



## Back to School and Another Season Begins

### IN THE PURSUIT OF LEARNING....

“WISDOM IS NOT A PRODUCT OF SCHOOLING BUT OF THE LIFELONG ATTEMPT TO ACQUIRE IT.” – ALBERT EINSTEIN

What does it take to be a really good referee? Fitness? Great man management skills? Or, is it knowledge? Well, the answer is.....all of that and more!

But, knowledge is the area that seems to be most important to three referees from the Mobile area. Every time there is a new learning experience....those guys are there! These three are already designated as three of the best referees in Alabama....**Ryan Campbell, Grade 6; Jason Kuehl, Grade 7; and Jonathan Sauer, Grade 6.** It is logical that Ryan and Jon would value education as they are both teachers and Jason supports that ideal as the CIS - Telcom & System Services Manager. All three were attendees at the recent USYSA Region III Championships and continually took notes to make sure they could take all the lessons learned back to their referees in their state. However, it was most evident when they all showed up after a 4+ hour drive from Mobile to attend the Birmingham Roadshow. When you ask them why, they always respond....“we want to learn from the best”! It is definitely this type of commitment that has allowed these three to work advanced tournaments and be recognized as Top Referees on a continual basis.

Lesson learned.....if you have the opportunity to attend advanced training at any time.....make that effort! Eight-plus hours of travel for a five hour class wasn't too much for these three.....and it shows when they referee!

### OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

The Fall Season always brings about numerous requests for Entry Level Clinics as well as Recertification Clinics. There are tournaments everywhere and a lot of opportunities. The SRC is trying to find new and innovative ways to continue the development of our officials. We have always had an Assessor of the Day Program, administered by the SDA. An assessor is dispatched to a location to perform developmental assessments on various individuals identified by the local administrators. However, starting during this Fall season, the State is introducing a Coach-Mentor model, administered by ARA Cedric Thomas, to send people to requesting organizations to coach our referees from the newest to the most experienced. These are specifically selected people who will use modern coaching techniques to give each referee new tools to improve their on -and off-field performances. The program is in the beginning stages and will continue to develop over the next few years! All of these efforts are to better serve all areas of the state and our refereeing community.

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Continually Learn New Things
- Use our Website, for New Classes and Recertifications
- Changes, Changes
- Be Ready to Work Hard and Learn
- New Uniforms by 2019

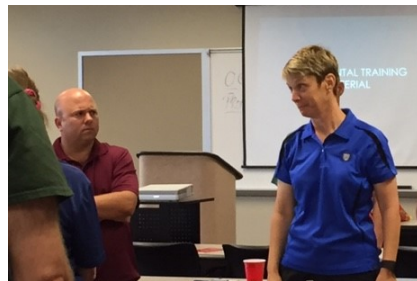


## ALABAMA ROADSHOW

What a great weekend of learning! Alabama welcomed as our Lead Instructor Kim Oberle, former FIFA AR, USSF National Instructor and Assessor, and US PRO Coach -Mentor of Referees. Referees were treated to their first look at the 2017 changes to the Laws of the Game as well as some excellent information on positioning and player management. Kim incorporated classroom instruction as well as field time in each session.

Three locations were recipients of Kim's outstanding knowledge: Huntsville (55 attendees), Gadsden (17 attendees) and Birmingham (84 attendees). Those who attended learned how to give players the "stink eye" to ensure every referee controls

their game to the best of their ability! Don't miss the Roadshow next year when we find locations in the southern part of the state!



*"The results you achieve will be in direct proportion to the effort you apply."*

*Denis Waitley*

### IN MEMORY:

PAUL

STANTON



On April 26, 2016, the State of Alabama, Region III, and the United States Soccer Federation lost a very bright light. Paul Stanton died at the age of 62 in Birmingham, AL.

Paul had all the attributes we admire in our soccer community.....he was a State Referee, he was a State Assessor, he was an assignor and he was an instructor. But most importantly, Paul was everything good about this game we all love! He truly loved the game but even more he loved the people of the game and was a willing mentor to hundreds of officials.

Paul was loved, he loved others, and he epitomized everything wonderful about our sport. Our State designated our Youth Referees of the Year titles as the Paul Stanton Male and Female Youth Referees of the Year from this year forward. He will definitely be missed!

## 10 THINGS THAT REQUIRE ZERO TALENT

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BEING ON TIME  
WORK ETHIC  
EFFORT  
BODY LANGUAGE  
ENERGY  
ATTITUDE  
PASSION  
BEING COACHABLE  
DOING EXTRA  
BEING PREPARED



*USYSA Region III Championships: Front Row — JP Archer, Cedric Thomas, Diego Chulan, Jose Cornelio, Tiffini Turpin Coral Gubler, Kris Bailey, Jonathan Sauers; Back Row — Dave Stephenson, Jordan Box, Austin Holt, Ryan Campbell, Jason Kuehl, Sam Bierster, Phillip Cagle, Robert Sullivan, Pat Miller (Not Shown: Sarah Brannon)*

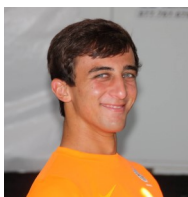
## USYSA REGION III CHAMPSIONSHIPS — GREENVILLE , SC, JUNE, 2016

### **Greenville, South Carolina.....June 24, 2016.....It is HOT!**

It didn't matter to the 14 referees representing Alabama! Everyone stepped up to perform at a TOP level in support of the Region III State Champions from U-13 to U19. The delegation all worked a Final Game in the tournament thus demonstrating their high level of performance!

Alabama had seven referees called to the front of the room as Top Referees or Assistant Referees! Sam Bierster and Jonathan Sauers were top Referees while JP Archer, Diego Chulan, Austin Holt, Jason Kuehl and Tiffini Turpin were identified as top Assistant Referees. Both Sam and Jonathan were selected to represent the Region at National President's Cup, Tulsa, OK, where they both received high level finals and Austin Holt was selected to USYSA Nationals, Frisco, TX! Austin worked the U-13 Final at that tournament!

We could not be prouder of the group we took to this tournament and the effort they displayed under difficult conditions! A great deal of learning took place and everyone was challenged to a higher level of performance. They met the challenge very, very well!



Austin Holt at Nationals



Sam Bierster at Regionals



Jon Sauers at Regionals

### PAUL STANTON YOUTH REFEREES OF THE YEAR!

Very proud to again recognize our two Paul Stanton Youth Referees of the Year for 2016-2017!

JP Archer from Moody, AL, represented Alabama very well at the USYSA Region III Championships and was awarded a hat in honor of being named a top Assistant Referee. JP is a member of the Smokin' Aces Referee Group and will continue to share his experiences with other referees to promote the development of other youth referees in the state.

Treasure Adams, our Paul Stanton Youth Female Referee of the Year is from Hoover, AL. Treasure was recognized as a rising young referee when she attended the 2016 Spring Open Cup at Decatur, AL. Treasure continues to develop her refereeing skills and will look forward to another productive season starting this Fall!

Congratulations to both of these young officials and especially important is that they are the first two youth referees to receive the award now named after Paul Stanton!

When you see them on the soccer field, congratulate them on their accomplishments!



## State Referee Committee

The State Referee Committee is responsible for leading the State Referee Association in promoting and implementing U.S. Soccer's referee initiatives and programs in support of all affiliated members and competitions within their jurisdiction.

This includes, but is not limited to:

Establishing a technical and administrative network that is responsive and accountable

Assisting in the appointment of positions within the State Referee Association

Preparing an annual budget and reporting financial details as required

Supporting the development of high performing and up-and-coming officials

### ALABAMA SRC

State Referee Administrator: Pat Miller  
State Youth Referee Administrator: Ohannes Younanian  
State Director of Assessment: Klaus Staefe  
State Coordinator of Assignors: Coral Gubler  
State Director of Instruction: Kris Bailey

Area Referee Administrator North: Cedric Thomas  
Area Referee Administrator Central: Kris Rose  
Area Referee Administrator South: Jonathan Sauers

## NEW UNIFORMS FOR 2019

The May 1, 2016 NWSL matches marked the debut of the latest version of the Official U.S. Soccer Referee Uniform. Officiating crews in Boston, Chicago and Seattle wore redesigned kits featuring the recently-launched U.S. Soccer Referee Program logo.

Official Sports International, the exclusive Referee Uniform Supplier of U.S. Soccer, incorporated direct feedback from referees at all levels during the redesign process. The new kit features a number of improvements including a sleeker design that is now available in both men's and women's cuts for the first time.

The uniforms are available to the referee community for purchase in Pro and Economy versions. The uniform will be sold in five colors, with red, yellow and green available first, while blue and black will be released around the holidays. The current official jersey uniform style can still be worn during matches through 2018.

Uniforms can be purchased from our own Klaus Staefe, an Official Sports representative. Email Klaus at [kstaefe@gmail.com](mailto:kstaefe@gmail.com) for additional information and pricing!

