

Big Training Weekend
Session Topics
Saturday, May 15th, 2010

A. Fine Tuning the Thinking Referee: Volume 1 – Patrick Duffy

Have you ever felt nervous about handling certain situations on the field? How about contact between the goalkeeper and the forward? How about deciding whether an incident should be a caution or a send off? Can you recognize a game that's heating up, maybe to a boiling point? We'll discuss all of these topics with the help of some great clips.

B. Fine Tuning the Thinking Referee: Volume 2- Patrick Duffy

Note: This is completely independent of Volume 1. Can a big game go sour on you? Absolutely, even if you have a FIFA badge. We'll see and talk about a very, very big game turn very bad. How do you keep it from happening to you? We'll discuss some common game situations in depth so you'll feel more confident in your decisions.

C. The Woman Referee – Cindy Wilgus, Jessica Bauman

Equality is the name of the game - or is it? How are women perceived in a male dominated world of soccer and refereeing? "Respect is earned – never given" so come share experiences and hear ways to help you deal with those uncomfortable times and earn the respect we all can achieve.

D. Doing the Adult Game – Roger Hamilton and co-presenter

Youth and adult matches offer different challenges to the referee. What works well to handle one level of play can lead to disaster in the other. Learn the keys to success when refereeing adults.

E. Who cares about another line? – Michael Alben

Ever feel that being an Assistant Referee is a "second-rate" job? Why your job on the line matters and how you can use it to get more centers and "better" games.

F. Dual and Single Systems for High School – Michael Brown

Be a success with the two-whistle system. Fine tune your dual/solo pre-game, game mechanics and positioning.

G. The Role of the Assessor – Steve Brooks

Do you think that assessors were put on this earth to give you grief? Actually they have another role in improving you and the level of officiating. Take the mystery out of this often misunderstood position and see what they really do and how.

H. Selected topics in Spanish – Eduardo Irigoyen and Manuel Palacio

Oregon's own National referee Eduardo Irigoyen and instructor Manuel Palacio will provide selected topics in Spanish to include 2009 and 2010 Directives, writing game reports.

I. Bench Management – Jerry Gompers

The game outside the field can often be a challenge to the referee team. What can we do proactively to prevent unnecessary disruption and keep bench personnel within limits?

J. The "Non-Diagonal System of Control": When You Don't Have Three - Keith Ericson

Is it a "no show" of the other official or does the assignor simply not have enough referees to cover all the games today? U.S.S.F. does not allow a two-whistle system so how do you cover this game?

K. How to Mentor New Referees – Kevin Gladysz

So you're working with a brand new crew. How do you support and guide those who have just finished their Grade 8 class?

L. How to Get Assignments: What Assignors Look For - David Brown, Keith Ericson

Your local assignor is the key to getting games to officiate. They have expectations about who to place on matches. How do you make the right impression so that you get more and better assignments?

M. Sports Officiating 101 – (English) Doug Smith and (Spanish) Manuel Palacio

This high school principles course is now required for all referees who wish to officiate NFHS sanctioned games. Note: *If you became a high school official after 2005 you must take this course within 3 years of becoming an OSAA official.* You'll learn officiating styles, developing concentration and developing decision making skills among other topics.

Esta clase en español es para árbitros que quieren dirigir juegos de las escuelas preparatorias. Incluyendo todas las diferencias de las reglas y señales entre USSF y high school.

N. Recreational Refereeing, Session 1: U-8 to U10 – Jean Hand, Keith Ericson

O. Recreational Refereeing, Session 2: U-11 to U-14 – Jean Hand, Keith Ericson

We are taught to match our refereeing to the level of play. Learn what are important considerations for "getting it right" with younger recreational play and players.

P. Free kicks are not always "free" – Dick Horner

Free kicks can be a game-changing critical moment for all 3 teams on the field. See the new U.S.S.F. DVD and learn tools to prevent problems and enforce procedures to effectively manage the taking of free kicks throughout the game.

Q. U.S.S.F. 2010 Directives - Mike Allen, Dick Horner

Last year the 2009 Directives were introduced. Building upon the foundation of last year's Directives are those for 2010. Sometimes we have "options" in what we do in a given situation and sometimes "our hands are tied".

R. Advanced Clinic –Farhad Mansourian

Target audience: College and Grade 7 and up U.S.S.F. referees.

S. Bridge Course- Miles Crumley

Target audience: This is a required class for Grade 9 referees to be promoted to Grade 8.

T. Intermediate Course- Dick Horner, Patrick Duffy

Target audience: This is a required class for Grade 8 referees to be promoted to Grade 7.

NOTE: ***Persons taking this course will choose any 5 Saturday intermediate sessions and must attend all of the intermediate course activities (classroom and field) Sunday***

a. Writing Game Reports – Patrick Duffy-(English), Eduardo Irogoyen, Manuel Palacio – (Spanish)

"The job's not done until the paperwork is finished". Heard that one? Well it's true. It also needs to be done well. Often a player or team is "off the hook" because a report doesn't have the detail necessary to make misconduct or some other incident "stick".

Manuel and Eduardo will present this topic during the Spanish-language sessions on Saturday.

Patrick will present this topic during the Intermediate Classroom session on Sunday

U. Assignor Course- David Cautley

Target audience: Assignors seeking U.S.S.F. assignor certification

V. Luncheon Session- Professionalism-Patrick Bowman

Patrick Bowman, Chair of the Oregon Referee Committee's Professionalism Committee will give a lunch time address on referee ethics, "social media" concerns (U-Tube, etc.), and conflicts of interest as they affect the referee.