



# GAME ASSIGNMENTS

## **Getting Ohio South Game Assignments**

- ❖ As a certified US Soccer Referee you are an independent contractor and are qualified to be assigned and work in Ohio South youth competitive league and/or tournament matches.
- ❖ All game assignments must be approved by and made through a Certified US Soccer Assignor and the level of assignment is solely at the discretion of the Assignor.

## **Finding a Certified US Soccer/OSSRC Assignor**

- ❖ A list of all OSSRC Certified Assignors along with their pertinent contact information can be accessed using the OSSRC website.
  - Log in as a member using your OSSRC ID number and password, click on "Member Information" and search by "Member Type (Assignor)".
  - The names of all Certified OSSRC Assignors along with their District, e-mail address and contact phone number(s) are included in this listing.
- ❖ Specific lists of OSSRC Certified League and Tournament Assignors can also be found using the OSSRC website.
  - Click on the "Assigning" drop-down menu along the top of the OSSRC home page for access to "League Assignors" and "Tournament Assignors"
  - Assignor's name, District and e-mail address are listed for all sanctioned Ohio South youth Leagues and Tournaments.

## **General Assigning Process**

- ❖ There are over seventy (70) Ohio South Certified Assignors who are qualified to assign officials to youth league and tournament games.
- ❖ There are also several different assigning platforms being used by these assignors, each of which uses a different way of implementing the assigning process.
  - Each Assignor also has their own unique set of requirements that an official must follow in order to be assigned to their games.
  - Referees must understand that they are subject to the specific and different requirements of each Assignor for whom they are working.
  - Referees must not assume that all Assignors operate in the same manner, the assigning process can vary significantly from Assignor to Assignor.



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## **Responsibilities of the Referee**

- ❖ Referees must initiate contact with any Assignor(s) of their choosing in order to be placed on an Assignor's League and/or Tournament list and subsequently be scheduled to officiate their games.
- ❖ Referees may choose to work for one or several Assignors.
- ❖ Initial communication with any Assignor will require the Referee to share their individual data regarding age, experience, preferences, availability, conflicts, comfort level, e-mail address, phone number(s) and/ or any other pertinent info that may be requested by the Assignor.
- ❖ Referees are responsible for their own schedule and may choose to accept or not accept games from an Assignor, but once a mutual agreement has been made between the Assignor and the Referee a binding contract is in place and the Referee may not drop the assigned game(s) in order to officiate another game(s).

## **Responsibilities of the Assignor**

- ❖ Assignors must share with Referees whom they assign to matches - preferably in writing - the rules and/or expectations by which the Referee must follow, the game fees, the method of payment and how to use their assigning platform.
- ❖ Assignors must inform their Referees on how to best communicate with the Assignor to request, accept or decline game(s) assignments.
- ❖ Assignors must respond within a reasonable time frame regarding any assignments (or non-assignments).

## **The Assigning Communication Process**

- ❖ When the schedule of games is posted or made available to the Referee community or the Assignor's list of Referees the following steps are required:
  - 1) Referee notifies Assignor of their availability
  - 2) Assignor notifies Referee of initial game(s) that they are being assigned
  - 3) Referee responds to the Assignor's initial schedule --- accepts, declines or requests changes
  - 4) Assignor sends Referee confirmation of final schedule
  - 5) Referee acknowledges receipt of Assignor's confirmation
- ❖ A binding contract is in effect when (and ONLY when) all five (5) steps are completed.