

# Update to Alabama Soccer Referees

## Where Do My \$\$ Go?

Do you ever ask yourself, as you click that *Register* button and input your credit card information, where does my money go???????

Well, the SRC is always trying to make sure we know as well! Every year we are asked to provide a budget to Alabama Soccer so we are held accountable for your dollars. Without getting into very specific details, the following is a general breakdown of how your money is spent!

In 2015, Alabama registered approximately 560 referees. This means we have an income of approximately \$22,400 annually. We only charge for entry-level classes and upgrade classes. The monies for those classes gen-

erally are at a break-even point! Remember, you get your recertification classes FREE (which is unlike most states).

Now, what are our expenses? Every referee is registered in Arbiter and most require a background check to be able to referee youth soccer. That cost alone is \$5,800 for Arbiter and an additional \$2,500 for background checks!

This leaves us approximately \$14K to manage the remainder of our yearly budget. That balance must pay for all recertifications to include our Road Show, our attendance at USYSA Regional Championships, Region III President's Cup, support of the Georgia State Cup, support of Adult

Amateur Regionals, our State Referee Camp, Referee Academies, attendance at the USSF Administrative Workshop, Developmental Assessments, and numerous instructional and assessment events.

None of the SRC members receive any type of compensation for their hours; however, they are reimbursed certain expenses. The SDI and SDA receive some travel expenses for different events (such as transportation to the Roadshow events). Just remember, you have an opportunity to participate in many of these events to improve your referee knowledge!

Any referee who would like additional details should contact any of the SRC members.

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### Special points of interest:

- Transparency of your dollars!
- Alabama Referee Events
- Recertification Roadshow

## Welcome our New State Assignor Coordinator

The Alabama State Referee Committee welcomes our newest member: Coral Gubler, State Assignor Coordinator (SAC).

Coral has been involved with soccer since she started playing at the age of eight. She played competitively throughout her youth and

played four years of collegiate soccer. She continued playing as an adult even being invited to play semi-pro ball.

Her refereeing career began when she was 16 but she didn't like all the negativity so quit. After taking a 10+ year break she came back to refer-

eeing earning her State badge. She has refereed all stages of the game. She moved to Mobile in 2007 and remains very active in the local association.

Because of her previous time as SAC in Montana, she was a logical choice to fill this position! Glad to have you, Coral!



Coral Gubler



## Alabama Open Cup — Swimming Success!

Fine weather for DUCKS! Unfortunately, our Alabama Open Cup weekends were sucked into the mud! The first weekend (girl's weekend) was subject to mushy fields that affected some of the team and referee performances but everyone muddled through. The second weekend (boy's weekend) was just a rained-out mess! However, all the referees handled it well and stepped up to working less than quality fields and continual changes to field locations! The tournament director was extremely pleased with the referee performances and we had few complaints from parents and coaches!

The tournament hosted our Referee Academy for both weekends. The first weekend included Lead Instructor, Jennifer Politz, Louisiana; Mentors Tim Chiaison, Louisiana; Anelise Cimino, Georgia; Jared Peeler, Arkansas; and Vanessa Rodriguez, Georgia! Thirty-six referees benefitted from all-weekend mentoring, instruction, and improvement.

Our second weekend welcomed an Alabama friend, Chris Penso, FIFA Referee from Ohio, as our Lead Instructor! Chris even refereed a U13 game which impressed the coach from North Carolina beyond words! Conditions were awful

but a great deal was learned from a referee who gives back to his grass roots! Andy Moss, Tennessee; Leland Grant, Tennessee; and Guido Gonzales, Georgia also joined us as mentors. Again, 18 referees benefitted from this constant mentoring!

Even though specific referees were targeted in the Academy, EVERY referee who attended benefitted because we also welcomed National Assessors Klaus Staefe and David Lakin as well as using our own Referee Assessor Daphne Brown for all the matches! These tournaments benefit everyone who applies!

## 2016 Recertification Roadshow — The Date is SET!

What's the best way for everyone in the southern or central part of the state to recertify for 2016? Make sure you attend the Alabama Recertification Roadshow that is stopping in Mobile, Montgomery, and Birmingham! We will be in Mobile at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 18th! We will be in Montgomery at 2:30 p.m. that same afternoon and the final event will be in Birmingham at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 19th! We welcome one of the very best as our instructor this year. Mr. Kermit Quisenberry, Florida, will be the Lead

Instructor. Kermit is a retired FIFA AR who was appointed in 2004. He received MLS Assistant Referee of the Year honors in 2008 and 2013. He is an excellent instructor that has a great deal of information to offer. He will be using the latest technology to challenge and inform you.

Site locations are being finalized and will be available on the website. Your recertification testing will be completed at the end of each clinic!



Kermit Quisenberry

## Tips to Pass the Test! It's Recertification Time!

Every year, we have a number of failures on our referee tests. The excuse in 2015 was that the test was just too hard! We listened and we have made major modifications to our tests for 2016.

There will still be a test for Grades 8, 7 and 6. All tests will be different! The Grade 8 test will focus on *The Laws of the Game* and *The Guide to Procedures*.

Both of these books have links shown on our website so there is no excuse that you don't have them. Additionally, you can study each individual law by going through the entry level course slides if you don't want to read the books. Study them!

The Grade 7 test will focus on those two resources and some additional questions



from *The Advice to Referees*. The State test is almost exclusively from *The Advice* and necessary deductive reasoning.

All referees must make an 80% on your test to be fully certified. Let's see if we can get everyone to pass the first time!

## Representing Our State

We have maintained an excellent relationship with Georgia for the last several years and they supply referees for our special events (Open Cup, State Cup, etc.) and we do the same for them. The following referees represented us well at the 2015 Georgia State Cup in Columbus: John Paul Archer, Ethan Beisher, Ryan Campbell, Oz Cermik, Jose Cornelio, Danny Colpo, Hasin Gandhakwala, Austin Holt, Tim Holt, Jonathan Mraz, Chris Kovacs, Jason Kuehl, Kris Rose, Jonathan Sauers, and Michael Smith! Thank you for a job well done and much appreciation

by the Georgia SRA, Billy Walter.

As many of you know, we have hosted the Region III President's Cup for the last few years in Decatur. However, this year our neighbors in Louisiana were selected to host this event. We have always been the recipients of assistance from other Region III states for this tournament and we were able to supply some of our best to them for their use. The following referees were selected by the SRC to represent Alabama this year in Lafayette, Louisiana: Tim Holt, Ben Senior, Kris Rose, Bill Presor,

Tiffini Turpin, Tim Barron and Robert Sullivan.

Congratulations to all our referees that were selected to these events! We appreciate the time and effort you provided and your dedication to representing our state. As with all of these tournaments, new friends are always made and it is great to see old friends on the pitch!

Remember, if you want to participate in events such as this, make sure you attend the State-sponsored tournaments so you too might be recognized!

## USYSA Region III Championships — Little Rock, AR

Every year, Alabama is invited to bring their best referees to the premier youth soccer event in the southeast region. This year's event is being held in Little Rock, where they have experienced conditions similar to our Open Cup event. The 18-field complex was completely under water. The committee is determining the way ahead at this time. It may mean the event will be held in multiple locations which becomes a logistical nightmare. However, our group of chosen referees (selection made after observations during

Open Cup and State events) will persevere and represent us well! The following is the list of referees attending: Sam Bierster, Sarah Brannon, Ryan Campbell, Oz Cermik, Jose Cornelio, Hasin Gandhakwala, Jason Kuehl, Jonathan Sauers, Michael Smith, and Cedric Thomas. Justin Presor represents us as Male Youth Referee of the Year and Rebecca Sloan represents us as Female Youth Referee of the Year. The Assessors attending are Kris Bailey, Daphne Brown, and Bill Walker. Pat Miller, SRA, is our Head of Delegation!

### **"Ability**

*is what you're capable of doing.*

### **Motivation**

*determines what you do.*

### **Attitude**

*determines how well you do it."*

**Lou Holtz**

## Instructor/Assessor Recertification — July 25, 2015 — Birmingham

The Instructor Recertification Clinic will be conducted in Birmingham on July 25, 2015. Location to be announced. The clinic will begin at 8:30 a.m. New recertification material will be distributed and discussions of the upcoming instructional year will take place.

Testing for both instructors and assessors will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Lunch

will be provided after testing to those wishing to participate. A cost of \$10/person for lunch will be collected. Please let Kris Bailey know if you will be participating in lunch!

The Assessor Recertification will begin no later than 1:00 p.m. Assessors will be provided the latest information about the assessment program and any local

changes that will be enacted in the 2016 year!

NOTE: You must let Kris know whether you will be staying for lunch no later than July 22, 2015 as the food will have to be ordered! If you do not let her know or you do not show up after reserving a lunch, you will be charged!

## Alabama Soccer Referees

### State Referee Committee:

SRA: Pat Miller

SYRA: Ohannes Younanian

SAC: Coral Gubler...New!

SDA: Klaus Staefe

SDI: Kris Bailey

We are on the WEB!

[alasooccerref.com](http://alasooccerref.com)

The State Referee Committee is made up of volunteers from different areas of the state that represent YOU....the referees! They make every effort to govern based on the guidelines provided by the United States Soccer Federation as well as those practices that are of the most benefit to the majority of the referees in the state. Unfortunately, because of our wide geographical diversity, it isn't always possible for the SRC members to see every referee registered in Alabama work. That is why they have appointed and will continue to appoint Area Referee Administrators (ARAs). Currently, there are two ARAs assigned: Eric Zimmer for the Greater Birmingham area and Cedric Thomas for the Greater Huntsville area. They continue to search for additional administrators that could interface with the local associations and remain "tuned in" to what the referees need! As always, if you have suggestions, do not hesitate to contact any of the members shown to assist in the continued development of our program

## Penalty Kicks – Do You Know What to Do?

One of the most critical aspects of a game is Law 14, The Penalty Kick! When was the last time you read that Law thoroughly? It is on Page 31 of The Laws of the Game and is more thoroughly covered on pages 58-60 in The Advice to Referees. We strongly encourage you to read these pages to make sure that nothing is incorrect if you have to make one of the most controversial calls in the game! Here are just a few key points and the expectation is that you will make sure you know everything else:

- ◆ The goalkeeper has to be on the goal line between the goal posts (make sure you pregame the chosen procedures for identifying an infraction with your team whether you are the referee or the AR)

- ◆ The referee MUST give a signal for the kick to be taken; make sure you know what to do if there is a second infraction of this
- ◆ This is one of the two times that a ball must be kicked forward (what is the other?)
- ◆ The penalty kick is over when the referee says it is over
- ◆ KNOW what the infringements are what the results of those infringements are....there is a great chart on page 59 of the Advice that helps you decide what you should do..... memorize this for your use! You may be the only member of your team that knows it! Also note all the exceptions to that chart.

It is always emotional when a Penalty Kick is called....you cannot take the chance of screwing it up! That is a sure failure even if you have the best game of your career outside of that! Take the time to read this material, know what you need to do and make sure you are ready for this to happen! As always, if you have questions about anything, do not hesitate to contact our State Director of Instruction, Kris Bailey! We need to do this right!

