



# TIPP CITY YOUTH SOCCER

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Fellow Referees:

I hope you are looking forward to returning for the **2024** Fall SAY soccer season as a TCYS referee. TCYS enjoyed a very successful **2023** season and post-season Fall Tournaments. I have posted the **2023 Officiating Report**, on the TCYS website ([www.tippsoccer.org/referees](http://www.tippsoccer.org/referees)), which summarizes all the data from last season.

- We will continue to play in the MVE League of the Ohio YSA. The MVE League consists of Clubs from Bethel, Graham, Miami East, and Northwestern.
- Opening Day is **Saturday, August 17**. The regular season ends **Thursday, October 3**, followed by the League Tournament.
- The MVE League has decided to return to playing 14U Kickers on the larger 11v11 fields, but this Division will continue with its short-sided 9v9 matches.

Currently, the pay scale is the following, but it is under review:

- 08U Passers – \$25 (7v7 – 1 ref, Build Out Lines, **NO OFFSIDE**, unless advantage or interference)
- 10U Wings – \$30 (7v7 – 1 ref, Build Out Lines > **OFFSIDE WILL BE CALLED**)
- 12U Strikers – \$35 (9v9 – 2 refs)
- 14U Kickers – \$40 (9v9 – 2 refs **on 11v11 field**)
- 19U MS Co-ed – TBD (11v11 – 2 refs)

### TRAININGS

#### 1. Refresher Clinics

- a. Tuesday, **August 6** or Wednesday, **August 7** from 7 to 9 pm at **TOOL TESTING LAB, INC**, 11601 North Dixie Dr just north of Ginghamburg and across from Route 25 Self Storage.
- b. The Refresher Clinics are intended for primarily for NON-USSF referees. Returning Referees should attend one...touch base with me if you can't)
- c. If you are a USSF licensed referee, this Refresher Clinic would be helpful to you as well if you have not done any TCYS Rec or local Competitive 9v9 matches using the 2-man system or who has never done a Center.
- d. We will review MVE League procedures and modifications, as well as any changes and points of emphasis that FIFA or OHIO YSA expects its members to implement this summer (see the *MVE League Special Rules* under *Referee Resources* at [www.tippsoccer.org/referees](http://www.tippsoccer.org/referees)).

#### 2. Introductory Clinic on the *Laws of the Game*

- a. Indoor Class on Saturday, **August 5**, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at **TOOL TESTING LAB, INC**, 11601 North Dixie Dr just north of Ginghamburg and across from Route 25 Self Storage. Free pizza and drinks will be provided at lunch. Instruction/videos will continue through lunch.
- b. Outdoor Session on Sunday, **August 6**, 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.
- c. **(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 alternative to attending the Refresher Clinic and will provide more detailed training.)**

### PREPARATION

We no longer issue Rulebooks. You may prepare for the season by reviewing the *LOTG* as published by the USSF online at [www.theifab.com](http://www.theifab.com).

1. You may download the mobile IFAB app to have the *LOTG* on your phone for quick reference.
2. You may download and print the *LOTG* from your computer, but it is 117 pgs long!
3. You may purchase your own hard-copy of the *LOTG* from a variety of sources; just search online

4. Go to [www.tippsoccer.org/Referees](http://www.tippsoccer.org/Referees)
  - a. Find and read the **2023** *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* and any changes implemented by FIFA effective this summer
  - d. Find and refresh your knowledge of the *MVE League Special Rules*

We hope all referees understand that refereeing is not just about the money but also about providing a very valuable service to the kids playing the game and hope that your personal schedule allows you to return to help.

We also hope that you younger, less experienced referees want to continue improving your understanding of the game and your skills as a referee.

We were very fortunate to have referees from the Tipp City community who were willing to give their time to the our youth soccer program last fall. It is our intent to help develop anyone who wants to referee. So, please, tell any friends about the Introductory Clinic who might be interested 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.

**\*\*\*Things you can do for us:**

- **Please keep this contact information handy. You may contact either Todd or me with any questions.**
- **Please write or text either one of us as to your intent to referee this year.**
- **If you cannot attend and still want to referee, call or write us to discuss your situation.**
- **I am always updating my database and would like you to send me any corrections to your contact information, especially your preferred e-mail address and cell #, which are important for game assignment confirmation and emergencies.**

Thanks for your help.

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