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Dear Referee Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in learning how to become a referee in the upcoming **2019** Fall SAY Soccer season. After reading the information describing the *TCYS Referee Program*, complete the *Referee Application* on the TCYS website. In order to become a referee, you must attend the following training:

- **Introductory Clinic on the Laws of the Game (must attend both days)**
 1. Indoor Class on Saturday, **August 3**, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church at the NW corner of Third and Main Streets. Park and enter in rear on W. Walnut St. Free pizza and pop will be provided at lunch. Instruction/videos will continue through lunch.
 2. Outdoor Session on Sunday, **August 4**, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Kyle Park shelter/restroom facility near the Passers fields at the east end of the main parking lot.
- There is no charge to attend.
- **YOU MUST CONFIRM YOUR INTENT TO ATTEND BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.**

TCYS is a member District of the Miami Valley East Area of SAY, comprised of Graham, Miami East, Northwestern, and Bethel school districts. Opening Day is Saturday, **August 17**. The regular season ends Saturday, **October 5**, followed by tournament play. I have posted the [2018 Officiating Report](#) on the TCYS website, www.tippsoccer.org. This will give you an idea of the scope of the referee program.

A single referee is assigned to 8U Passers matches. Two referees are assigned to each match in the older groups. The referee pay scale is under review at the time of this writing; the current pay scale is under review:

- 8U Passers – \$20 (7v7, 1 ref no offside)
- 10U Wings – \$25 (7v7, 2 refs)
- 12U Strikers – \$30 (9v9, 2 refs)
- 14U Kickers – \$30 (11v11)
- 19U Minors/Seniors Co-ed – \$35 (11v11, 2 refs)

As I hope you already understand, refereeing is not just about the money you will make; it is also about your providing a very valuable service to the kids playing the game. As a referee you will gain a perspective of the game that you will get in no other way.

It is my intent to help develop anyone who wants to referee and to assist any referee who wants to improve. I and other experienced referees will take every opportunity I can to assess each referee's level of interest and apparent knowledge of the game. I will also assist any referee who wants to improve. However, if you decide after completing the training that refereeing is not for you, or you encounter too many scheduling conflicts, that's fine....just let me know.

Before you take the field I must be reasonably confident that you are interested in and capable of becoming a referee. One way I do this is via the **SAY Referee Test**, which you will be given to take home and return to me. **You will be permitted to use your SAY Rulebook and any other resource to take the test.** This is the best way to build your knowledge of the *LOTG*. You must return the answer sheet and test booklet to me before you can request matches. A minimum score of **70** qualifies a candidate to referee; those scoring **below 70** may be permitted to continue on **Probationary Status** at the discretion of the TCYS Referee Coordinator. After the clinic and prior to your first match, you will observe part of a match from the perspective of a referee. I or another experienced referee will go over some of the finer points with you.

Referees select their own matches on a referee scheduling website, www.thegameschedule.com . There will be a page designated to **TCYS** on this website by the beginning of the season. Prior to Opening Day, you will be assigned a Referee number and password that will give you access to the *TCYS* page on the website. Here, you will find matches to request; I will approve your request unless I feel the game may be too challenging for your level of experience. Generally, if you are new, your partner will be a more experienced referee that you can learn from. You will receive a confirmation of your match selection at the email address you will have provided me. So, it is essential that you have access to a computer and a reliable email address for consistent communication.

During your first year you may referee any age group you feel comfortable with upon my final approval. If you choose a match in one of the older age groups (9-19 yrs), you must have demonstrated to me through prior experience, your test score, maturity, and commitment that you have the capability to apply the laws of the game effectively (especially Law X11 – Offside).

Many *TCYS* referees also play soccer. There is no doubt that refereeing has enhanced many soccer players' understanding and appreciation of the game. To prepare to be a *TCYS* referee and to prepare for the Introductory Clinic your first task is to go to www.saysoccer.org . Hover over the 'Referee' tab at the top, and click 'Online Training'. You will find an online SAY Referee Training Program that will take you through the *LOTG* at your own pace. As you go through each section, you will be given questions. As you answer them, you will be given immediate feedback and may return to the material just covered for clarification. You will find this online course very helpful. Also, I have posted the *TCYS Referee Course Outline* at www.tippsoccer.org that you may review before attending the clinic.

In the meantime you can also visit www.ossrc.com , which is for USSF referees and has lots more information and even videos.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Even if you do apply, I still need you to confirm that you will attend the clinic on **August 3** so we can plan for food and teaching materials. Please do so by emailing me at tcysreferees@gmail.com by **WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**. You are under no obligation to attend if you apply, but I hope you decide to become a ***TCYS Referee!***

*****BEGINNING JULY 1, PLEASE CONTACT MY HELPER FOR THE TRAINING WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CHANGE OF PLANS AT tcysreferees@gmail.com , OR HIS PHONE: TODD NISWONGER – 937-974-4570.**

Thank you,

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