



Season Updates and Regular Training Sessions in West MI

GVSOA Provides Valuable USSF Referee Training.

To improve and develop referee skills all officials need to receive training, season updates and on the field assistance. GVSOA offers the following development assistance.

- Beginning of Season Kick-Off meetings to provide valuable league changes to procedures and USSF law updates.
- On-field mentoring and assessments to apply the techniques learned in classroom settings and to develop new skills.
- State sponsored developmental and guidance (D&G) and Upgrade assessments provide officials with the opportunity to gain experience and upgrade as a USSF certified referee.



Focused referee training

Who We Are

About Us

GVSOA is an association formed in 2009 with the cooperation and support of the Michigan Referee Committee and Grand Valley Soccer Association with a mandate to improve soccer officiating in West Michigan. GVSOA is made up of dedicated members that include soccer referees, assignors and assessors who work together to improve the quality of referee training and development for West Michigan soccer. Membership is required to officiate and assign referees for all GVSA games.

An application to join GVSOA is available on GVSOA's website and the annual dues are \$10.00. Members must be USSF certified.

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*A West Michigan Association for
USSF Referees, Assessors, and
Assignors*



Local officials learn teamwork

GVSOA's Mission Statement...

GVSOA strives to improve and develop referee quality, ability and performance for USSF games in West Michigan.

Dedicated to this purpose we work with all officials who have joined GVSOA and made a commitment to improving their skills. We work with leagues, clubs and teams to make sure that officials assigned to games have the skills and qualities needed to fulfill each assignment.



Youth referees receive the best possible training

GVSOA Assignors Are A Key Resource

All GVSOA assignors provide referees with assignments using state of the art assigning software – Arbiter – which is a web based system that is fast, accurate and professional.

All officials are reviewed and rated for game assignments so that every assignment meets the needs and qualifications of each official and team.

“Respect” is a game that everyone must play and GVSOA is committed to supporting our members and working to maintain sportsmanship at all levels.

Following a very successful program recently introduced in England and other areas of Europe intended to eliminate soccer violence and bad behavior – GVSOA together with GVSA has introduced a local “Respect Campaign” this year that focuses on improving spectator and player behavior at USSF sanctioned games in Michigan.

Details on this very important program are available on both GVSA and GVSOA's websites.



A Four Person Crew at a local Woman's adult league game.

GVSOA Supports West Michigan Soccer

GVSOA works hard to provide the best support, training and assistance for all of its official members who are committed to soccer. Below is a list of focused activities:

- Frequent instructional sessions
- Training and development assistance
- Mentoring & state sponsored assessments
- Game assignment and ranking via Arbiter
- Support with league & club issues
- Ranking and recommendations for promotion to premier, state cup and upper level game assignments.



Local referee in tournament mode.

