

Tennessee State Referee Committee Meeting
Double Tree Hotel – Nashville, TN
Saturday, 5.30PM, 11 August, 2007

Agenda

- Call to Order
 - Members in Attendance: Mike Candebat, Brady Robinson, Guy Leone, Greg Gruzalski, Gina Foster, Dennis Beard, Don Eubank, Bob Cottrell, Scott Walsh, Michael Fitzpatrick
- SRA's comments
 - Mike presented a reallocation program for the technology fund to put towards the assessments of future ODP Camp / Regional officials.
- Reports
 - Walsh Scott
 - has sought outside assistance for the development of the officials in their areas. Constant struggle
 - Fitzpatrick
 - Loss of referee support from the departure of Gary Henley.
 - Rick Finger
 - The summary of the referee report for the Southeastern District Meeting held on 7-25-2007
We have 4 new assessors that have taken the course and are starting their new endeavors for our District:
 - Kenny Seagroves
 - Jeffery Malanowski
 - Oladokum FaduyileJose Herrera
 - Hiko Waldon working on getting updated
 - We had three referees represent the Southeastern District in the Regional's in Oklahoma:
 - Oladokum Faduyile was selected as one of the top officials at the Regional's (top 20 referees)
 - Isaac Martinez
 - Alex Gardner
 - We also had 4 referees attend ODP:
 - Mark Kleiner
 - Isaac Martinez
 - Alex Gardner
 - Emmanuel Awotula

New referee classes are set for 7-27 thru 7-29 and a very new approach in our District is to support the new referee class for Spanish speaking referees scheduled for August 24 thru August 26.

- Bob Cottrell
 - Training in outer areas is struggling with funds
 - Referees attending Regional III from the Central District:
 - Tony Franz
 - Jon Cowart
 - Guy Leone
- Eubanks
 - Add 60 officials in the last month. Need of assessors in the western directors. National Candidate Jeremy Knudson will be National in February 2008.
 - Referees attending Regional III from the Western District:
 - Rhiannon Harrison
- Dennis Beard
 - Attended all youth tournaments in his district. Further attention has been paid to the youth officials to encourage upgrade development.
 - Referees attending Regional III from the Middle District:
 - Paul Asper – Attended Nationals
 - Andy Moss
 - Skyye Medley
 - Curtis Turner
- 2008 Region III referees
 - All referees looking to go to Region III in 2008 need to be assessed during the TSSA tournaments for consideration.
- 2008 ODP referees
 - DRA recommendations of top20
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 - Jan identify 16 people RSVP date with complete information.
- USSF Referee reporting
 - Referee reports were not inclusive enough that resulted in dismissing of charges. Other problems stem from officials not completing USSF reports.
 - Note to Assignors to review all referee reports and to remind officials to turn them into the state.
 - Greg mentioned that all instructors will be told to reiterate the completion as well as the format of the USSF report during the recertification clinic. Further, the term of send off should be utilized opposed to ejection.
 - Sanctions will be imposed for officials that fail to meet the standards is currently being developed.
 - Announcement will come via Touchlines, website, DRAs and Assignors.
- 2008 on-line registration
 - September online assigning begins.
 - Information from Chicago directly
 - Approval is automatic except for grade change
 - Referees can update their personal information.
 - Data will be placed in website directly
 - Paper copies as well as online. New officials will be on paper.
 - Certifications remain the same
- web assigning using GameOfficials.net
 - See attached proposal.
- Adjournment

Web Based Assigning Proposal

I would like to implement web assigning using GameOfficials.net beginning Fall 2007. The system will provide a number of benefits to TSSA, its Coaches, as well as the officials. All assignors for these games will have to be placed in the system; this will ensure that only the recommended assignors are servicing our Premiere and State League games. These will be posted so the Coaches can log in and verify their game time and location as well. Game changes that take place will trigger emails to the officials assigned to that game notifying them of the change. Once all parties are in the system a universal email can be sent to all officiates or to individuals as needed for game reporting information, rules, or other announcements. Site information can be listed to include directions and site hotline information as well. This site also poses the flexibility to text message officials of game time changes, field changes and report requirements. Assessments of these games are also posted and saved so officials have access to the information as soon as possible. Officials also have the ability to submit USSF game reports directly from the site to ensure their timely completion and submission. I would like to use this program for the State and Premiere leagues as well as the State tournaments, roughly 1500-2000 games. I have looked at the various websites available and the following has the greatest flexibility and the cost is a per game fee and not a license fee for each official entered. The fee structure is below however I am currently negotiating pricing with the developer in hopes of acquiring the best overall price. You can view this online at www.gameofficials.net

PRODUCT VERSIONS

	LITE	STANDARD	PROFESSIONAL
Ideal Users	Individual assignors that have very few games / officials and want to take a first step from paper assigning to an online system	Small to medium-sized associations and assignors that have a need for a robust system but do not have a large budget to work with. Groups that don't mind doing without top-end features in order to cut their expenses. Need to keep track of payments / invoices but will manually interface with an accounting system.	Larger associations, leagues, and assignors that need a state-of-the-art, enterprise-level assigning package to quickly and efficiently manage their organization. Potentially needs to interact with Teams, Leagues, Assessors / Evaluators, Accountants, and others. Need to keep track of detailed payments / invoices / travel pay and want to export information into an external accounting system.
Avg Annual Game Count	Under 300	100 - 1000	500 or more

	LITE	STANDARD	PROFESSIONAL
Monthly *	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10
Per-Game **	N/A	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.50
Referral Bonus	N/A	\$ 25 (One-Time)	10% of Game Fees From Groups You Refer For Two Years From The Time They Subscribe
Volume Discount ***	N/A	N/A	20% Off After Every 1,000 Games

* One-time setup charge of \$100 applies to all new groups

** Charge is per-game regardless of number of officials

*** Game count is per calendar year. Maximum discount rate of 75% applies
 ex: Games 1-1,000 are 0.50 / ea.; Games 1,001-2,000 are 0.40 / ea.;
 Games 2,001-3,000 are 0.32 / ea.; Games 3,001-4,000 are 0.26 / ea.;

ORGANIZATIONAL USAGE FEATURES

- Unlimited number of users, officials, teams, leagues, games, administrators, etc
- Login levels for assignors, officials, board members, teams, leagues, assessors, and others
- Easy to use interface with batch entry modes to help speed data entry
- Load distribution achieved by allowing officials, leagues, teams, and/or team groups to add/manage their own information and games
- System-wide messaging to display messages on each user's home page
- Contact module allows unlimited number of contacts. Contacts can be associated with leagues, teams, etc. or associated with your organization in general.

ASSIGNING FEATURES

- Assign from multiple perspectives (official-based or game-based)
- Batch assign by field, location, date, and more
- Assign officials using an Accept or Decline based system
- Require officials to enter a reason for declining a game (optional)
- Rank your games and officials for more intelligent game assignments
- Alert assignors to critical assigning oversights with System Alerts - a powerhouse of customizable tools that includes (but is not limited to):
 - Overlapping games on a field
 - Overlapping games for an official
 - Unconfirmed officials
 - Games without officials
 - Officials daily game count
- Fully automated, rules-based, assigning of game officials (optional)

Click [here](#) to download a Brochure containing more information and screenshots of some of the Assignor features. You will need [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view this document. ([AssignorsBrochure.pdf - 389kb](#))

AUTO ASSIGNOR EMAILS (WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF ACTION)

Use the Automatic Email feature* to notify assignors of the following:

- Games declined by Official
- Game cancellation
- Critical changes to game details

OFFICIALS FEATURES

- Officials can Accept or Decline game in two ways:
 - Online - Log into **GameOfficials.net** to Accept or Decline games using our intuitive interface. Games can be accepted or declined in batch or individually.
 - Via Email - Officials receive an automated email informing them of new games. They then have the option of replying to the email to immediately Accept or Decline the game.
- Officials maintain their own personal contact information and can choose to hide sensitive contact information from other system users
- Automated Conflict Filters allow officials to input scenarios in which they should not officiate, such as:
 - Games involving teams that they might coach against
 - Games that include family members
 - Games that involve teams when the official is a school employee, teacher, student, etc
- Officials Availability Module allows officials to enter their availability right down to the date/hour (integrated with batch assigning modules to filter the list of officials available in a given time slot)
- Geographical Preferences Module allows officials to enter geographical preferences for assignments. The list of areas is added and maintained 100% by your organization so you can define areas that make sense for your area of coverage.
- Report game incidents online (including final reports in .pdf format). If a report can be emailed to the proper authority, the system can automatically email the report for you to ensure timely delivery. (Automatic fax capabilities may be added in the future as well)
- Keep appointment calendars complete by exporting personal game schedules into programs such as Microsoft Outlook®. The exported game details can include time, date, teams, location & driving directions, officials, and contact information of other officials.

AUTO OFFICIALS EMAILS (WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF ACTION)

Use the Automatic Email feature* to notify officials of the following:

- New game assignments
- Game cancellation
- Critical changes to details of assigned games
- Cancelled game assignments
- Game position changes (Center to AR, Home Plate to 1st Base, etc)

Game Reminders can also be sent to officials for each game. This helps to prevent "forgotten" assignments when games are scheduled well ahead of actual game dates. The reminder time frame can be customized to complement your organization's scheduling methods.

BILLING FEATURES

- Ability to bill leagues, teams, or teams groups
- Flexible billing system also handles almost any method of paying travel fees
- Bill officials for assignor fees when officials receive payment on-site instead of directly from your organization.
- Batch printing of invoices and pay statements
- Export billing transaction to QuickBooks®, Money®, etc. for external processing by your existing financial package.
- Export payments as check transaction to QuickBooks®, Money®, etc. for external processing by your existing financial package.

* Email a reminder to team contacts before each game to help eliminate scheduling issues when actual game information (time, team, or location) changes or is incorrectly entered on **GameOfficials.net**.