

**USSF Referee Training**  
**Sponsored by Westerville Amateur Soccer Association (WASA)**

**Dates:** February 28, 29 and March 7, 15

**Times:** 6:30 – 9:30 PM

**Location:** Annehurst Elementary School  
6925 W. Main Street  
Westerville, OH 43081

**Cost:** \$60.00, check payable to OSSRC

**Commitment:** - 9 total hours of instruction plus 2 hours of practical field experience – participants **MUST** be present for **ALL** sessions and pass the test to successfully complete the class. If you are unable to make each of the sessions, **DO NOT** register; please do not ask for exceptions.

- Three classroom sessions and one field session
- Read thoroughly and completely the enclosed/attached document *So you want to be a referee?*
- Participants will need to have computer access in order to go on-line to prepare prior to each session.
- One session will be held outside at a local park/school in order to practice referee skills learned.

**Registration:** Complete paper registration form below and return with your check made payable to OSSRC to:

Mary Anne Baum  
28 Keethler Drive North  
Westerville, OH 43081

**Class limits:** This referee class is limited to 40 participants, first come first served registration. **THERE WILL BE NO ON SITE REGISTRATION – PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER NO LATER than February 24th.** Your registration will be incomplete unless accompanied with your check.

-----Registration Deadline is February 24, 2012-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

February 3, 2012

Dear Prospective Referee:

To "borrow" a TV Show Title.... "So, You want to be a Referee?"

If so, You have obviously started down the right path, or you would not be reading this letter. Allow me to introduce myself and tell you what to expect. My name is Paul Perger and I am the District Director of Instruction for District 3 (Columbus) of the Ohio South State Referee Committee (OSSRC). It is my job to insure that you, as a prospective referee, receive the opportunity to pursue your goal of becoming a USSF (United States Soccer Federation) Referee.

In District 3 we have 11 Referee Instructors and it is our goal to provide you with all of the information and instruction you need to successfully pass your test. Every year we spend several hours reviewing the Laws of the Game (LOTG) and all changes to those laws passed down by the USSF to determine the best way to instruct you on the understanding and application of those laws.

To become a USSF Grade 8 (Entry Level) Referee, the first classes you need to attend are an Entry Level Clinic (ELC). Part of that training will be a 2 hour on field Mechanics Clinic.

#### **Entry Level Clinic**

- Review of Laws 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17 online BEFORE Class #1 Site: [http://www.swosoa.com/ussf/online\\_training/TOC.htm](http://www.swosoa.com/ussf/online_training/TOC.htm)
- 9 hours of classroom instruction covering all the LOTG
- Power Point Instruction enables you to see and hear the material
- Video clips are used extensively to provide further understanding
- We do our best to insure your class is informative and entertaining.

#### **On Field Mechanics Clinic**

- You will apply what you learned in class during a pick up game that you will both play in and referee your classmates
- Instructors will be present ON THE FIELD with you to assist you
- Games will be Non-Competitive to provide an atmosphere conducive to your learning

You **MUST** attend all 9 hours of Classroom training to receive your certification. The On Field Mechanics Clinic is also MANDATORY and is in essence your "Real Game Training".

You **MUST** go to the website above and review all of the LOTG noted. BEFORE your first class you should be familiar with the LOTG covering "What is Needed to Play", "How to Play the Game", and "Restarts". After going through the review there is an On-Line test. Take the test and print the certificate and BRING IT TO CLASS.

It is important to note... In addition to attending the ELC, you MUST pass the Entry Level Grade 8 Test with a 75% or better. We will provide you with the class, the atmosphere, the materials, and the instruction you need so that you can pass, but YOU must prepare for and pass the test. Your payment of the fee to take the class is NOT a guarantee that you will leave with a certification. Your fee covers the cost of putting on the clinic, and the materials provided. You are paying for a class, not buying a badge.

If you fail to pass the test, there will be one opportunity to retake the test at the end of the ELC "season". The date and location of the Retest (most likely the MOSSL Offices) will be made known to those who need it. This will be the ONLY opportunity for Re-Testing. The re-test date will be set to follow the final ELC, once they are all set up.

If you are unable to attend ALL of the sessions for a particular venue, please look at another venue. You must sign up for an Entry Level Clinic location and you must attend ALL hours of instruction at the same location.

After you pass your test you will receive your badge provided you have attended all of the required class sessions.

A full list of available clinics can be found at [www.OSSRC.com](http://www.OSSRC.com) by clicking on the "Calendar of Events" tab on the left side of the home page. Or by clicking on the "Clinics" page. You will be asked to enter information about district and type... You will need to use "District 3 – Columbus" for location, and "Entry Level Clinic" for type. You can also see the locations mapped out on a GOOGLE MAP at the following address: <http://xrl.us/ow9yd>

If you have any questions, please email me at [kemerson01@earthlink.net](mailto:kemerson01@earthlink.net), I will be glad to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Keith Emerson  
District Director of Instruction, District 3  
Ohio South State Referee Committee