news letter and training costs.

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Other Associations:

Michigan Soccer Referees Association (MSRA)

The following through individual members:
United States Soccer Federation (USSF),
Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA)

Assigners:

High School: Keith Miller 667-2401
(Muskegon, Grand Haven, Fremont, and etc.
Don Dahl 846-7158,
Doug VanEssen 728-6289)

(Assigners continued on back page)

This newsletter - two newsletters are planned each year. If you have comments or news, please contact

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WMSOA — Newsletter

West Michigan Soccer Officials Association

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NEWS

New Referee's for 2002... Every year many people go through the USSF referee training classes. By the time you read this, there will have been two new classes in Grand Rapids, graduating well over 100 new referees. Keith Miller teaches a total of five classes in West Michigan this year. We clearly need these new referees and we need to help them develop. Let's each do what we can to encourage them and keep them around.

Below are the participants of the March 2-4 class, held at the X-Change in Grand Rapids. What stands out? Notice the vast majority of the people in the class are young soccer

players, eager to do a good job and earn a little money. If you see one of these new people refereeing a game, help to make it a positive experience for them. A pat on the back and a smile can really help.



The eagerness of youth can be easily dampened by things that happen in or around a game. If you can be a mentor to help them through these challenging times, or help soften the impact of a poor situation, please do. When giving advise, give a lot of thought to how you present yourself. Most of my mistakes in giving advise have been related to how I gave it. Keep your advise simple. Most people cannot handle more than one or at the most two things. Advise is often hit-and-run, shouted from the crowd, players, and coaches. Help as a friend, it has a better chance of being properly received.

Thanks for your help. It will pay off down the road.

Notes on Assigners... With two assignor classes in Grand Rapids last year, we have made great progress getting our West Michigan assignors certified. For information on future assignor classes, please go to www.msya.net/referee.html. The required date for certification is now set for September 2002. That is coming up very fast, so if people are still in need of certification, they need to be making plans right away.

Brand New... WMSOA has a new decal which is being sold to raise funds. Please visit the WMSOA website for more information at: www.wmisoa.com



WMSOA AGM 2001 Meeting December 1, 2001 at 9:00, Calvin College

1. Call to order by the president, Rich May, at 9:00 a.m. A thank you was given to Greg Pilbeam and Bill Wagner for providing the refreshments. It was stated that we currently have 145 members and all current dues must be paid by December 31, 2001 or no games will be assigned.

2. Minutes. The reading of the 2000 AGM minutes was waived and the minutes were approved.

3. President's Report. Members who were assigned MHSAA finals were Greg Pilbeam, Jeff Kirchhoff, Ryan Zamorron, and Frank Warren for the girls' finals. Those assigned to the boys' finals were Joe Beal, Bill Wagner, and Jeff Kirchhoff.

The website for the organization continues to be developed by Marty and Chris Klosowski. Marty proceeded to talk about the additions that have been made to the website since our last meeting. Further, details of game swapping were also reviewed. All games to be swapped on the website must be presented at least three days prior to the game. The game must also include the game number. Keith will confirm which individual will be the replacement referee.

Ron Porritt and Jack Wolf were thanked for their work on the newsletter. Anyone who wants to contribute anything to the newsletter should contact Ron Porritt.

Skip Spencer audited the treasurer's report.

Discussion was had regarding the use of a three-person referee system for high school games. It was noted that while we would like to work towards this, we are far short of the number of referees needed. We did work the finals of the OK tournaments with a three-man system. Any implementation of the three-man system will be consistent between the boys and girls high school seasons. It is doubtful if we can supply three referees to each OK Red game as we had discussed previously.

4. The Treasurer's Report – John Flood. A new roster was handed out of all the officials. John would also like to add email addresses to all of them. For the previous year, we brought in \$11,547 and spend \$11,896. We are still \$1,050 in the positive. It is noted that we did foot some of the expenses for the USSF training meeting. Therefore, we do need to concentrate on bringing in more USSF people to our organization to offset the cost.

5. Ethics Committee – Greg Pilbeam. There have been a few reports made over the year, but all were satisfactorily addressed.

6. Assignor's Report – Keith Miller and Doug VanEssen. For the Muskegon area, 425 boys and girls high school games

assignments were made. For the Grand Rapids area, 315 girls games were assigned, 475 boys games, and 215 college games. Currently we assigned for 56 high school boys teams and 44 girls teams. There are also 13 colleges for which we assign.

High school fees were increased to \$78 for varsity and JV games. It has been decided that we will require payment when the three-man system is used of \$44 for assistant referees and \$50 for the middle. College games are at \$70 and \$90. Both will remain the same for at least a couple of years.

Again, Bill Wagner was the most active referee.

The biggest concern expressed by the coaches was the allowance of rough play. A reminder was made that we are independent contractors and are not employees.

7. Elections – Greg Pilbeam.

Vice President, Greg Pilbeam was nominated and elected without opposition.

Secretary. Jeff Kirchhoff was nominated and elected without opposition.

At large members. Nominated – Don Dahl, Frank Warren, Bill Wagner, Jamie Pilbeam, and Gray Schwanda. Elected were Don Dahl, Bill Wagner and Jamie Pilbeam.

8. Old business –

A. Golf tournament. The suggestion was made that we hold a golf tournament during the early summer. This will be followed up on.

B. Mike Windt gave a quick speech regarding goals. It is the position of the USSF, NOSOA, and the High School association that unless the goals are anchored to the ground, the game shall not be played. Goals are to be checked before each game. Some emphasis was also added in that some goals that are anchored in wet ground can still come loose. It is imperative that everyone check the goals prior to a game.

C. Jerseys. The USSF has dictated that they will have yellow as their first choice with black with white pinstripe being the second choice. Consequently, we will encourage new referees to get the USSF yellow as an alternate for high school games. The college still remains the same at present. It is anticipated the fushia jerseys will no longer be used within a year or two. They are not the official high school alternate any more.

D. The USSF certification will be held November 10, 2002. It will probably be held at Cornerstone University again. The AGM will be scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2002.

E. Field Survey – Jeff Kirchhoff. The location of the fields was recently updated with a hand out. The updated list will also be on the website.

9. New Business.

WMSOA AGM Minutes (continued from page 2)

A. Projector. Keith requested that the association look into buying a projector that uses disk. All of the training material is now on a disk. The USSF bought a number of them, but only distributed them to the other side of the state and will not purchase anymore. We may still have to continue renting them until such time as we can find a used one as new ones are over \$2,000. There was a motion to raise money for the projector with a fundraiser. It was tabled.

B. A motion by Skip Spencer was made and seconded that the association adopt a policy whereby the association will formally notify any school that does not pay the referees at the site that the association will not supply referees thereafter. Motion carried.

C. AGM and USSF re-certification. There was a discussion about continuing to split the AGM and USSF re-certification meeting. Due to the length required for the USSF re-certification, it was decided that they will continued to be split. Adjournment was at 10:20 a.m.



Soccer Websites

This short article is intended to highlight useful and often not so obvious Internet websites available to provide assistance and materials for WMSOA members.

MHSAA has two different websites. The first, www.mhsaa.com provides a wealth of information about schools, address's tournaments and standings. Information on sportsmanship and newsletters is also easy to find. The second, www.mhsaa.net offers a special section for officials and provides any MHSAA official with a chance to view and modify individual information once registered and provided with a password. This area provides a listing of all registered officials, details and grades as well as information on many areas. Below is a few other areas:

- Listing of schools
- List of athletic directors
- Leagues & Conferences
- Games available
- Forms and publications
- Reference calendar

This site makes it possible for registered officials to annually renew membership online and is worth a bookmark and visit.

The United States Soccer Federation (USSF) also has a very useful officials area on its website: <http://www.ussoccer.com>. Select the "REFEREES" tab at the top banner and open up sections on – News & Announcements, - Training & Certification, - Schedule of Clinics, - Resources & Materials. – Laws of the Game, - Department Directory, - Referee Forms, - Pro League Scheduling. Ever wonder, where you can find the email address of the USSF State Referee Administrator for Michigan or the report form for USSF games; now you know!

Other useful local sites are:

<http://www.wmisoa.com> This is the site for West Michigan Soccer Official Association and is currently under construction. Watch for new developments.

<http://www.westmichigansoccer.com> A very useful website with lots of helpful information on local soccer news such as listings of local GVSA clubs, contacts and referee assigners, try out dates, game locations and club standings, plus lots more.

If you have a favorite website that you would like to mention please forward to Ron Porritt or Jack Wolf.



High School News

MHSAA Home Page: www.mhsaa.com

This year it will again be possible to re-certify on the MHSAA website. Any issues related to High School fields should be reported to Jeff Kirchhoff (453-5590).

Referee Improvement

If you would like to have someone observe one of your games, please call Greg Pilbeam (455-5095). This is at no cost to you and has proved popular in the last year. This will not be an assessment for upgrade, but observation for encouragement and improvement, in a "no-pressure" atmosphere.



USSF News

USSF/FIFA/MSYSA Information

There is some great information available on the MSYSA, USSF, and FIFA web sites. Below is a partial list web sites.

MSYSA Home Page www.msya.com

FIFA Home Page www.fifa.com

USSF Home Page www.ussoccer.com

State Referee Administrator (SRA) Carlos Folino has a new email address to note: michsra@comcast.net

If you need USSF badges, FIFA Laws of the Game, etc:
U.S. Soccer Federation/Soccer House/National Referee Program
1801-11 S. Prairie Ave.

Chicago, IL 60616

Telephone 312/808-1300 FAX 312/808-9572

USSF Upgrades

Consider moving up the USSF referee ladder with an upgrade to your next qualified grade. Requirements vary depending upon the grade, but generally you need: 1- the required number of games, 2- submit application and fee (\$45.00 for upgrade to grade 7) before 15 April 2002,

3- have a game evaluation (challenging game) by a USSF certified assessor, arranged when you send in your application and fee. If you need more information please review the USSF Referee Administrative Handbook or contact:

State Director of Assessments

Michael V. Bodary

1206 Westmorland St

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

phone hm (734) 483-5831

phone wk (734) 764-4723

fax wk (734) 647-5565



Important Dates

Important Dates For USSF, MHSAA and NISOA:

May 7, 2002	Cracker Barrel 7:00-9:00 pm Sports Exchange 2222 44th St, Wyoming
July 1, 2002	MHSAA registrations due
August 2002	Physical test at Calvin College High Schools rules meeting
October 2002	Cracker Barrel date and venue TBD
Nov. 10, 2002	USSF Re-certification time and venue TBD
Dec. 7, 2002	WMSOA - AGM, 9:00pm - 2:00am Calvin College Commons

WMSOA – Golf Outing

All WMSOA members are invited to a special referee golf outing on June 12, 2002 starting at 10:00 am. This four person scramble will be at the Grand Rapids Golf Club. Sign up with Tom Walters by June 5 2002, phone: 532-6959 or email twalt33@aol.com

Assignors or Club Contacts (continued from front page)

GVSA	
Alcom United:	Michael Swift 365-3661
AYSO Area 571:	Mark Howard 956-6441

Caledonia:	Chas Schaner 891-0455
CASSA:	Tom Pyne 696-1712
East Grand Rapids:	Tish Lavoie 942-7149
FC Big Rapids:	C. Drake 231-796-2669
Flying Kick:	Jeff Popma 534-2968
Forest Hills:	Jack Wolf 682-0652
Georgetown:	Ron Porritt 669-7243
GRASA:	John Corbett 245-4858
Greenville:	Alan Havens 754-7421
Grand Valley Premier:	Dale Heyboer 896-8583
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Lakeshore:	Richard Bourque 399-8579
LASSO:	Lisa Young 897-3846
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Muskegon:	Chuck Ritchard 231-798-4073
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Panthers:	Ron Porritt 669-7243
SCOR:	Gail VanderLaan 866-3820
Storm AC:	Jim Fuller 662-0304
TBAYS:	Victor Geha 231-922-2104
Team United:	L. VanPortfleet 792-2254
Thornapple:	Dan Gale 948-2279
Tri-Cities:	Frank Roder 846-5921
USA:	Gred Jacobs 399-0630

Ron Porritt (WMSOA News Letter)
7038 Gettysburg Dr
Hudsonville, MI 49426



All Games

- Referees are never to use a 2-man system for these games.
- The winner of the coin toss selects the end that they wish to defend. The other team takes the kick-off.

Premier Games

Age	Half	Ball	Ref Pay	AR Pay	Tie (non-cup game)	OT for state cup ¹	Subs (cup game)
U12	30 min ³	4	\$26	\$15	Leave as tie	(x2 10 min) ¹	Unlimited, (any stoppage)
U13	35 min ³	5	\$26	\$15	Leave as tie	(x2 10 min) ¹	Unlimited, (any stoppage)
U14	35 min ³	5	\$30	\$20	Leave as tie	(x2 10 min) ¹	Unlimited (any stoppage)
U15	40 min ³	5	\$30	\$20	Leave as tie	(x2 15 min) ¹	Unlimited (no re-entry same period) ²
U16	40 min ³	5	\$40	\$25	Leave as tie	(x2 15 min) ¹	Unlimited (no re-entry same period) ²
U17-19	45 min ³	5	\$40	\$25	Leave as tie	(x2 15 min) ¹	Unlimited (no re-entry same period) ²

Note: All Premier non-State Cup games that end in a tie are considered completed games - all State Cup games go the the overtime period shown.
¹ Both over time periods are played in full (no golden goal or sudden victory for cup games that end regulation time in a tie). If the game is still tied, go to PKs.

² For substitutions, OT periods are considered to be part of the second period.

³ GV Premier game times are subject to a vote at the March 15 AGM. The times listed assume that there will be a change to match cup games and USSF standards.

SPECIAL NOTE: Any person refereeing a State Cup game is urged to review the rules at www.msusa.net/Forms/2002BoysStateCupApp.pdf

Special Rules:

- Game report, player/coach cards, and fees must be provided to the referee prior to the start of the game.
- **PLAYER/COACH CARDS ARE HELD BY THE REFEREE UNTIL END OF THE GAME.**
 If a player does not have a player card, put the player’s name (printed clearly), signature, and birth date on the back of the white copy of the report. Make this information available to the other team at the **END OF THE GAME. *The coach may then challenge the player at game end.***
- If a player or coach receives a red card, explain the red card on the back of the white copy of the report and **SEND THE PLAYER/COACH CARD IN WITH THE REPORT.** For State Cup games, see SPECIAL NOTE above.
- If, because of discipline or injury, any player has not played at least 1/3 of the game, it must be noted on the game report.
- The game report must be mailed within 24 hours of completion of the game.
- Each team pays 1/2 of the game fees.
- Teams must be on opposite sides of the field. Parents must be on same side as team. Home team gets choice of sides.
- A game is considered complete if at least 2/3 of the time is played.
- If a team delays the start of a game more than 15 minutes past the scheduled start time, the game will be forfeited.
- If referees show for a game, but the game is not played because of field conditions, the referees are to be paid.
- Substitutions are allowed for either team on a kick off, at half time, or on a goal kick. Substitutions are also allowed for the team with possession on a throw-in.
- Substitutions may be made for injured players, and then 1 for 1 for the other team.
- The proper re-start if the game was stopped for injury is a drop ball.
- A team may sub for a player receiving a yellow card, and then 1 for 1 for the other team
- The referee may be fined if the game report is not properly filled out.
- Teams shake hands **PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME.**

Additional information is available from:

MSUSA Bylaws:	www.msusa.net/2001BYLAWS1.htm
MSPSL Rules:	www.mspsl.org/rulesandforms.asp
Premier Program Rules & Regulations:	www.mspsl.org/uploads/Bylaws.doc
State Cup Specific	www.msusa.net/Forms/2002BoysStateCupApp.pdf

GVSA Select Games (and Elite)

Age	Half Length	Players(min)	Ball Size	Ref Pay	AR Pay	Tie Games	Subs
U9	25 min	8(5)	4	\$26	Club lines	Leave as tie	Unlimited
U10	25 min	8(5)	4	\$26	Club lines	Leave as tie	Unlimited
U11	30 min	11(7)	4	\$26	\$18	Leave as tie	Unlimited
U12	30 min	11(7)	4	\$26	\$18	Leave as tie	Unlimited
U13	35 min	11(7)	5	\$26	\$18	Leave as tie	Unlimited
U14	35 min	11(7)	5	\$26	\$18	Leave as tie	Unlimited
U15	40 min	11(7)	5	\$26	\$18	Leave as tie	Unlimited
U16	40 min	11(7)	5	\$26	\$18	Leave as tie	Unlimited
U17-U19	45 min	11(7)	5	\$26	\$18	Leave as tie	Unlimited

Special Rules:

- Game report card, player/coach cards, and fees must be provided to the referee prior to the start of the game.
- Player/coach cards are returned to the team immediately after check-in. **CARDS ARE NOT HELD BY THE REFEREE DURING THE GAME.**

- If a player does not have a player card, put the players name (printed clearly), signature, and birth date on the back of the game card. THE REFEREE INFORMS THE OTHER COACH WHO MUST CHALLENGE THE PLAYER PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME. Make note of the challenge on the game card.
- If a player or coach receives a red card, explain the red card on the back of the game report card. DO NOT SEND THE PLAYER/COACH CARD IN WITH THE GAME REPORT.
- The game report must be mailed immediately after completion of the game.
- Each team pays 1/2 of the game fees (for "Elite" games, the home team pays the whole fee).
- Team benches will be on the same side of the field. No player or coach may stand within 10 yards of the center line, except players preparing to enter the game.
- If a team delays the start of a game more than 15 minutes past the scheduled start time, the game will be forfeited.
- Any player or coach receiving a red card may not remain in the team area, but may remain with the spectators as long as he or she takes no further part in the game.
- Substitutions are allowed for either team on a goal, at half time, or on a goal kick. Substitutions are also allowed for the team with possession on a throw-in.
- Substitutions may be made for injured players, and then 1 for 1 for the other team.
- The proper re-start if the game was stopped for injury is a drop ball.
- Substitutions are not allowed on a yellow card. If the coach wishes to substitute for a yellow carded player, he or she must wait until the next legal substitution opportunity.
- Requests for substitutions may be ignored if the player is not ready to enter the field or if the game is in the last minute of either half.
- Teams shake hands AFTER THE GAME HAS ENDED.

Additional information is available from:

GVSA Rules www.westmichigansoccer.com/GVSArefspring99.htm
 WMYSA Rules www.mysoccer.com/wmysa/forms.shtml
 Michigan State Premier Soccer Assoc www.mspsl.org/uploads/refereeinformation.doc

Michigan 2002 Soccer Tournaments

Tournament	Dates	Director or Contact	Contact
State Cup U12-U14 Boys Midland	May 4-5	MSYSA State Office	248/557-8220
Midland Invitational Tournament	May 10-12	Rich Guidotti	989/832-0895
Novi Jaguar Invitational	May 10-12	Paul Tinnion	248/310-5443
State Cup U15-U18 Boys Saginaw	May 18-19	MSYSA State Office	248/557-8220
Warren Youth Soccer League Spring Tourn	May 18-19	Keith Messing	586/795-9451
20 th Annual Canton Cup	May 24-26 (rain date May 27)	Gregory Demopoulos	734/394-3065
12 th Annual Ann Arbor Invitational	May 25-27	Thomas Olivier	734/662-2972
Flint Journal Publisher's Cup Classic	May 31- June 2	Lisa Gayari	810/766-6271
State Cup Finals U12-U18 Boys, Farmington	June 1	MSYSA State Office	248/557-8220
Tide Cup, Midland	June 1-2	MSYSA State Office	248/557-8220
Summer Solstice Recreational Tournament, Traverse City	June 7-9	Tom Spencer	231/933-4248
20 th Annual Petoskey Invitational	June 14-16	Tom Londo Ginni Nelson	231/348-2947
Portage Soccer Classic	June 15-16	Bob Kucinski	616/329-3243
Livonia Invitational	June 21-23	Jim Moryc	734/425-2666
Saginaw 7-Eleven Soccer Classic	June 21-23	David Klenk	517/790-3421
Jackson Rose City Tournament	June 7-8	Bob Burger	W 517/788-2959 H 517/784-0736
Kalamazoo Invitational Shootout	June 21-23	Alan Maxwell	616/353-9451
Cheboygan Soccer Association	July (TBD)	Ginni Nelson	231/348-1298
Lakeshore United Soccer Fest	July (TBD)	Lori Haltenhoff	616/399-8348
Dearborn Soccer Tournament	August 23-25	Marv Purdy	H 313/565-4433 F 313/565-4433
Cherryland Invitational, Traverse City	August (TBD)	Fred Haines	W 231/933-8229 H 231/933-8229
Waterford Youth Soccer League	August (TBD)	Ronald DeRoo	248/673-2620
St Clair Shores Waterfront Invitational	August (TBD)	Bob Shock	586/759-0061
Troy Soccer City Classic XVII	August (TBD)	Robert Deacon	H 248/619-7325 W 248/637-2788 F 248/524-0275
20 th Annual Romeo Peachfest	August (TBD)	Dave Wood	810/752-5504
Petoskey Youth Soccer Association	September 7-8	Tim Londo Ginni Nelson	231/348-2947
Michigan Internl Labor Day Cup, Hastings	September (TBD)	Arnold Zirkes	616/464-1000
Metro Stars Global Soccer Tournament, Oakland University	September (TBD)	Tony Hermiz	248/521-2848

Refer to the following web site for updated information.

<http://www.msysa.net/tournamentsnew.html>