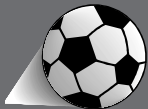


**WMSOA**



*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

### *Important News — Fee Change*

Assignor fees for high school and college games are changing to \$2.50 per game.

### *Important News — New Web Site To Be Announce Sept. 03*

Continue to watch the WWW.WMISOA.COM website location for the launch of our new website planned for Sept 03. This will contain updates and important dates.

### *Words of Wisdom From Keith*

Soccer is a game of passion. Have some compassion for the player that just got creamed and came up sputtering. Humble yourself a little before you over-react to their emotional one-liner about your refereeing abilities.

### *August Madness – Ron Porritt*

Every August we get together for our fitness test and a review of the high school and college rules and changes. This is the big kick-off for the Fall season. Even if you keep active with soccer through the Summer, this is the mile marker that transitions us into the busiest and most exciting soccer season. We have USSF, high school, and college games all stuffed into three months that scream soccer from beginning to end. The August fitness test is a great time to see how far you can run in twelve minutes and observe the aging of our ranks.

The graying of the ranks of soccer officials is not a new topic. It has been a regular subject in WMSOA meetings and in referee publications all across the states. What to do about it is a serious question, and an area we would all like your help. If you see a young person refereeing a game, go out of your way to encourage him or her. That might be as simple as saying “hi”, shaking their hand, asking their name, and remembering it the next time you see them. Help them through the tough times and make them feel like we care about how they are doing.

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 Jim Heyboer at (531-1036). 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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#### **Other Associations:**

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)

#### **Assigners:**

High School & NISOA:  
Keith Miller 667-2401  
High School - Muskegon, Grand Haven, Fremont, etc. : Don Dahl 846-7158 and Doug VanEssen 728-6289  
Note: High School Assignor fees are now \$2.50 per game.

**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, jl.wolf@comcast.com





### USSF RULE OVERVIEW FOR GVSA SELECT & PREMIER SOCCER GAMES – Aug. 2003, Ron Porritt

#### Points of Emphasis

1. Referees are never to use a 2-man system for these games.
2. The winner of the coin toss selects the end that they wish to defend. The other team takes the kick-off.
3. Game report, player/coach cards, and fees must be provided to the referee prior to the start of the game.
4. **PLAYER/COACH CARDS ARE NOT HELD BY THE REFEREE DURING THE GAME.**
5. 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.
6. If a player or coach receives a red card, explain the red card on the back of the game report. **DO NOT SEND THE PLAYER/COACH CARD IN WITH THE REPORT.** For State Cup games, see State Cup rules.
7. The game report must be mailed within 24 hours of completion of the game.
8. Each team pays 1/2 of the game fee (except for "Elite" games where the home team pays the entire fee).
9. If a team delays the start of a game more than 15 minutes past the scheduled start time, the game will be forfeited.
10. Unlimited 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.

11. The minimum number of players to play an 11v11 game is 7. The minimum number of players to play an 8v8 game is 5.
12. The referee does not have to allow substitutions in the last one minute of the game.
13. Games that end regulation time in a tie, will be recorded as a tie (see state cup rules for information about ties in state cup games).

#### Differences

14. For Premier Games: Teams should be on opposite sides of the field (some facilities do not work for this arrangement). Spectators must be on same side as team. Home team gets choice of sides.
15. For Select (including Elite) Games: Teams are on one side of the field, and spectators are on the other side.
16. For Premier Games, the game is considered complete if at least 2/3 of the time is played.
17. For Premier Games, if referees show for a game, but the game is not played because of field conditions, the referees are to be paid.
18. For Premier Games, a team may sub for a player receiving a yellow card, and then 1 for 1 for the other team.
19. The proper re-start if the game was stopped for injury is a drop ball.
20. For Premier Games, teams shake hands **PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME.** For Select and Elite Games, teams shake hands **AFTER THE GAME.**

#### GVSA Select/Elite & GV Premier Games

<u>Age</u>	<u>Half Length</u>	<u># Players</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Select/Elite Ref Pay</u>	<u>Select/Elite AR Pay</u>	<u>Premier Ref Pay</u>	<u>Premier AR Pay</u>
U9	25 min	8	4	\$26	\$13		
U10	25 min	8	4	\$26	\$13		
U11	30 min	8	4	\$26	\$13		
U12	30 min	11	4	\$30	\$18	\$26	\$15
U13	35 min	11	5	\$30	\$18	\$26	\$15
U14	35 min	11	5	\$30	\$18	\$30	\$20
U15	40 min	11	5	\$36	\$22	\$30	\$20
U16	40 min	11	5	\$36	\$22	\$40	\$25
U17/19	45 min	11	5	\$36	\$22	\$40	\$25

## ***Additional Rule Information From...***

[www.westmichigansoccer.com/GVSApdf/Rules.pdf](http://www.westmichigansoccer.com/GVSApdf/Rules.pdf)

WMYSA Rules:

[www.mysoccer.com/wmysa/forms.shtml](http://www.mysoccer.com/wmysa/forms.shtml)

Michigan State Premier Soccer Assoc

[www.mspsl.org/uploads/refereeinformation.doc](http://www.mspsl.org/uploads/refereeinformation.doc)

Also try

[www.usysa.org/referees/index.html](http://www.usysa.org/referees/index.html) and

[www.ussoccer.com/referees/home.sps?iType=4045](http://www.ussoccer.com/referees/home.sps?iType=4045)

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

Any person refereeing a State Cup game is urged to review the rules at <http://www.msusa.net/2003GirlsStateCup/schedules/StateCupRules.pdf>

### ***Brewer Park News – John Corbett***

We all made it successfully through the inaugural season at Brewer Park. Thank you very much for games you accepted, and the quality of your work on (and around) the fields. I appreciate people taking games at the last minute when it may not have been convenient for them. I received many compliments about the referees this year.

Keith Miller has often said that the first impression that a referee makes at the field occurs when the referee arrives. Please continue to make every effort to arrive at the field at least 30 minutes before kick-off, fully dressed in black shorts and black socks pulled up. I know that life happens- but give it your best shot.

There will be a new pay schedule for the GRASA, GVP, KSC, and WMP teams. I am not sure if it will apply to the CATS (Caledonia Area Travel Soccer). (See article on previous page). Typically, referees are assigned to different age groups during their shift on the field. This will continue.

If you have to turn back a game, and know of a certified referee is available and suitable to cover your assignment, ask them but let me know right away. Then I can record the change, and confirm their suitability. You have taken very good care of me this season in regards to this. THANK YOU! Clubs may call you to confirm that you still intend to honor the assignment you accepted from me. Please respond promptly to them. If you have a sub, please let them know (I am sure that you will have already let me know...)

On each game sheet, are the names of the referees of record. This is the information that will go into my data base for each of you. Please make sure this is accurate. If

your name is not on the game sheet, you will probably not be recorded as working the game.

Please make sure that when you arrive at the field, you go to the correct field at the correct time. In the last season we had 5 younger referees bumped from their assigned games by older refs. I have no problem with a referee waiting to see if there is a game to pick up, and letting the crew there know that you are available. But please do not make it look like a complete crew until the last possible moment. If a referee is running late, but can still get there before kick-off, he should still have a chance to work the game.

### ***USSF District Director of Assessments – GW Ouellette***

Congratulations to Randy Bigelow who upgraded this year.

If you are ready to UPGRADE send your completed upgrade form with your payment to Mike Bodary before April 15. If you have any questions call Jerry Ouellette at 269 965-5903 or e mail him at [gwo73mg@aol.com](mailto:gwo73mg@aol.com). It only takes a small effort on your part and means so much to SOCCER in Michigan. See you on the PITCH.....

### ***Uniform Update – Jami Pilbeam***

Referee Uniforms this year (listed in order of preference):

#### ***USSF...***

- Black w/ white pin stripe
- Yellow w/ black pin stripe
- Red w/ black pin stripe

Note: there is a new “logo” sock to replace the “three white stripe” sock. For local games, we are still considering the “three white stripe” sock as our primary sock.

#### ***MHSAA...***

- Yellow w/ black pin stripe
- Red w/ black pin stripe
- Black w/ white pin stripe

#### ***NISOA...***

- Black (without white pin stripes),
- Yellow pattern
- Fuchsia pattern

Note: We are still considering the “three white stripe” sock as our primary sock for local games. Referees that may do NISOA games outside of the local area should consider purchasing the Orange pattern shirt and the “three yellow stripe” and “three orange stripe” socks.



## Important Dates

### ***WMSOA Important Dates:***

Oct. 6 Cracker Barrel: Sports X-change, 2222 44th St SW, 7:00PM

Nov. 9 Re-certification – Cornerstone College. Please visit the website: [www.wmisoa.com](http://www.wmisoa.com) for all details on this important event. Note there will be a \$5 fee to cover costs related to the clinic. For an additional \$5, people can maintain their associate membership in WMSOA.

Web site for other re-cert opportunities see: <http://www.msysa.net/referee.html>

Dec. 6 AGM – WMSOA AGM, 9:00am-2:00pm  
Grandville High School

### ***Michigan Soccer Tournament Information for 2003***

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Director or Contact</u>	<u>Contact</u>
MILD CupHastings	August 30-31	Steve Evans	616-795-7727
Petoskey Autumn Blast	September 6-7	Tim Londo	pysa@gtlakes.com
Capital Classic Lansing	Sept 19-21	Vikki Blasey	517-655-4322 blasey@okemos.k12.mi.us
State CupCanton	Oct 4-5	MSYSA State Office	stateoffice@msysa.netwww.msysa.net/statecupgirls.html
MSYSA Chevy Cup	Oct 11	MSYSA State Office	248-557-8220stateoffice@msysa.net

Refer to the following web site for updated information - [www.msysa.net/tournamentsnew.html](http://www.msysa.net/tournamentsnew.html)

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