

CVSOA NEW/TRANSFER REFEREE INFORMATION

ALL REFEREE CANDIDATES:

1. All officials/members of the Board must be in good standing and have paid his or her dues for the year in order to be assigned games and officiate. Therefore dues must be paid before any candidate can be added to the membership roster.
2. Dues for 2014 are \$88.00 plus \$10.00 for an initial criminal background check. Dues are not prorated for any part of a year and must be paid prior to assignments being made in order to have insurance in place for the official. Make checks payable to “CVSOA” and mail to:

CVSOA,
C/O Joe Schettino
One Hurd Bridge Road
Clinton, CT 06413
3. All referees are required to attend the five business meetings as scheduled during the academic/scholastic season unless working a game at the time of the meeting. Meetings are held at Haddam-Killingworth High School. One unexcused absence is allowed; further unexcused absences are fined at the rate of \$25.00 per missed meeting. (The meetings for 2014 are set out in the President’s letter which accompanies this form as a separate attachment.) The date of the Board’s banquet (always the Monday before Thanksgiving...this year 11/24) is also a date of a business meeting but may not be used to fulfill the requirement of attending the five regularly scheduled meetings unless it is so designated. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. (Please note the exceptions for the Mandatory Rules Interpretation meeting and the new referee training sessions set forth below.) Meeting dates are usually announced by the President by e-mail letter in June or

July of each year, sometimes sooner, but always by e-mail notification.

4. EVERY REFEREE MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY RULES REVIEW SESSION. THE CVSOA SESSION IS SCHEDULED ON THE SAME NIGHT AS ONE OF OUR EARLIEST SCHEDULED REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS (USUALLY ONE OF THE FIRST TWO MEETINGS IS DESIGNATED AS THE MANDATORY RULES MEETING). YOU MAY ATTEND A SESSION HELD BY ANOTHER DISTRICT BOARD IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OUR SESSION. Contact the Secretary, Joe Schettino, if you will be attending an alternate date meeting at another Board. No member may be assigned games unless he/she fulfills this requirement. The President will give the date and place for alternate meetings in his annual letter. Our Rules Meeting this year is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Our regular business meeting will commence at 6:30 pm, recess for the Rules Meeting, then reconvene following the Rules Meeting, if necessary.

5. Every official must pass an online (open book) rules review test and attain a score of 80 (out of 100) in order to be eligible to officiate. Instructions are usually e-mailed in June (the test is available online as of June 1 and terminates on August 15). Rule books will be mailed to every official who is in good standing as of June 1st. Thereafter, rule books are mailed to candidates as they pay their dues and fees (including NEW REFEREE CANDIDATES).

6. All officials, annually, must sign and submit a Request to Participate and Release form. We will provide the form. No

assignments can be made until the Secretary has a signed form from the official.

7. As of 2011 all officials are subject to a criminal record background check to be conducted by the CIAC. No referee may officiate a scholastic game if he/she has not undergone the background check. A nominal fee is imposed by the CIAC for such checks (currently \$10.00). We will request the payment from each new candidate (or any established official who needs to be rechecked); officials transferring from another board are not charged as long as the background check was completed while under the membership of that board . This is not an annual check; however, we are unsure whether, in the future, the CIAC will require periodic checks. **NEVERTHELESS, ALL REFEREES HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO REPORT ANY ARREST TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CVSOA, WHETHER SUCH ARREST OCCURS IN SEASON OR OUT OF SEASON.**

NEW REFEREES:

1. All new referees are subject to a two (2) year probationary status during which time they are required to attend training sessions, usually held prior to the business meeting, and are assigned to sub-varsity games. The sessions will be conducted by the members of the Better Officiating Sub-committee. You may contact Barry Hoberman (bhob_2000@yahoo.com) or (203) 415-0135 or Jim Brown (jabrown10@comcast.net) or (860) 518-0620 for more information.

2. If you have no prior experience officiating soccer, we suggest you take the online USSF training course given through the CSRP. Please note that the scholastic games are played under the National Federation of High Schools sanctioned rules. There are online instructional courses also available through the NFHS.

3. You must provide Joe Schettino (jeschettino@aol.com) with the following info:

Name

Address

Home, Work and Cell Phone Numbers

E-mail Address

Birth Date (required for background check)

Maiden Name (req for background check).

You must return the Release/Permission and Request to Participate forms which accompany this info form, completed and signed, together with your dues and fees. Failure to do so will delay your ability to be added to our active roster to be assigned games.

4. You must contact the Assignor, Bob Murray (rtmurray18@sbcglobal.net) and provide him with the same information excepting your Birth Date and Maiden Name. He will instruct you on the use of Arbiter, our online assigning system. Once your dues and fees are received, he will be notified to allow you access on the system and assign games to you.

**REFEREES WISHING TO TRANSFER TO CVSOA OR
FORMER VARSITY REFEREES WHO WISH TO RESUME
OFFICIATING:**

1. All transferring referees or former varsity status referees wishing to resume officiating must obtain a letter from the secretary of his or her current or former Board stating that said official is a member (or when separated from the board for a period of time, was a member when separated) in good standing. The

letter should also state the official's status with the board, that is, whether the official had varsity status or probationary status and last scholastic season of service.

2. Referees wishing to transfer to the CVSOA must provide the secretary and the assignor with the personal information set forth above for new candidates.

ALL REFEREES MUST HAVE THE PROPER UNIFORMS TO OFFICIATE GAMES. The uniform consists of the NISOA shirts, gold (primary) and black (secondary). All members are required to have both the short and long sleeve styles at each game. The NISOA orange is recommended as a third option. Black ref shorts, black socks with three (3) stripes and black shoes round out the complete uniform.

If you need to call me, I may be contacted at home (860) 669-0330 or at my office (203) 239-6699.

Welcome to the Coastal Valley Soccer officials Association.

**Joe Schettino
Secretary/Treasurer**