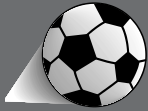


WMSOA



*A Soccer Officials Association
for West Michigan*

<http://www.wmisoa.com>

(new website under construction)

WMSOA — Newsletter

West Michigan Soccer Officials Association

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NEWS

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 Greg Pilbeam (455-5095). 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.

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

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 Muskegon, Grand Haven, Fremont, etc.
 Don Dahl 846-7158 and Doug VanEssen 728-6289

(Assigners & club contacts continued on back page)

This newsletter - two newsletters are planned each year. If you have comments or news, contact Ron Porritt 669-7243, ronporritt@worldnet.att.net (or) Jack Wolf 682-0652, jack.wolf@attbi.com

WMSOA Holds First Referee Golf Outing - Organized by Tom Walters and held at Grand Rapids Golf Club, WMSOA hosted the first golf outing for member referees on 12 June. The weather provided a beautiful golf day for the 16 member golfers that made up the four member scramble teams. Bringing in the winning score of 66 was the team of Jeff Kirchhoff, Steve Grinczel, Marty Klosowski, and Rich May. Plans are being made to hold this golf outing as an annual event and Tom Walters hopes to announce



Bob, Tom & Keith enjoy the weather

the date for next year at the AGM in Dec. If you are a beginner or expert golfer and like to have fun with other referee members, you should plan to attend next years event. Please contact Tom Walters with any questions at phone: 532-6959 or email twalt33@aol.com.



Refreshments for all.

WMSOA Member Support – Greg Pilbeam

To provide support and assistance in potentially difficult situations, WMSOA has requested all referee members to report any caution, ejection or improper behavior of coach, bench or spectators. Please contact Greg Pilbeam 455-5095.

Local Tournament Needs Referees – Steve Evans

The MILD cup being held on 30-31 August at the Hastings Fair Grounds needs referees. Please contact Steve Evans at 616-795-7727 if you are available.

WMSOA Shirt Recommendation – Jamie Pilbeam

Because of the wide selection of referee shirts available to fill every ref bag, WMSOA has provided a list of those suggested to carry for West Michigan.



Jeff Hopkins, Joe Piccione, Gerry Ouellette at Lakeshore Tournament

USSF – Gold stripe
 Black stripe
 Red stripe
 (blue stripe not advised)

MHSAA – Blk or Black stripe
 Gold stripe
 Fuschia grid

NISOA – Black
 Gold grid
 Fuschia grid
 (orange grid not advised)



Update on Rule Changes

FIFA Rules Changes Effective 1 July 2002...

Advertising on uniforms (Law 4)

This law has been changed to allow advertising only on the players jerseys. It may not be worn on shorts, stockings or footwear and does not exclude simple manufacturers marks or logo. Jersey's also must have sleeves and must not be altered by removing.

Match stoppage for injury (Law 5)

New text has been added to one of the bullets under duties and powers of the referee. The referee should not stop the match unless if, in his or her opinion, the player is seriously injured. The referee also ensures that the player is removed from the field of play. An injured player may only return to the field of play after the match has restarted. The change clarifies the procedure to be followed when players return to the field of play following an injury. USSF's advice to referee's states that the permission of the referee is still required to re-enter the game but that if the player requested permission from the referee to leave the field temporarily to have an injury attended to while play is continuing, the referee's permission to return is required. It is not necessary for that player to wait for a stoppage and then a resumption of play.

NFHS/MHSAA Rule Changes Effective 1 July 2002...

Rule: 3-3-2(a) "Should the team with the injured player attended to on the field elect to play shorthanded, the injured player may not be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity."

4-1-1

"The required player equipment includes a jersey, shorts, stockings, suitable shoes and shinguards which shall provide adequate and reasonable protection, be professionally manufactured, age-appropriate, not altered to decrease protection, and worn under the stockings."

4-1-1(a)

When an illegally uniformed team is unable to correct the situation or cannot verify state association approval of the uniform, the game shall be played. The referee must, however, notify the state association following the game.

12-8-1(f) New 8

Add: Faking an injury

Words of Wisdom – Keith Miller

Please remember that a player who commits a tackle from behind using excessive force thereby endangering the safety of the opponent has lost all rights to continue playing in that game and must be ejected. It does not matter that the initial challenge was at the ball, excessive force has no place in the game of soccer and we as referees should not tolerate it.

Quick Tip (Compliments of Referee Magazine)

Many new referees are confused when to stop play for an injured player. There are no hard and fast rules, but here are three important guidelines. The younger the player is, the quicker you should stop play. The closer the injury is to the head or spine, the quicker you should stop play. If the player is bleeding or is having trouble breathing, stop play.

Remember, unless you are a medical professional, do not touch the player or administer aid. Call for the coach to make an assessment. If it is determined that the player cannot be moved, take whatever time is needed to get the proper aid. If the player can be moved, ask that someone assist the injured player off the field and get the game restarted. Long delays for minor injuries when the player can be moved are upsetting to the spectators. Delays can also lead to cramping and muscle pulls as the players cool during the delay and are stressed when play is restarted.

Referee Magazine is published monthly by NASO

(National Association of Sports Officials). More information about this excellent publication and the association can be obtained at www.referee.com.

The copy of the June cover of Referee Magazine at right featured a picture of WMSOA member and Vice President, Greg Philbeam as he officiated the MHSAA Girls HS final at Gull Lake last year.





Important Dates

Important Dates For USSF, MHSAA and NISOA:

WMSOA dates:

- Oct. 7 2002 Cracker Barrel date and venue TBD
(Please see www.wmisoa.com)
- Nov. 10, 2002 USSF Re-certification Grand Rapids
Cornerstone Auditorium
- Nov. 16, 2002 USSF Re-certification Muskegon
(Please see www.wmisoa.com for details)
- Dec. 7, 2002 WMSOA - AGM, 9:00am - 2:00pm
Calvin College Commons
- Jan/Feb. 2003 USSF Training Courses
(Please see www.wmisoa.com for details)

High Schools rules meetings (all meetings 7:00 pm)

- August 14, 2002 Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills High School
- Feb. 13, 2003 Wayland Union High School
- Feb. 20, 2003 Mt. Pleasant High School
- March 12, 2003 East Lansing (MHSAA Office Building)



Soccer Websites

A new "Ask A Referee" website has recently been introduced with the official backing of the USSF. Referees of any level can get advise on the rules from Jim Allen, national instructor and staff/national assessor for the USSF, by sending an email to allen@drix.net. The questions must include the official's full name, state or national association. All questions are answered privately, and some are also posted on the "Ask A Referee website: www.drix.net/jim/.

MHSAA Home Page: www.mhsaa.com

East Lansing has expanded the MHSAA website. Now officials can log onto www.MHSAA.net, and with a password obtain lots of information pertaining to officials in every sport. 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 popular program is at no cost and will not be an assessment for upgrade, but observation for encouragement and improvement, in a "no-pressure" atmosphere.



USSF News

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- submitted an application and fee (\$45.00 for upgrade to grade 7) before 15 April 2003, 3- have had 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

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Tournaments

Tournament Information for the remainder 2002

Dearborn Soccer Tournament	August 23-25	Marv Purdy	H 313/565-4433F 313/565-4433
Cherryland Invitational, Traverse City	August (TBD)	Fred Haines	W 231/933-8229H 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 248/619-7325W 248/637-2788F 248/524-0275
20 th Annual Romeo Peachfest	August (TBD)	Dave Wood	810/752-5504
Petoskey Youth Soccer Association	September 7-8	Tim LondoGinni Nelson	231/348-2947
Michigan Internl Labor Day Cup, Hastings	Aug. 30-31	Steve Evans	616-795-7727
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.msya.net/tournamentsnew.html>



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Caledonia Area Travel Soccer:	Tom Warner 554-3356	Lakeshore:	Jerry Hertel 335-5812
CASSA Sand Lake:	Steve Fuller 696-4420	LASSO Lowell:	Isabelle Giguere 868-7167
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