

REFEREE ACADEMY PROGRAM

The Referee Academy Program consists of three different and distinct referee academy level, i.e. Youth, State, and National. Each level is specifically designed to help referees to improve their officiating skills and assist in progressing up the referee ladder.

YOUTH REFEREE ACADEMY

The Youth Referee Academy program is open to all officials regardless of grade level and experience but is primarily targeted at Grade 8 and 7 officials looking to improve. These academies generally take place at pre-specified youth tournaments where the participating referees are given constructive feedback in a concentrated atmosphere over course of an entire weekend.

Youth academies are held annually at five different youth tournaments located in the three major districts of Ohio South. Attendees will be selected based upon formal application and available space

Blue Chip Hammer Cup – Cincinnati
MASC – Cincinnati
Warrior Classic – Dayton
Creek Classic - Dayton
Nike Challenge - Columbus

This academy program is used to identify State Referee Academy candidates and to identify potential Youth Referee of the Year candidates. It is highly recommended that any referee seeking to upgrade from Grade 8 to Grade 7 attend a Youth Referee Academy.

The atmosphere was very exciting and the games that we worked we very entertaining

STATE REFEREE ACADEMY

The State Referee Academy program is specifically targeted at new State Referees and Grade 7 officials seeking to upgrade within 12 months. The State Referee Academy is held annually at an Adult tournament (e.g., Founders Cup) and involves high intensity feedback over the tournament weekend. This academy is by invitation only and is used to identify National Referee Academy candidates. It is strongly recommended for referees seeking to upgrade from Grade 7 to Grade 6

NATIONAL REFEREE ACADEMY

The National Referee Academy is managed by active Ohio South National Referees and is by invitation only. It is targeted at candidates to work Pro or National Developmental Academy matches. This academy is an on-going program which includes monthly classroom training, weekly fitness training, and tournament events. It is highly recommended for any referee who attend the Regional Pro Clinic

This experience was very well put together and very useful in my development of a referee. I thank all the mentors who helped me become a better referee and the other entire fellow referee who gave me advice



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The OSSRC (Ohio South State Referee Committee) is committed to providing each and every referee in Ohio South with the opportunity to become the best officials they can be. This overall Referee Development Program consists of three (3) separate but integrated efforts:

Referee Coaching Program
Referee Mentoring Program
Referee Academy Program

This brochure is intended to introduce you, the referee, to each of these programs and to provide you with the appropriate contact information.

REFEREE COACHING PROGRAM

The Referee Coaching Program is open to all officials regardless of grade or experience. It is, however, primarily targeted and designed to help the new and inexperienced officials at all age levels.

Just as players have coaches that help them learn the game, develop specific skills, and raise their game to the next level, referee coaches work with referees much in the same way to make them better officials.

This program operates during league games and youth tournaments. A referee coach will watch all or part of a match that you are officiating. During the halftime break or between matches, this coach will provide you with some helpful feedback on your performance. The feedback should be a quick set of strengths and pointers for improvement.

This coaching program will also serve to help identify candidates for Ohio South Youth

Referee of the Year and for the OSSRC Youth Referee Academy Program.

REFEREE MENTORING PROGRAM

The Referee Mentoring Program is open to all officials, but is primarily targeted to assist experienced officials who do not fit into any of the academy programs but still want to improve.

The program utilizes the experienced State Emeritus Referees (Grade 15) available in Ohio South to work with referees that are open to learning the skills of officiating in an intense one-on-one officiating relationship. This program is intended to build a rapport between the mentor and the mentee that is not a one-time connection or a one-weekend affiliation but an on-going, multi-game, season-long or long term association.

The target is a relationship that encourages the mentee to share officiating problems, issues, and concerns with the mentor. This should involve regular formal and informal meeting between the two individuals. These meetings would be limited to working a few games together during the season or during a tournament but it could also involve the mentor observing the mentee and then providing pointers and advice following the match.

Very clear feedback that could be applied immediately

Anytime I needed something clarified, it was done quickly and easily.



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