



CanSoRef

CanSoRef is the official Newsletter of the Ontario Soccer Referees' Association.
June 2008

3rd Council Meeting 2008

The Third Council Meeting for 2008 is set for Sunday, October 5, venue to be determined.

2008 AGM

The 48th Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16, venue to be determined.



CSRA

Conference Call With Joe Guest

CSA Director of Refereeing Joe Guest accepted an invitation put forth by the CSRA Executive to participate on a conference call which was held Wednesday, June 4th.

Presided over by CSRA President Joe Licandro, invitations to participate on the call were made to both member provinces and other areas from across the country. In all, participation came from member provinces BC and Ontario, with apologies from Manitoba, three other provinces also participated: Alberta (from the Calgary District SRA), Newfoundland, and New Brunswick. This teleconference allowed participants to ask questions directly to Mr. Guest with respect to the new Regulations for Referees.

Discussion ensued about the new format of the new entry level clinic, complete with its take-home exam. While concern was raised that the exam was too difficult for younger officials, it became clear from the discussion the entry level clinic was being used, in some regions of the country, beyond its intended purpose- i.e. full 11 v 11 matches. Mr. Guest agreed that the entry level covered areas that are not needed in "house games" (for example, offside) and suggested the recruits be introduced to the Small-sided games program. Furthermore, Mr. Guest asked all participants whether, philosophically speaking, making an entry-level exam would be well serving towards the game and the program. The purpose of the program was to allow referees to reach their full potential and eliminate past situations whereby people were sent out on the field with an incomplete knowledge of the Laws, in so doing retention, or lack thereof, becomes a detriment.

Focusing on retention, Mr. Guest acknowledged that retention is a problem and something the CSA Referees Committee is equally worried about. Although he could not give an exact statistics, it is believed there are about 3000 games across the country that can't be filled without a referee in any given week.

Other points that were discussed:

- It was understood that some of the jargon used in the entry level exam needs to be changed to reflect Canadian English.
- There are no age limits in the National Program, even for the National Referee level. The only age limit is for the FIFA list.
- While it was understood that some places, e.g. B.C., can have soccer playing outside the timeframe that assessments are allowed (i.e. March 1st to November 30th), in order to have a program that was consistent across the country, it was necessary to set a time limit that can equally be applied to all referees in Canada.
- Assigners are a problem all across the country. Mr. Guest indicated that some provinces actually register their assigners.
- There is a clear and transparent pathway to the National level. There is no age limit for National status and the Referees Committee is looking at a good balance between age and experience.
- Everyone can referee Small-sided soccer.
- The 2008 Law changes will be allowed to be applied in BC with the start of the Coastal Winter playing season (September). However, there are no changes that would affect local soccer. The IFAB has put the Laws into a user-friendly English to make it easier to translate to other languages.

There was praise given concerning the ability to continue on with one's career when moving from one part of the country to another. One participant gave his personal experience where a change in residence caused delays in one's journey, "up the ladder". Mr. Guest was asked what the refereeing fraternity can do to promote the new program, i.e., "How would one describe it."

Mr. Guest's response was "The CSA program is designed to produce education, accredited instructors and assessors across the country, to assure a uniform approach across the country, to provide tools and opportunities to each referee to be the best referee one can be in order to achieve whatever level they want."

In closing, CSRA President thanked Mr. Guest for his time and willingness to discuss the program. He looked forward to continued participation and interaction with the CSA Referees Committee in further mutual goals.

Submitted by Elvio Chies, CSRA 2nd Vice President.

Around The Branches

Brampton

From Carlo Di Domizio, Referee, OSRA Brampton

As you may know, during June I'm participating in the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride. The purpose of the ride is to raise money for childhood cancer charities.

The ride starts in Vancouver on June 2 and ends 3 weeks later in Halifax. Thus I will not be doing much refereeing for most of June and the end of May; I am training hard for the ride.

I know that this is not official referee business, but... I would appreciate it if you could forward this e-mail and also place in CanSoRef to ask my fellow referees for a possible donation of 1 game...middle or line.
***As at June 21, Carlo has raised \$6,398.75.**

Below is the official write up

thanking you in advance,

Carlo Di Domizio



At any given time, cancer holds 10,000 Canadian children in its grip. It robs them, and their families, of the laughter and joy that should be part of every childhood. Riding in the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride will channel my physical, mental and emotional energy into something much greater - helping brave children return to life as a regular kids again.

The Sears National Kids Cancer Ride will begin rolling across Canada, starting in Vancouver the beginning of June 2008 and ending 7,600km and 19 days later in Halifax and I am excited to say that I have been chosen as one of the national cyclists!

Myself and upwards of 75+ National Cyclists will go the full 7,600 km distance. They will be joined along the way by National Relay Teams, plus hundreds of Stage Cyclists who will ride distances of between 25 - 225km in communities across the country. And with every pedal stroke, cyclists will help the 10,000 Canadian children and their families currently fighting this debilitating disease.

The Sears National Kids Cancer Ride is being organized by the Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation, a registered Canadian charitable foundation dedicated to creating a series of high-quality, physically challenging events that raise money for childhood cancer charities across Canada.

Besides the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride, their events include Tour For Kids and The Inside Ride. The Foundation makes no use of professional fundraisers and is committed to leveraging corporate sponsorship to ensure individual donations raised through their events go directly to the childhood cancer charities they support.

You can help support me by making a secure online donation using your credit card. Click on this link <http://my.e2rm.com/personalPage.aspx?SID=1830570>

***As at June 28, Carlo has raised \$6,573.75.**

Thank for your supporting children and teenagers with cancer.

OSRA Brampton would like to congratulate **Cristian Grove and his wife Kristal** on the birth of their son **Ethan** on May 18, 2008. Ethan arrived 3 weeks early and weighed in at 7lb 15oz. Also, congratulations to **Gary Grove** on becoming a granddad!

OSRA Brampton would like to congratulate member **Richard Oliveira and his wife Diane** on the birth of their daughter **Daniella** on June 7, 2008. Danielle weighed in at 8lb 8oz. Congratulations also to **Bill Oliveira** on becoming a Great Uncle.

Brampton Referees at Barrie Spiritfest

Munton's Minions were once again in action at the Barrie Spiritfest 2008 Tournament. We had a great time on the hottest weekend of the year so far., We would like to thank the all the people at Barrie Soccer Club for being such gracious hosts. See you all again next year!

Competition: Name all the referee's in the picture below (Back Row, left to right, Front Row, left to right) and win a referee shirt! Email your entry to osrabrampton@rogers.com, all correct entries received by 12:00 noon on July 10, 2008 will be put in a hat and the winner drawn.



Scarborough



Congratulations to David Barrie who was selected referee of the Year 2007 for the District of Scarborough

David is presently a grade one referee who is working towards Becoming a National Referee



It is with great sadness that the Scarborough Branch is announcing the death of one of our colleagues.

Mr. Wilbur Wright who passed away on May 24, 2008

Wilbur had been an active member of our Branch for the past 6 years. He was a community leader in Toronto, past Present of Multiculturalism in the Liberal Party, past President of the Caribana Carnival Committee and was also President of Iere soccer club which played in now defunct T and D League

Wilbur will be sadly missed by our Branch and our condolences to his family

The Scarborough Branch members would like to extend our sincere condolences to Don Pearce and his family.

Don's mother passed away on Saturday June 14, 2008.

Euro 2008

Peter Johnson submitted these links from English newspapers

Referees have 24 hour guard:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/main.jhtml?xml=/sport/2008/06/14/sfnref114.xml>

Van Basten goal offside? Graham Poll's view.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/article-1025576/I-say-theyre-talking-rubbish.html#>

On the Van Basten goal, there has been much correspondence, the bulk of which has been about that most would not have called the offside, with some asking where exactly in the rules it says that a player that is off the pitch is still considered to be in active play.

FIFA, UEFA and our own CSA have all posted that the decision was correct, so there is no point in debating it. What will be interesting is what revised wording will come as a result of this at the next IFAB annual business meeting in February (or March) 2009.

Peter Johnson also submitted this email from Joe Guest with regard to the rescinded red card incident:

Dear Colleagues

I am sure many of you saw over the weekend Slovakian referee Lubos Michel show a red card for a second offence to Russian defender Denis Kolodin in the quarter-final match with Netherlands only to withdraw it after speaking with his assistant referee. UEFA have stated that the referee had been convinced by his assistant that Kolodin's tackle did not warrant a caution.

This demonstrates an example of cooperation between referees and their assistants; because they had the conversation and the decision was reconsidered. Regardless of all the modern technology (beep flags and earpiece communication) the face to face conversation was the major selling point in getting this decision correct.

I know that many commentators have speculated that the second caution had been overturned due to the ball being out of play when the challenge was made. **For the avoidance of doubt you are reminded that the status of the ball has no bearing on the sanctioning of a player in this regard.** If the assistant referee had failed to convince the referee that the challenge was not cautionable, **then regardless of whether the ball was out of play the referee must apply the appropriate disciplinary sanction and in this case dismiss the player from the field.** Of course the restart would revert to the where the ball was out of play.

Joe Guest
CSA Director of Referees

We would like to publish your Branch Report, or any article, you may consider sharing (including photographs) in future issues of Censored. Please send to us [here](#). Copy deadline for June 2008 issue is June 15, 2008.
