



Recent news of interest:

**Annual Business meeting notices**  
**Tri C West - Room B 202**  
**Sunday Dec 14, 2008 10:00 am**

All members who arrive before 10:15 am will be given a ticket for prize drawings

**Proposed Bylaw changes**

**Article X - Amendments**

10.1 Notice of proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be provided (e.g., e-mail and posted on GCSOA website) at least ten days in advance of the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.

The following Bylaw changes have been proposed.

**Article XV – Electronic Software**

15.1 GCSOA shall provide for its members use electronic software to assist the membership, assigners and teams in the orderly assignment of referees to matches. All assigners who contract with GCSOA members are strongly urged to use this electronic software for all games and scrimmages assigned.

## **Article XVI – Dues Payment Penalty**

16.1 Members are expected to pay GCSOA dues and high school assigning fees in a timely manner. These dues and fees are to be received by the GSCOA treasurer before March 1 each year.

The following penalties will be assessed to those members who fail to meet these criteria.

May 1 to June 30	-	penalty of \$ 15.00
After July 1	-	penalty of \$ 30.00

## **Election Nomination**

### **Article IX – Meetings**

The nominating committee shall present nominations or any member in good standing can self nominate themselves, for elected office to the Executive Board forty-five (45) days prior to the annual business meeting, to be placed on the ballot.

### **Nomination for 2008 Elections**

President	Steven Sheehy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Wayne Wilson
Treasure	Al Wesolowski

In addition to the results of the nomination committee, the executive board has received the nomination of Ed Jarus for President.

## **Annual Business Meeting Agenda**

Call of Order  
Attendance  
Reading of previous Minutes  
Treasurer's Report  
Communications  
Committee Reports  
Old Business  
Election of officers  
New Business  
Good and welfare comments

## 2009 Referee Registration (Existing Referees/Recertification)

Everything related to your USSF Re-Certification will be handled on-line this year.

In order to be eligible to officiate, assess, assign or instruct youth players or referees in Ohio North, any person over the age of 18 must submit an application to the OYSAN Risk Management Program.

### Risk Management Instructions:

- Go to [www.oysan.org](http://www.oysan.org)
- Click on “Programs”, then “Risk Management”.
- Click on “Risk Management Disclosure Form”.
- Enter information
- At the drop down window select "1OYSAN Referee"
- At Credit Card information at Code type in 70855

It takes about a week for you to get an email that you are approved.

Print the approval letter for your records. **You MUST bring a copy to the clinic.**

You received a letter from U.S. Soccer with your Login ID and Password. If you cannot find this information I suggest that you e-mail or contact U.S. Soccer Federation ([www.ussoccer.com](http://www.ussoccer.com)) with your name and referee ID number.

### Online Registration Instructions:

- Go to [www.ussoccer.info](http://www.ussoccer.info)
- In the Login ID field, type your Login ID
- In the Password field, enter your Password
- In the left panel, click on “Referee”. Your Registration History will appear
- In the left panel again, click the “Click here to Register” tab. That tab will take you to the 2008 Registration page.
- At the top of the page is your biographical information. Review it. If there are any changes, click on the link below the box. A new pop-up window will appear and you can edit and save your changes, you may return to this screen at anytime during the year to update your contact information using the same procedure described above.
- Scroll down to the next part on the form and select the appropriate Referee Type/Category you are registering for. You will see a checkmark in the boxes that you are eligible for. Do not submit an application for a category you are not eligible for. If you are eligible for multiple categories, you can

- submit and pay for them all at once. Continue onto the rest of the form answering all questions where appropriate.
- When you are done, Read the Terms and Conditions. Check “I agree to Terms and Conditions” and click “Continue”.
  - At the bottom of the page, enter a credit card number and billing address information. Once you have the correct information in these fields, click on the continue button to process payment.  
Once your credit card is approved you will see a confirmation page. Print it for your records. You **MUST** bring a copy of this confirmation to the clinic/meeting you choose to attend/take your test, as proof of payment.
  - You are finished. Once you have met all the criteria for your State, they will approve your application and your registration material will be mailed to you.

Note: If you cannot apply online, you may download a paper registration form from [www.ussoccer.com](http://www.ussoccer.com), fill it out and bring that with you to recertification clinic. You are not considered registered until you have met all the criteria specified by your state.

When you attend the Re-Certification clinic or the meeting at which you will take your re-certification test, **YOU MUST BRING A COPY OF PAYMENT AND A COPY OF RISK MANAGEMENT APPROVAL.** You will not get a badge until these are complete.

# New Referee courses

**GCSOA** is pleased to again provide a comprehensive new referee program.

We provide multiple dates and locations to allow you to obtain the level of certification that you desire at your choice of locations and dates.

By choosing **GCSOA**, you can take your New referee class (Grade 9) at one location, and your Bridge Course (Grade 9 to Grade 8) at a different location on a different weekend as your schedule allows.

Our student registration fee of \$35.00 allows the new referee to take one or both courses during the same calendar year. Students are urged to register early to insure a spot in the class they desire.

To register for a GCSOA new referee class:

1. Online at [www.gcsOA.com/cubecart](http://www.gcsOA.com/cubecart) -select Referee class  
or
2. Send a check for 35.00 made out to GCSOA to  
GCSOA new referee class  
7381 Brenel Drive  
Mentor, Ohio 44060  
or
3. Bring a check for the class registration fees to the first class.

Students must have completed the New referee class prior to taking the Bridge Course.

The USSF fees are \$65.00 cash or check made payable to: Ohio North Referee Development. Checks for USSF will be collected during the class. USSF is working on an online student registration process.

Becoming a soccer referee requires a specific uniform (colored shirts, black shorts, black and white striped socks and other equipment). **GCSOA** has partnered with the **Soccer Center** and can provide a new referee equipment kit at a reduced price.

The [10 piece Basic kit](#) retails for \$68.00 and the [10 piece Pro Kit](#) retails for \$116.00. Both kits contain the necessary equipment and uniforms to begin refereeing. Students are strongly urged to take advantage of this offer during class registration

**Your anticipated costs to get started as a referee are as follows:**

1. \$35.00                      Class registration fee
2. \$65.00                      USSF registration fee
3. \$68.00 **or** \$116.00    Referee equipment kit

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**Total**            \$168.00 **or** \$216.00

Class registration and referee equipment kits may be purchased online at:  
[www.gcsoa.com/cubecart](http://www.gcsoa.com/cubecart).

Please contact [Steve Sheehy](#) with any questions that you have about registering for GCSOA's new referee classes.

Students over the age of 18 must complete the Ohio North Risk Management process.  
 (See below).

**We will continue to add new course dates and locations as details are confirmed.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Course type</b>	<b>Times</b>
Jan 17, 2009 Saturday	Twinsburg Comm. Center 10270 Ravenna Road Twinsburg, Ohio	New Referee Grade 9	8:30 am to 5:30 pm
January 24, 2009 Saturday	Twinsburg Com Center 10270 Ravenna Road Twinsburg, Ohio	Bridge Course Grade 9 to Grade 8	8:30 am to 5:30 pm
March 21, 2009 Saturday	Lakeland Comm. College 7700 Clocktower Dr Kirtland, Ohio	New Referee Grade 9	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
March 22, 2009 Sunday	Lakeland Com College 7700 Clocktower Dr Kirtland, Ohio	New Referee Grade 9	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
March 28, 2009 Saturday	Tri C West Parma, Ohio	New Referee Grade 9	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
March 29, 2009 Sunday	Tri C West Parma, Ohio	Bridge Course Grade 9 to Grade 8	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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## GCSOA Gear

Recently GCSOA had a new logo commissioned. This special apparel is available to our members. Tee shirts given as prizes at the annual business meeting will feature the new logo.

Please visit the [web store](#) for pictures and ordering information.

Short sleeved tee shirt with screen printed logo	\$6.00
Long sleeved tee shirt with screen printed logo	\$9.00
Short sleeved Polo shirt with embroidered logo	\$22.00
Long sleeved Polo shirt with embroidered logo	\$29.00
Wind jacket w/o hood with embroidered logo	\$31.00
Pull over jacket w/o hood and embroidered logo	\$34.00
Pull over jacket with hood and embroidered logo	\$37.00
Legacy jacket with embroidered logo	\$39.00

Tee shirts available in red, yellow and black  
Polo's and jackets available in red, navy and black

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## Forms / Information of Interest

One of the goals of this website, is to simplify the off the field live of referees. We have gathered forms of common interest and made them available to use.

We also provide links to published materials that will be of interest to referees.

Please spend a few minutes with our [Forms / Information of Interest](#) page.

If you have recommendations for additions to this page, please send me an [e-mail](#)

## Where Can I Buy a Referee Uniform?

**GCSOA** is please to announce that the [Soccer Center](#) is the preferred equipment provider for **GCSOA**.

The **Soccer Center** will provide GCSOA members a **15 %** discount on all Official Sports equipment. In addition to discounts on Official Sports equipment, the Soccer Center will provide GCSOA members the same 15 % discount for all other non sale items in stock or by special order.

To access the web store and purchase Official sports equipment with your 15 % GCSOA discount , [click here](#)

