

Local Issues and Points of Emphasis

Michigan Referee Committee
2017 Recertification

John Bienewicz Scholarships

- The Michigan Referee Committee is offering 4 college scholarships each in the amount of \$2,000.00 to May/June 2017 graduating seniors.
- Information and application can be found on the Michigan Referee Committee web site <http://www.michiganreferee.org>.
- Applications must be RECEIVED by January 7, 2017. Direct any questions to Pete Morrissey at petemorrissey@wowway.com.

US Soccer Emails

- About once a month you should be getting an email from the US Soccer Referee Department
- Good information
- If you are not getting them:
 - Check Junk Filters
 - Check “Mom” isn’t deleting them

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REFEREE PROGRAM UPDATE

This update is delivered on a monthly basis to provide the referee community with information about the U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program. In particular, U.S. Soccer's commitment to providing quality education resources for officials of all levels will be featured in these updates so be sure to take full advantage of the information and content being posted in the [Resource Center](#) at [ussoccer.com](#).

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REFEREE NEWS




Advice to New Referees Video Series


Check out the second video in the new Advice to New Referees video series on our YouTube channel, found [here](#). This month's video is titled "Making a Good Impression." A new video will be released each month for the rest of 2016 as a resource for officials.


News / Info

- There is a News / Info button – check it out on occasion to see what is listed
 - Not everything posted appears on your Home Page
 - It is different depending where you are
 - MI Ref Assigning [1308]
 - Michigan Refs Registration , Learning and Course Management [1303]
 - Reminder on where to get Laws of the Game
 - Ho to Print a Referee ID card



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Issues Across the State

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- There are a LOT of DIFFERENT Leagues / Competitions in the State
 - You have to review the Rules of Competition for each match
 - Substitution expectations?
 - Breakout Line?
 - Other stuff????
 - You need to discuss Rules of Competition in your PRE-GAME Conference
 - Make sure you are all on the same page!
 - Your Assignor can help on where to find the Rules of Competition

Issues Across the State

- Refereeing the game you are at
 - Please be sure to be calling the fouls needed to control the game being played – not the game you are used to playing
 - Tending to let it get “a bit rough”, to paraphrase one observer
- Common in U12 – U14 play, particularly when refereed by an upper division youth player
 - Just because you and your teammates play through physical play doesn't mean everyone else can do it
 - Or wants to do it

Issues Across the State

- Remember the Players' Age – and SAFETY
 - We won 5 – 1
 - One of our goals was scored with one of our players on the ground with a possible concussion

Issues Across the State

- Know what to look for
 - In a challenge, the challenging player “dips” his/her shoulder right before or as they make contact
 - Is it a fair challenge, or is the challenger being careless with the amount of force being used?
 - Watch for the key – the dipped shoulder – and make a decision as the play unfolds
 - Not everyone who falls down has been fouled
 - Just because they haven’t fallen down doesn’t mean they were not fouled

Issues Across the State

- U15 Female (Elite) game
- Center Ref went to give a yellow card and didn't have it in his pocket.
- He ran to his bag on the "sidelines" and ...
- ... still couldn't find it, so girl never received a yellow card

- What should he have done?

Exam Review