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U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION REFEREE PROGRAM



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## USSF Affiliation

- You are a USSF Grade 8 Competitive Youth referee
- You can do all levels of youth games  
(exceptions based on your age, skill level etc)
- Your registration is valid through the end of 2015
- Your name will be added to the NJSRC list of approved referees, from there, assignors will see you are registered and can be assigned games
- You must recertify your registration each year.....next year you will take a recertification class for your 2016 registration
- You have liability and secondary medical insurance through the USSF ONLY when officiating affiliated GAMES not scrimmages  
(some recreational programs are not affiliated with US Soccer)





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## Game Assignments: How do you get games?

- We deal only with leagues/clubs affiliated with US Soccer NJYSA, US Club, USL/Super Y here in NJ
- For TRAVEL games, you MUST get games from a registered USSF assignor  
List of assignors and areas where they assign can be found at [www.njrefs.com](http://www.njrefs.com)
- Do not need an assignor for RECREATIONAL games



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## Game Assignments: Working with Assignors

- You the REFEREE are assigned games so you the REFEREE must communicate with the assignor, not through a parent!
- Availability:  
If you are a player you will most likely have limited availability to officiate.....you may get few if any game assignments

Expect to officiate outside of your home town

Generally, assignor will assign a “crew” of referees to cover multiple games on a given day



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## Game Assignments: Working with Assignors

- Expect to get “lower level” and small sided games to start
- Being an AR is challenging! Do not think this is a secondary or lower assignment
- A girls game can be just as or even more competitive than a boys game
- YOU must know the Rules of Competition for the leagues in which you officiate.....ask your assignor, search the Web



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## Questions Regarding Game Situations

- Talk with your assignors regarding ***Rules of Competition***
- For interpretation of the Laws, contact the NJSRC  
[www.njrefs.com](http://www.njrefs.com)

You can ASK a question via the front page of the website..... you will get a reply and possibly your question will be posted on the website (anonymously)

- Conflicts of Interest: you should not officiate games in which a sibling plays or a parent coaches....you need to inform your assignor of any such conflicts



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## Game Day Responsibilities:

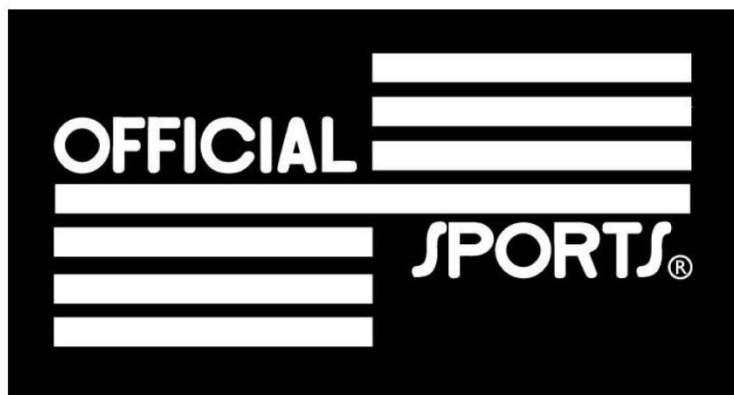
- Inspect the Field
- Inspect Player Equipment....HOW?
- Passes and rosters: all players and coaches must have the same passes (US Club, NJYSA etc)

## **NO PASS – NO PLAY – NO EXCEPTIONS**

- Get your game fee....how much?  
Example: three referees, three small sided games, each serve as referee and 2x as AR.....\$90 EACH!!  
Three U19 games.....\$160 each!!
- You get paid WELL....you MUST perform accordingly



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Perception is reality!

A professional appearance is very important at all levels.



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## Referee Uniform

As part of your class fee, you will get a 10 piece Starter kit from Official Sports....you are **REQUIRED** to wear the uniform

### [OSI Starter Kit](#)

The flyer will be sent via email to the address you used to register

YOU send to OSI and they will send you the kit...do not contact the referee office regarding the starter kit



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## Referee Responsibilities: After the Game

- YOU must file the required game report....leagues vary on the requirement and how the report is filed
- You **MUST** report all apparent serious injuries
- Ensure **ALL** passes are returned (except when required to retain pass of player/coach sent off)