

State Cup/Presidents Cup Pre-Tournament meeting

Sportline in Arvada

31 August 2011, between 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Introductions by Kevin Yant, State Referee Administrator:

Game Assignments: Christel Yant

- As 130 people applied, fewer were chosen as a result of time availability conflicts and fewer games in the tournaments. In case of changes, log into AssignorPro and recheck your assignments on Friday night.
- The expectations are high as this tournament has the potential to send the referees to regional and national competitions. The number of a referee's assigned games per day is monitored to keep the performance high. Just because a referee may not be assigned for Saturday does not preclude assigning the referee later in the weekend or the tournament. Referees' performance in the preliminaries will determine whether or not they go forward.
- Any complaints by referees will be address to Christel
- After September 25th, all games will be played in Aurora.
- The assignments will be posted tonight; you must login to AssignorPro accept your games within 24 hours.

Check-In: Bryan Hamilton

- Check in 1 hour before your first game. Everyone must check in at the ref tent individually.
- If you're late and don't call, you'll be replaced. If you're caught in traffic then call. Game cards will be provided at time of check in to the center refs. If you have a back-to-back assignment, you will be given the game cards for your centers.
- Gates Complex check-in will be on the south side, by the footbridge across the creek.
- Aurora Sports Park check-in at Christel's travel trailer near the East Concession building / Field #17.

Expectations: Nick Apodaca

- Don't treat State or Presidents Cup like a Saturday league game. Act professionally. "On time is late; early is on time." Arrive even earlier than an hour before game time to meet your crew, conduct your pre-game duties, etc. Make sure you have all five uniform colors with you—if you don't have them, try to borrow them from someone.
- Pre-game: Conduct a thorough pre-game with your crew--eye contact, follow the ball to the line, etc.
- Game times are very tight; start your game a few minutes early.
- Be careful what you say about the game, about people, about anything; you will be overheard.
- While you are watching a game, cover up the referee uniform or change completely. Sit well off of the corner flags. Do not converse with the 4th official or AR. Do not comment on the game. Be professional.
- No hats or sunglasses are allowed.

Sub Rules: Karen Abt

- Both State Cup and Presidents Cup will use the same substitution rules; ALL coaches must have US youth picture passes and be listed on the roster.
- For U14 and below collect all passes at check-in. There may also be some passes marked as club player. All players and coaches must be on the roster.
 - A team may sub unlimited number on their own throw-in; either team may sub on goals, goal kicks and half time.
- For U15 and older; Substitution allowable at every stoppage. Collect the passes from the starters and the coaches. The subs will surrender their passes before they enter the field. At half time, return the passes to the team, and before you step out on the field after half time, collect the starters cards again. Once they are subbed, they may not return for the half. There are a maximum of 7 subs per half. A player who is injured may be removed from the field and may come back if they have not been substituted. The team will play short before the player returns. If the sub is standing at the center line, ready to go, they must come in.
- Subbing procedure: We must ensure that the subbed player leaves the field before the sub comes on. Do not take the player card (for U15 and above) from the sub until the subbed player is entirely off the field. This should probably be an item in the pre-game discussion.
- After the game, check all your pockets and make sure you give back all the players and coaches cards. **Do not retain the game cards for players or coaches who are ejected, since red cards do not carry over into regular season play.**

Technical Area / Bench Decorum: Ben Larason

- Establish / define the technical area with the coach prior to the game along with a cordial introduction. Use the center circle to set one of the boundaries for the technical area. Set up the benches where they should be. The bench is, basically, the technical area. Give instructions about the technical area to your ARs. Tell them what your threshold of tolerance is, as far as coaches' behavior is concerned. One coach may issue tactical instructions at a time.
- **Ask – Tell – Remove** shall be implemented in dealing with irresponsible behavior by team personnel in the Technical Area. **Ask** the coach to tone down his comments. If he does not, **tell** him to tone it down. If he is still acting irresponsibly, he must be **removed**, and this will be reported on a supplemental report. If a coach acts in a blatantly irresponsible manner, you can eliminate the “ask and tell” part.
- Up to four coaches can be in the technical area. Medical personnel are counted as one of the four, but they may not show up on the roster.

CYS Comments: Randy Greenwood

- The game cards actually have the roster on them; the only attachment to a game card may be a sit-out verification form. There are places on the game card to record yellow and red cards. Don't pull the pass for a red card. Referees must put their names on the game cards. Both coaches should sign the card (unless they are combative) but try to get at least one to sign the card.

CYS Comments: Randy Greenwood (Continued)

- If a player is not on the roster, the team needs to send a person to administration to get the person credentialed. If any person is sent to CYS administration to be credentialed, they will return with something in writing from CYS saying the matter has been resolved
- All ejections must be reported on a supplemental report. (a coach gets punished more harshly than a player.)
- Games are not to be reported on Got Soccer. Christel will reconcile the games done with the schedule and will take care of the reporting.
- One of the new rules for State Cup is U-14 through 18 may be a 22 person roster. 18 can be suited up. The others can sit on the bench, but they may not have a uniform on so that they may be mistaken for a player on the field.
- When inclement weather appears you **must** start the second half making every effort to complete the half to have an official game.
- Protests about fields, physical plant, goals, must be made prior to the game and to the center referee and the other coach. Note the protest on the game card and play the match. Don't argue with the protester; send him to administration.
- Protests regarding the match must be reported to the coach and the center official within 5 minutes of the conclusion of game.
- If a player is removed from the field for a head injury and the site medic indicates it's a possible concussion, the player should not re-enter the game until released for play from an authorized medical facility.

Assistant Referee Insight: Adam Zarrin

- Selected to national championship with main responsibility to be an AR. High profile competitions are more by the book. An AR can be even more important than the ref; they have no margin for error. The primary priority is offside. Being an AR is harder than centering. ARs must communicate with the center, even with body language. But you must not over-involve yourself. Ask the ref what he's looking for. Wait, watch and learn about the referee to see how his game is going to develop. Mentality, mechanics, attitude—all these count. After the game you can have a discussion with the referee about points that can help that referee become better.

Assessments / Mentoring: Carl Rollins / Kevin Yant

- 5 assessments scheduled; all are 7 maintenance.
- All criteria must be in place before you request an assessment. To request and assessment, go to www.coreferees.org and complete the on-line request form.
- Carl would like to receive an assessment request at least a week ahead of time.
- All senior referees will mentor and help other referees.