

High School Soccer Referees Association of Greater St. Louis



New Referee Information and Application Form

Thank you for your interest in joining the High School Soccer Referees Association of Greater St. Louis (HSSRA). Enclosed, please find an application form for our association. But, before filling it out, read this entire letter first.

Important: You must be at least 18 years of age AND out of high school to be a high school official.

The regular playing seasons for High School soccer generally run from the end of August to the end of October (boy's season) and from late March to the end of May (girl's season). Expect about a three- (3) week turnaround to apply to the state, get your certification and get properly hooked up with us. If you apply to MSHSAA prior to mid-July they will hold delivery of the current exam until released by the National Federation. You can send us your application first and we will prepare a schedule for you, but will hold it for final release until we receive proof of your MSHSAA credentials. We cannot accept you as a member of our association and release a schedule for you until you are registered with the MSHSAA. Part of this is due to liability insurance reasons.

While we provide some referee training, the HSSRA is **not** usually a training organization for new referees. We assume you have some background as an official when you apply to us, even if it is only 1 or 2 seasons at the youth level. That is why there is a game experience section on our application form. We want to assign you to games you are capable of handling. However, due to the many people interested in joining in the 2007-2008 school year, we will be instituting beginner referee training classes and assigning people with little experience to lower level games with a more experienced partner to gain experience. Unlike USSF sanctioned games that use 3 officials, we only use 2 (both are referees). We don't have enough referees to cover with a 3 man system. This is not to discourage you to apply, but only to inform you that you will probably have problems when you step onto the field and bring no prior official's experience with you. Being a player or coach is **not** a substitute for official's experience. Officials with little or no experience do not tend to last as a High School official. If you wish to gain other experience as a referee first or in addition to us but do not know whom to call, contact us and we can supply that information. We want your association with us to be an enjoyable and lasting one.

- Procedure to Become a High School Soccer Referee -

I Obtain your High School Activities License from the MSHSAA:

DO NOT CALL, but write to:

Missouri State High School Activities Association
PO Box 1328
Columbia, MO 65205-1328

Request the Soccer exam test packet and include a check for \$45.00 made out to MSHSAA. They will send you a rulebook and exam. The \$45.00 fee will become your **annual** registration fee for the first year only.

Upon receipt of the exam, complete it (its open book) and the registration form, then return it to the MSHSAA. Read the exam carefully. There are no trick questions, but some answers can be ambiguous. Read all the choices, not just the first one that sounds good. **National Federation rules are different** than USSF and NCAA. This will complete your annual membership fee for the first year of MSHSAA affiliation.

If you pass the exam, MSHSAA will send your registration card and official patch for your uniform. Keep this card with you when going to referee a game. This certifies and registers you for the current school year only. **You must renew your MSHSAA registration by July 1 of each year. This can be done online via the Internet.**

II Apply to the High School Soccer Referees Association of Greater St. Louis.

After you are licensed with the MSHSAA, complete the attached application and return with a **check for \$60.00 (fall only or fall and spring seasons) or \$50.00 (girls spring season only).** **Also enclose a copy of your MSHSAA registration card and test results.** This will speed up the verification procedure of your credentials. Our registration year corresponds with the school year. If you are applying after the Fall season ends and you plan to officiate in the spring season send the registration fee for the spring season (\$50.00) even though you may indicate you are available for Fall and Spring seasons on the registration form.

Send application, copy of MSHSAA card, test results and HSSRA membership fees to:

HSSRA
PO Box 410705
St. Louis, MO 63141
Phone 314-780-0064 or 314-650-3300
E-mail: dhartung@marz.com or dennisbarbero@yahoo.com

III We can now schedule you for games.

After you register with us we will provide you with a local association handbook, uniform pocket patch and pay vouchers. If you have joined us after the seasons are under way and schedules have been distributed you will have to call the assignors regularly to check for available games. Please also be advised that over 75% of high school soccer games are played in the 4 PM time slot. Most referees are not available until after 6 PM. In short, about 65% of our officials are vying for only 25% of the games.

You are **required** to attend **one** of the rules review meetings conducted by MSHSAA each August (Thurs., Aug. 20, 2009 at Hazelwood West High School or Wed., Aug. 26, 2009 at Fox High School in Arnold...both start at 7:30 PM) or the one in early March (Tue., March 9, 2009 at Parkway Central High School at 7:30 PM) for officials who only work the spring games or that registered with MSHSAA after the August dates. The correct MSHSAA meeting dates and additional venues outside of the St. Louis Metro area were detailed and sent to you with the 'MSHSAA Officials Handbook' contained in your referee packet. You must plan to attend these meetings. There is another meeting date, Sun Aug 16 from 10 AM – 3 PM as part of an HSSRA training clinic at Chaminade.

The MSHSAA sponsors **required** mechanics clinics for all soccer officials to attend in their first three years of registration. These mechanics are in **addition** to the rules interpretation meetings that all officials must attend on an annual basis. These clinics include a classroom mechanics presentation, on field officiating, and staff critique. Specific sites and dates (for 2009-10, Chaminade High School on Sat, Aug. 22, 2009 at 10:00 AM) are publicized in the MSHSAA Journal and sent to all officials in their license renewal packets or the registration packet for new officials. Anyone registering as a new official for 2009-10 will be required to attend clinics in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Failure to meet these requirements in addition to attending the annual rules interpretation meeting will place that official on probation for the following year and require mechanics clinic attendance in future years. Also, officials receiving a rating greater than 3.0 are required, as a professional in-service measure, to attend a mechanics clinic at the beginning of the next season. **Come to the mechanics clinic in full referee uniform.**

June 19, 2009

High School Soccer Referees Association of Greater St. Louis 2009-2010 School Year Season - New Member Application

Fill in ALL information below. You must FIRST be registered with the Missouri State High School Activities Association. Complete the availability form on the back of this application.

PRINT ALL INFORMATION!

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zipcd:

Birthdate: **MSHSAA ID Number:**

Home Phone: **Business Phone:**

Emergency Contact:

Cellular: **Fax:**

Pager:

E-mail:

Work Location:
Geographic location

I am a member of the following soccer referee organizations:

I am available to referee: Check one ___ Fall Boys ___ Spring Girls ___ Both Fall and Spring

I can accept emergency games: Check one ___ No ___ Yes, If yes, phone#

Prior Soccer Referee Experience

Indicate the number of years or games at highest point at each level (Organization affiliation and age level, i.e., NISOA, USSF U19, CYC U15, Etc) breaking out game experience as referee, linesman and 2 man system. This information will help our assignors schedule you to appropriate games for your experience level. **Note:** Coaching or playing is not referee experience.

<u>Game Level</u> <small>i.e., USSF U19</small>	<u>Referee</u> <small>2 yrs</small>	<u>Asst Ref</u> <small>4 yrs</small>	<u>Two Man</u> <small>3 games</small>
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Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

A check for \$60.00 (\$50.00 if applying for girls spring season only) made payable to "High School Soccer Referees Association" or "HSSRA" must accompany this form. Note: our membership year is June-May, referee assignments are fall first, then spring. If applying after fall season send \$50.00.

Return to: Send application, copy of MSHSAA card, test results and HSSRA membership fees to:
HSSRA
PO Box 410705
St. Louis, MO 63141

HSSRA Fall 2009 Availability Calendar

- "X" out any day you are NOT available
- Draw a line through any times you are not available
- Mark with a "check" each day that is OK at all times

- Indicate the earliest times you can get to games in the geographic areas in the box at right.
- Write "No" in any area you do NOT want to be assigned.

N. County _____ S. County _____ St. Charles & West _____

St L City _____ W. County _____ Franklin Cnty & West _____

Farmington _____ Jefferson County _____

August - September 2009

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October 2009

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Boys Soccer Districts Oct 31 - Nov 7
 Boys Sectionals - Nov 10
 Class 1 & 2 Quarterfinals - Nov 12
 Class 3 Quarterfinals - Nov 14

MSHSAA Championships Nov 20 - 21