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Dear SAY Administrators & Referee Educators,

The SAY National Referee and Rules Committee has been hard at work over the past year working on revamping our current rulebook, implanting new rules changes, updating our referee tests, developing online testing and creating new teaching documents for our referee educators.

We know that educating our referees is an important task and we hope that the implementation of our new and updated training materials will help you, your referee educators and your referees be better prepared to control the fields this coming year.

The SAY National SNRRC Committee will continue to evolve our referee training to make it easier, more consistent and readily available to our members. We will update you as new and emerging online training and education materials become available.

We welcome you to read about and use the new tools and resources that are being released for the spring of 2020.

- **Current Online Rulebook (Updated):** The current rulebook is now published in a searchable PDF format. The rulebook is a clean, easy-to-read document with updated charts, images and diagrams. Searching for specific rules has never been easier and referees will now be able to download the SAY National rulebook onto their handheld devices for quick reference if needed. The most up-to-date changes will always be found on in our online rulebook.
- **Printed Rulebook:** You can order rulebooks / team packets as you have done in the past. (Contact Jamie Blanton: jblanton@saysoccer.org) The rulebooks are the same as last year but have a new rules document inserted in it and an informative tag on front that will help members get directed to our online rulebook.
- **New Rules Document:** There were several rule changes that SAY adopted for the kick-off of the 2020 year. This document has each of the new rules listed with the exact changes in the rulebook highlighted.
- **New Rules PowerPoint for Ref Educators:** All the new rules have been inserted into PowerPoint form for all our ref educators to use during classroom teachings. Feel free to download and share with your referee classes.

- **Condensed Playing Rules:** All our playing rules have been condensed down into two-page documents per each age group. These are a great resource for referees, coaches and parents to use for easy access to the playing rules. We highly recommend sharing these with all those involved in your programs.
- **Referee Test:** A new hardcopy, entry-level referee test has been developed. This 50-question test can be used for a new or entry-level referee. Tests and answer key can be ordered with Jamie jblanton@saysoccer.org.
- **ONLINE Referee Test:** The newest addition to our referee training is the use of online testing. Each Referee Educator will have access to online testing. Referees will be able to log in the testing site and take their certification test. Results will be sent directly to the referee educator and the test taker will have immediate results. More detailed information on this process will be coming soon.
- **ONLINE Practice Testing:** All referees that are part of the SAY referee community will now have access to online practice tests. These practice tests will be filled with over 150 different questions in a variety of age-groups that can be selected. Test takers will be given immediate feedback and direct referees to the rulebook for answers that were missed. More details coming soon.
- **Small-sided 7v7/ Build-Out Area PowerPoint Presentation:** This PowerPoint presentation has been designed to help the referee educator present the build-out line to new referees. This presentation can be used in in-class education sessions.

We will continue to work towards developing and providing you more referee resources and support over the next year. If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thanks for all you do to help create great playing environments for all of our SAY members.

Sincerely,

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