

TIPP CITY YOUTH SOCCER

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Fellow Referees:

I hope you are looking forward to returning for the **2020** Fall SAY soccer season as a TCYS referee. TCYS enjoyed a very successful **2019** season, in which the referees played a huge part. I have posted the **2019 Officiating Report**, on the TCYS website (www.tippsoccer.org), which summarizes all the data from last season. (Go to the **Referee** page.) As of this writing, we plan on having a Fall season. We will be following Covid-19 guidelines as outlined by our new governing soccer organization, the USYS, which we joined a few months ago. We will exercise "social distancing" precautions during our indoor trainings. New Candidates and veteran referees must wear a mask during the Introductory and Refresher Clinics.

TCYS recently discontinued its membership in SAY USA Soccer and joined the USYS organization of US Soccer. We have kept the name of our League as Miami Valley East and will continue to play teams from the Graham, Miami East, Northwestern, and Bethel school districts. Opening Day is Saturday, **August 29**. The regular season ends Thursday, **October 15**, followed by tournament play.

Please inform me as soon as you know your intent to referee this year. You may provide an explanation as well. I am always updating my database and would like you to send me any corrections to your information, especially your preferred e-mail address. Please update me on any home address or phone number change. I will call you if I do not hear from you. This will help me know how much 'recruiting' I will need to do.

The current pay scale for TCYS is the following. The other MVE Districts' pay may vary somewhat:

- 8U Passers – \$20 (7v7 – 1 ref, Build Out Line with **NO** Offside except in special circumstances)
- 10U Wings – \$25 (7v7 – 2 refs, Build Out Line with Offside)
- 12U Strikers – \$30 (9v9 – 2 refs)
- 14U Kickers – \$35 (11v11 – 2 refs)
- 19U Minors/Seniors Co-ed – \$40 (11v11 – 2 refs)

As I hope you already understand, refereeing is not just about money, but also about providing a very valuable service to the kids playing the game. As a referee you will gain a perspective of the game that you will get nowhere else.

- **Refresher Clinics (Returning Referees should attend one...touch base with me if you can't)**

1. Tuesday, **August 4** from 7 to 9 pm the **TIPP CITY GOVT CENTER – 260 GARBER DR**
2. Or Wednesday, **August 12** (same)

➤ The Refresher Clinics are intended more so for **NON-USSF** referees. If you are a USSF licensed referee, you have already attended an OSSRC annual winter training; however, this Refresher Clinic would be helpful to USSF Referees who have not done our Rec matches using the 2-man system or who have only been an AR to date.

➤ We will also review our league procedures, any "special rules" that our League has adopted, and any rules changes and points of emphasis that FIFA or OSYSA has made for this year.

- **Introductory Clinic on the Laws of the Game** (Returning Referees who are less experienced or veteran refs who haven't refereed in a while are welcome to attend either or both of these sessions but are not REQUIRED to come. This is an option to attending the Refresher Clinic and will provide more detailed training.)
 1. Indoor Class on Saturday, **August 8**, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the **TIPP CITY GOT CENTER at 260 Garber Dr.** Free pizza and pop will be provided at lunch. Instruction/videos will continue through lunch.
 2. Outdoor Session on Sunday, **August 9**, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Kyle Park shelter/restroom facility near the Passers fields at the east end of the main parking lot.

Please email me your intent to attend any of our clinics. If you cannot attend and still want to referee, call or write me to discuss your situation.

We will be switching to a new game scheduling system this summer. Todd or I will inform you later how to access it.

We will no longer issue SAY Rulebooks. You may prepare for the season by reviewing the *LOTG* as published by the USSF...

1. Go to www.tippsoccer.org/Referees
 - a. Find and read the *2019 Officiating Report*
 - b. Find and refresh your commitment to the *Referee Code of Conduct*.
 - c. Find and refresh your knowledge of *The IFAB Laws of the Game*.
 - d. Find and refresh your knowledge of the *OSYSA Small-Sided Rules for 7v7*.
(The MVE League has slightly modified a couple of these rules.)

We will review any changes to the *LOTG* at the Refresher Clinic.

I do hope your personal schedule allows you to return and that you desire to continue to improve your understanding of the game and your skills as a referee. *TCYS* needs you. We were very fortunate to have a lot of referees willing to give their time to our youth soccer program last fall. It is my intent to help develop anyone who wants to referee. So, please, tell any friends about the Introductory Clinic who might be interested in starting out like you did and have them apply online or call or write me.

As always, I am open to feedback anytime. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions or comments about things that concern you or ways to improve the training, scheduling, training, etc., or even things you thought were great. Also, I will notify you of any major changes to the upcoming season should they occur.

Thanks for your help.

***** I normally disappear to Canada every summer and ask Todd Niswonger to do the trainings for me. As of this writing, the Canadian border is closed until at least late August and is not likely to open at all this summer or even this year. So, I may be around after all to talk to you in early August. However, please keep Todd's phone number handy in case he will be filling in for me. You may contact me with any questions or concerns for now. Please let both of us know your intent to return to ref or not. Please continue to use this email for written communications: tcysreferee@gmail.com. Todd's cell: 937-974-4570.**

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