

Central Western New York Board of Approved Soccer Officials

CWNYBASO

Date: April 16, 2009

Re: Prospective Members for Referees of High School Soccer

Those reading this letter have expressed an interest in officiating high school soccer matches in the upcoming (August) season.

I would like to clarify several issues that I believe have not been made clear to you regarding officiating NATIONAL FEDERATION of STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (NFHS) soccer matches in the fall. Section 5 is a member of the New York State Public High School Association. Section 5 has some of the most competitive soccer in New York State.

- Having a Grade 8 badge from USSF is a great start to gain experience in “Rules of the Game” knowledge and “man management” of players, coaches and spectators. It does not automatically qualify you to referee high school matches. As USSF is a (FIFA) soccer agency, NFHS is another.
- The NFHS level of soccer has similar but different rules. Some of these NF Rules of Soccer focus primarily upon safety aspects for the players. It also means you must understand these differences and therefore attend a clinic. This clinic is similar to the classes you participated in before you took your exam to gain your Grade 8 rating.
- USSF uses the “three man system” and it also uses the “single man” system at specific age levels for league play in the Rochester area. The NFHS uses the “dual-officiating” system exclusively for Varsity matches at its league level. USSF does not recognize this system. You must know the differences (match mechanics) and apply them correctly in a Varsity match. When necessary, the “single man” system is used only at the Junior Varsity level.
- Becoming a NF referee does not automatically qualify you to officiate Varsity matches. You start as a Junior Varsity referee. As you gain experience, you MUST request, and pass two assessments to upgrade your JV status to Varsity status.
- Any USSF referee over the age of 18 must have “Risk Management” clearance from NYSWYSA. NYS Education Department is no different. But, your NYSWYSA card is not acceptable for NYSED clearance. There is a paragraph below to detail the procedure that MUST be completed before assignment and the start of the season. The NYSED clearance is a “one time” application.
- NFHS soccer is looking for experienced adult referees. As high school players are 14 to 19 years of age, some referees of this same age group have difficulty dealing with their same peer group and especially with the “experienced, full time adult coaching staffs”.
- There is an additional cost involved other than the USSF fees you may already have incurred. These costs are also detailed below.

A NFHS clinic will be held at Greece Olympia High School, 1139 Maiden Lane, Rochester, 14615. We will conduct our clinic in a classroom environment. The clinic will be on Saturday, August 8, 2009. You must attend this clinic, as no other clinic is scheduled, and pass the written examination if you wish to receive assignments to officiate. It will start promptly at 8:00am and will conclude no later than 2:00pm. We are giving you much advanced notice to set this date aside if you wish to attend this clinic.

At this clinic, participants will:

1. Be made aware of the 2009 - National Federation Soccer Rules Interpretations
2. Complete the Fitness requirements – be prepared to run. All High School referees at both Varsity and Junior Varsity levels MUST complete these runs (Grade 7 requirements).
3. Review CWNYSO requirements (Constitution / By-Laws / Policies and Procedures); and,
4. National Federation Soccer Rules and Game Mechanics

The cost of the clinic is \$100 and is payable only by check, one week in advance of the clinic. We must know how many will be attending. **You must attend the entire session.** There are CWNYSO requirements that will be brought to your attention at this clinic. If at that time you feel that you cannot meet these requirements, your check will be returned to you in its entirety. This fee covers your unit dues (\$70) for the coming 2009 season, New York State registration, the 2009 NF Soccer Rule Book, and the clinic fee.

In addition to our CWNYSO requirements, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) mandates the “fingerprinting and background” check. **You MUST notify me** if you are attending the clinic and have not undergone this procedure. This is an additional expense to the State of New York that must be taken care of prior to the start of the season (August, 2009). The \$127 is a split cost and is payable in check form ONLY. The split cost will be explained to you when you contact me.

Please extend me the courtesy of your intent of attendance at this clinic. Checks must then be made payable to **CWNYSO** and mailed to:

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Should you have questions, you may call me at 392-3112 or reply to this email address. You can also visit the unit’s website at <http://www.eteamz.com/cwnybaso>

Sincerely yours for the Governing Board,
Thomas Kadlubowski, secretary CWNYSO