BUFFALO & WESTERN NY SOCCER REFEREE UNIT

BWNYSRU

2019 Season

Dear New Referee and Responsible Parties,

You are receiving this email because you are registered for the USSF Certified Referee Course.

Thank you for your interest in refereeing soccer in Buffalo.

**Class starts at exactly at 9:00 AM and will end at 5:00 PM each day. On the first day from 9:00 - 9:45 AM is a parent/guardian/responsible adult information session.**

If you are under 18 years old and will depend on someone to drive you to your game assignments, bring that person with you for this session.

**If the parent or guardian cannot attend: 1. you can go back into Game Officials and request a different course. 2. You can request a refund. BUT REMEMBER:**

 **You are responsible for the information presented to each attendee at this session.**

Come early to pick a good seat and get settled in. Referees must not be late. Bring snacks, drinks and lunch for yourself. Dress comfortable for being in a classroom all day. Bring note paper and a pencil or pen. If we will finish early, we will give you time to notify your transportation person.

The course consists of learning the **"Laws of the Game"** and how to apply them on the field.

The BWNYSRU is the only organization that provides refs for the local JUNIOR SOCCER TRAVEL LEAGUE(JSL), PREMIER LEAGUES, SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS and ADULT AMATEUR LEAGUE, and some House Leagues.

(If your interest lies in officiating only town recreational (house) youth leagues, please consult those organizations for further information)

 For those interested in Refereeing you must join the BWNYWRU, please read below as there are important tasks that require immediate action so that you can begin refereeing at the start of our season which begins in the Spring.

***Initial Monetary and Time investment for courses and equipment: These are all approximate.***

1. Entry level class ($75 or $80 depending on location)
2. BWNYSRU (**$20 for over 14, $10 if you are 14 and under new Referees working the Junior Soccer League**) (**$5 if you are** **working house league only**) BWNYSRU ($40 annual dues, $20 if you are 14 or younger for returning officials.)
3. Buy a uniform (~$80) includes two shirts, different colors
4. Risk Management ($25)
5. Recommended attendance at an on-field assistant referee (AR) Clinic 1-2 hours, no additional cost.)
6. Attend a Membership Unit Meeting to learn the Local Rules and Requirements.
7. Time commitment for a standard JSL game is ~ 6:15-8:30 pm on weeknights.
8. Time for Tournament games is usually ~2-4 Hours on the weekend.
9. Referees are expected to have transportation within ~15-20 miles (or more) of their home to work games. It could be more for tournaments.
10. Make sure you can be available most Friday nights during the spring/summer.
11. Set up a personal email that belongs to you.
12. Check out the Website <https://www.bwnysru.org/>. This will give you some insight into refereeing.
13. Read all materials handed to you. You are totally responsible.

Reply to this email telling us you are all set!