



August, 2014  
Fall Kick-off Meetings  
Grand Rapids and Muskegon

## Introductions

-assignors- re-alignment

- [www.gvsoa.org](http://www.gvsoa.org)-> "contact us" tab

## Updates

- use: <https://michiganrefs.gameofficials.net> to access your accounts (1303 and 1308).

or just enter: [michiganrefs.gameofficials.net](https://michiganrefs.gameofficials.net)  
the portal entry is the key

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- select, mrl, state cup, director academy, mspsl game assignments are sent via game officials
- 2015 badges for 9's are **BLACK**. Not BLUE anymore.

- Updates:
- U11 and u12 will go 9v9 with same goal and field dimensions
- The passcard must be finished with the player's picture adhered and permanently laminated.

If not: note that and player's name on game form and **allow the player to play**. Submit game report as usual. Team using that player may find league recorded the game outcome as a forfeit.

To upgrade to 7:

- you will need to take the class and pass the test.
- you will be notified when the link is activated.
- then register at <https://michiganrefs.gameofficials.net>

Eligibility for "7" assignments:

- if we do not know you can do the game, we'll ask you to have a D&G in a u17+ game.
- having the D&G is voluntary.  
(but necessary if you want to be considered for "7" game assignments...)
- you'll receive assignments based on your skill

# Changes for Fall, 2014

- If a player is missing a pass card:
- DO NOT SAY THE PLAYER CANNOT PLAY.
- If the player will not play, he/she must leave the bench area and sit with the spectators.
- It is up to the coach to take care of the player, NOT YOU!
- If the player will play, the player has to sign the game form with their dob.
- Note on the game form (at the end of the game) whether the player played.
- If the coach refuses to play the game. Record the coach refused to play.
- You are paid in full no matter what.

# Proposals under consideration:

- u9 and u10 play 7v7.
- u7 and u8 play 5v5 and only the referee position is assigned.  
if this goes into effect:

**THOU SHALT NOT USE CLUB LINES!!!**

## What did we learn from the assault on John Bieniewicz?

- when the game is done, or the card is given- no reason to talk further
- if the player/coach asks to come over to apologize- a polite "no" and move away. His action and your decision stand!
- if the player/coach follows you, back off, tell him "no"
- if the situation continues, have your cell phone out, use it (call/video).
- if a parent is the problem, tell the coach to handle the parent.  
coaches are responsible for their parents, per league instructions.
- if the coach cannot, or will not, control the parent, terminate the game. write-up the coach wouldn't/couldn't control the parent.  
do your best to describe the parent for league follow-up.

## REMEMBER:

- we do not have adult games. Don't ignore, but do not be afraid.
- BE PROACTIVE
- you have to be watchful around everyone
- we tell you others will judge you from the moment you arrive until the moment you leave. So why let your guard down?
- if you give a card, do it from 2 steps away rather than from an arm-length away- so you have time to see him move towards you and react
- **IF** you go for the coach's signature, two of you go.
- leave together no matter how the game went.
- you can do the paperwork later.
- carry your cell phones in view.



If a parent/coach/player persists, call Mike Wint. 616-446-7532. Call John Corbett 334-4240.

Matters can be addressed at the league and state level. We will do our best to protect you.

DO NOT TALK TO THE MEDIA. THEIR JOB IS TO SELL A STORY. NOT PRESENT THE CORRECT INFORMATION.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU DONE SOMETHING AND WISHED YOU COULD DO IT OVER AGAIN?

DON'T FIX REGRETS- PREVENT THEM!

# Your Professionalism- the written word

You will have to do the game report. Make it complete- not a question of right or wrong- it is complete or incomplete.

- For a straight forward card without complications- which one of the 7 reasons are you showing the card? To whom? When? Why?
- A COACH CAN ONLY BE CARDED FOR IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR
- For a card with injury, or just an injury- all the above, and was the player treated at the field? Returned to play? Taken by parent for treatment? Taken by ambulance? Length of delay? Was the game abandoned? Each referee signs the game form. All make sure it is complete.
- Field problem: what was the problem? How was it fixed? Who fixed it? Was there a game delay?
- If a player didn't have a passcard- how was it handled by the coach? make sure you record the details.

Francisco's ppt presentation

Female and Male Referees for 2013  
selected by the MRC

**Victoria Spiegel**

and

**Christian Balcer**

Two of us who have excelled!  
Two of us at the National Tournament...



Balcer and Purvis' presentation

# Jason White- Manchester/Madrid at Michigan Stadium



Jason white's presentation



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