



CanSoRef

CanSoRef is the official Newsletter of the Ontario Soccer Referees' Association.
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Dates set for 2009 3rd Council Meeting

Our 3rd Council Meeting for 2009 will be held on Sunday October 4.

The meeting will be held at the Armenian Youth Centre commencing at 10.00am.

The Armenian Youth Centre is located at 401 and Victoria Park at:

50 Hallcrown Place
North York, ON M2J 1P7
(416) 499-4781
Get directions

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes from previous Council Meeting
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. Secretary's Report and Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Director Reports
 - Equipment
 - CANSOREF
 - Website
7. Education – Peter Johnson
8. Old Business
 - Legal opinion on waiver
9. New Business
 - 2010 Registration Fee proposal
 - AGM venue and approach
 - Constitutional proposal from working group
10. Date for Next Meeting
 - AGM – Sunday, Nov 15, 2009
11. Adjournment

Dates and Venue set for 2009 AGM

The 2009 AGM, which is our 50th AGM, will be held on Sunday November 15, 2009 at The Toronto Soccerplex, 101 Rainside Road, Toronto (DVP and Lawrence),

See map at

http://maps.google.ca/maps?sourceid=navclient&rlz=1T4GWYE_enCA291CA292&q=101+rainside+rd+toronto,+on&um=1&ie=UTF-p8&split=0&gl=ca&ei=3rDoSdeYDN_InQfX992IBw&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=title&resnum=1

Toronto Soccerplex website is at [http://www.ontariosoccer.net/Facilities/The-Soccer-Centre-\(2\).aspx](http://www.ontariosoccer.net/Facilities/The-Soccer-Centre-(2).aspx).

It is important for each member to be aware of the need for your Branch to participate in the AGM as part of our attempts to make this a meaningful event to celebrate the first 50 years of the OSRA. Each branch is being offered space to showcase itself by presenting whatever it thinks is suitable.

You can provide history on refereeing in your area, run some sort of skill-testing event, or do anything else that you would like. This can be discussed further at the 3rd Council meeting on Sunday, October 4.

We anticipate having vendors booths selling referee apparel, kit and gear, and other items of interest not necessarily related to soccer. If you want a booth of your own, or know of somebody who might like to have a booth, please contact our Secretary Lisa Waywell at lwaywell@sympatico.ca for further information.

The Soccer Hall of Fame will also be present, and perhaps there will be a chance for you to evaluate or donate any items of interest you may have.

We are planning to have some participation activities, as well as some lectures during the day.

The AGM will be held in the afternoon, after which there will be cake for everyone attending.

Around The Branches

Brampton

Brampton and District will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday, November 2, 2009 at The Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club, 185 Advance Boulevard, Brampton. Doors open at 7.00pm for Registration.

OSRA Brampton Referee Mike Bradley within ten yards of play, watching Hamilton Croatia and Hamiton Serb players

Picture courtesy of Frank Jankac



Mike Bradley stands his ground amidst a group of players protesting the denial of a late minute equalizer due to a foul by a Serb forward against a Croatian defender in the penalty area

Picture courtesy of Frank Jankac



Here are some shots of our crew from the Ontario Cup game between Hamilton Croatia and Thunder Bay Italia Juventus.

Nick Milanovic AR (Hamilton),
Frank Jankac AR (Halton),
Matt Arduini R (Mississauga)

Pictures courtesy of Frank Jankac



Mississauga

The Mississauga Branch Annual General meeting will be held as follows:

- DATE: Friday, October 23rd, 2009
- TIME: 7:00 pm - Registration
- LOCATION: ICELAND, Mississauga, North Lounge

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION (2 YEAR TERM)

- PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- DIRECTOR

Hope to see you there. Branch Executive

Mississauga Branch Member Hassane Rifai

In August of this year I once again travelled overseas to Morocco to referee in the Nationals involving teams from all over the country. As usual, I received a wonderful warm (very hot) reception from the authorities involved this event.

One of the memorable and difficult part of the event was my requirement to pass the fitness test. The reason it was so memorable, was the weather. During his fitness test, at 3:00 pm, the temperature was 45 degrees Celsius in the shade. I'm glad to report I passed the test despite the heat.

The referees came from many different country's. My favourite referee team was with Italians. The kept me laughing with their jokes and easy going attitude. However, when it was time for the ball to roll they were extremely professional.

I was assigned to several matches over the two weeks. However I was most honoured when I was assigned a quarter final and then the final. The teams in the quarter final and finals were:

Tarablouse Libya v Itehad Roudani(final score - 2-1) - Quarter Finals

Tarablouse Libya v Casablanca (final score- 2-0) - Finals

With the help of my branch I once again brought down several OSRA badges which are so well received and honoured in Morocco.

Submitted by Frank Capizzano for Hassane Rifai

North York

North York would like to announce that we will be hosting our AGM on Wednesday October 28th, 2009 at 7:30pm. It will be held at the Herb Carnegie Centennial Arena (580 Finch Ave West).

After the success of our last futsal clinic 2 years ago we will be hosting another futsal clinic shortly. We will be offering a refresher course for those seeking re-certification and a introductory course for those new to the game. The refresher course is required every two years to maintain your good standing with the OSA.

Peterborough

Submitted by Michael Smith,

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Football facing ref crisis

By Josh Ball

Bermuda Referees Association president Anthony Francis (left) says he supports Bermuda Football Association's stance, insisting that his members not officiate games in the new Corona League.

With the new season just around the corner a refereeing crisis is unfolding in Bermuda football that could leave many games without a single qualified official to take charge. A shortage of referees in Bermuda football is nothing new, but this year there are just 19 active officials to serve as referees and assistant referees covering up to 20 games a weekend. And that doesn't take into account injuries, holidays, or work and family commitments.

And it could get a lot worse for Bermuda Football Association, who are locked in a tug-of-war with the newly-created Corona League just to keep the referees they already have.

When the Corona League was first launched, after the break-up of the Commercial League, officials approached Bermuda Referees Association, and the BFA, about their members taking charge of the games to be played at BAA Field on Fridays and Saturdays. Initially willing to talk about the possibility, the lack of available referees has forced the BFA to change their mind, and the association are now threatening to impose sanctions on any referee who officiates in a Corona League game.

The problem for the BFA, and BRA president Anthony Francis, who has backed the governing body's stance, is that individual referees are being tempted by the Corona League's offer which includes a higher match fee than the BFA currently pay, the

promise of better security, and a code of conduct, which all clubs and players must sign, that helps protect the referee.

"The position from the BFA, and it is one that as the president of the BRA I fully support, is that if some referees choose to officiate in the Corona League, they will not be appointed to BFA games," said Francis.

"It is an understandable position given that part of the reason for the restructuring of the leagues was to decrease the wear and tear on the referees.

"However, I completely understand the position of individual members who might feel that they get a better deal with the Corona League. But as president of the BRA, and as an executive who signed off on the association's position regarding referees, I fully support their (the BFA's) stance."

The problem for the BFA is a simple one, they don't have enough officials to go around. On the basis that the Premier Division is the most important of all the leagues, 15 referees will be needed for the five games played in that league on any given weekend.

That would leave just four to cover the First Division, the PDL, women's football, the Masters League, and that's if all 19 officials are fit and available.

"There will not be enough referees this season, even if the Corona League wasn't around, there are not enough referees at all, and you can read into that what it implies," said Francis.

"This season is promising to be a very interesting one, it will be highly competitive, and given recent events, could be highly contentious, but the BFA and BRA are committed to ensuring that the quality of football in Bermuda continues to go up."

Such is the dearth of qualified officials that the BFA have put an emergency plan together to recruit club assistant referees, the idea being that club members who are willing would help out qualified officials during a game. The only problem with that idea, however, is that it has been tried in the past, and referees have invariably ended up ignoring those volunteers because they were unable to do the job objectively.

Editors Note: I guess that sorted out next year's vacation plans!

OSRA Merchandise

Equipment Prices

- Rain Jacket \$60.00
- Golf Shirt (assorted colors) \$30.00
- T Shirt \$13.00
- Uniform Badge \$5.00
- Referee Cap \$13.00 (New Stock just arrived)
- Toque \$6.00
- Tie \$20.00
- Uniform Badge \$5.00 (10 or more – special price \$3.00 each)
- Dress Badge \$20.00
- Pin \$4.00
- Flip Coin \$3.00
- Clipboard \$5.00
- Whistle (Fox 40) \$5.00

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Contact Mike Cvetanovich directly at mikecvetanovic@hotmail.com.

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is October 18, 2009.***