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Fellow Referees:

I hope you are looking forward to returning for the **2019** Fall SAY soccer season as a TCYS referee. TCYS enjoyed a very successful **2018** season, in which the referees played a huge part. I have posted the **2018 Officiating Report**, on the TCYS website (www.tippsoccer.org), which summarizes all the data from last season. (Go to the **Referee** page.)

TCYS will continue to participate in 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.

Please inform me as soon as you know your intent to referee this year. You may provide an explanation as well. I am always updating my database and would like you to send me any corrections to your information, especially your preferred e-mail address. Please update me on any home address or phone number change. I will call you if I do not hear from you. This will help me know how much 'recruiting' I will need to do.

As you recall, in 2018 SAY Soccer and TCYS began following the JAN 1 player age cutoff for all divisions to be consistent with USSF recommendations. For 2019 TCYS will also be adopting USSF requirements for team and field sizes for the 10U Wings and 12U Strikers Divisions that we had postponed implementing in 2018. We also will be adapting the fields to include the 'Build Out Line' for the 8U Passers and 10U Wings Divisions which we also postponed last year.

Here are the representative changes for each age Division for 2019; pay scale is under review:

- 8U Passers – \$20 (7v7 – 1 ref, Build Out Line but no Offside)
- 10U Wings – \$25 (7v7 on smaller field – 2 refs, Build Out Line with Offside)
- 12U Strikers – \$30 (9v9 on smaller field – 2 refs)
- 14U Kickers – \$30 (11v11 – 2 refs)
- 19U Minors/Seniors Co-ed – \$35 (11v11 – 2 refs)

As I hope you already understand, Refereeing is not just about money, but also about 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 nowhere else.

- **Refresher Clinics (Returning Referees should attend one)**
 1. Tuesday, **August 6** from 7 to 9 pm **upstairs at Tipp-Monroe Community Services**
 2. Or Wednesday, **August 7** (same)

➤ The Refresher Clinics are intended for returning SAY-ONLY referees. If you are a USSF licensed referee, you attend USSF annual trainings; however, it would be helpful for you to come anyway to review the TCYS referee 2-man system and our procedures and to hear about any SAY rules changes or new points of emphasis for this year, especially if you have only been an AR to date. If you can't attend, I will still need to touch base with you.
- **Introductory Clinic on the Laws of the Game (Less experienced Returning Referees are welcome, but not required, to attend either or both of these sessions as another option)**
 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.

Please email me your intent to attend any of these clinics. If you cannot attend and still want to referee, call or write me to discuss your situation.

You will receive a *SAY Rulebook* at the Clinic. **If you want to try for SAY Certification and a 'Certified Referee' patch (a score of ≥ 90),** you will be given the ***SAY Referee Test*** 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 *Laws of the Game (LOTG)*. We will go over a shorter test at the clinic.

You will be using www.thegameschedule.com to select the games you want to work. You will use the same Referee # and Password that I assigned you originally to access the game schedule. I will review the game selection and approval process at the Refresher Clinics.

As I suggest every year, you may prepare for the season by reviewing the *LOTG* as written in either the SAY or USSF books or online at www.saysoccer.org or at www.ussoccer.org ; it is always good to review them. In addition, both websites and books outline any changes in the *LOTG* that have occurred since the previous season. I will go over these in detail at the refresher clinics.

I do hope your personal schedule allows you to return and that you desire to continue to improve your understanding of the game and your skills as a referee. *TCYS* needs you. We were very fortunate to have a lot of referees willing to give their time to our SAY program last fall. It is my intent to help develop anyone who wants to referee. So, please, tell any friends about the Introductory Clinic who might be interested in starting out like you did and have them apply online or call or write me.

As always, I am open to feedback anytime. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions or comments about things that concern you or ways to improve the training, scheduling, training, etc., or even things you thought were great. I will send a reminder about the clinics as the dates get closer.

Thanks for your help.

*****Since I disappear to Canada every summer, Todd Niswonger has stepped in to assist me in getting the season started. Beginning July 1, please contact him with any questions or concerns, especially your intent to return or not to ref. Please continue to use this email for written communications: tcysreferee@gmail.com. Todd's cell: 937-974-4570. I will be back before Opening Day.,**

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