

Hello!

We hope this finds all of you well. This is the first update communiqué being sent to you from your new TSRA Executive Committee. Please feel free to reply to this email address if you have any questions, comments or additional information you would like to share with either the Executive Committee or you would like to see included in a future TSRA Communiqué.

Winter Education Sessions:

The Referee Education Session's schedule is now set. All sessions will take place at the York Civic Centre (Keele & Eglinton). Some session topics and presenters are not yet confirmed but the dates are set. If you have a topic or presenter you would like to see included, please let us know. At our first official Executive Committee meeting on Jan. 19, we elected David Figliano as our new Education Session Director. David would be happy to hear your feedback and ideas about this year's Referee Education Series. Please mark the following dates in your calendar.

- 1.) February 11, Wednesday @ 7:30 pm – York Civic Centre
Referee Fitness and Nutrition – Preparing for the 2015 Season (Ramee Arbaji)
- 2.) February 19, Thursday @ 7:30 pm – York Civic Centre
Concentration and Positioning (Yusri Rudolf)
- 3.) March 5, Thursday @ 7:30 pm – York Civic Centre
Foul Recognition and Considerations (Tony Camacho)
- 4.) March 20, Friday @ 7:30 pm – York Civic Centre
DOGSO – Deny Obviously Goal Scoring Opportunity (David Figliano)
- 5.) April 2, Thursday @ 7:30 pm – York Civic Centre
Report Writing (Patty Peebles)
- 6.) April 17, Friday @ 7:30 pm – York Civic Centre
Managing the Benches (Amato DeLuca)

- 7.) April 29, Wednesday @ 7:30 pm – York Civic Centre
The Assistant Referee + Offside (Gianni Facchini)

- 8.) May 7, Thursday @ 7:00 pm – York Civic Centre (Also Pre-Season AGM.)
E2E Tutorial (Matthew Bagazzoli)

Note: This Education Session schedule is also posted on our website <http://TorontoSRA.com>. Go to the site, click on the MENU to see Education Sessions and other topics. And speaking of our website...

New TSRA Website:

At our Jan. meeting it was decided to establish a new website. The reasons for this change are control and cost. Our new site was launched and will be maintained by fellow TSRA referees on a volunteer basis. Presently, those two individuals are David Figliano and Dan McClintock. Please join us in thanking them both when you see them next. Our website is now hosted free on WordPress. In the past, the TSRA had to rely on others outside of our Association to maintain and update our site. We're now able to do it ourselves, immediately, whenever we need, at no cost. We also managed to find a significantly less expensive domain service provider.

Keep in mind, our site is brand new. Currently there are no photos, banners or logos, etc. on there. That will change! If you would like to help with the site, contribute photos or other visuals, or have ideas for the site, please contact David Figliano, Director at Large on the TSRA Executive Committee, or any other Committee member.

Again, our new website is at: <http://TorontoSRA.com> You're able to simply type "TorontoSRA" into your browser to reach our site. It belongs to all of us so don't hesitate to share your thoughts and ideas, and let's make it the best it can be!

New District Referee Coordinator (DRC):

On February 2, 2015, Isaac Raymond started his new part-time job as the new Toronto DRC. Isaac was hired by the TSA, in January. His referee experience is vast and impressive. For more information about Isaac, go to the TSA website, click on the “NEWS” section. There, you will be able to read a brief bio of some of Isaac’s refereeing experience. The TSA website is:
www.torontosoccerassociation.ca

On behalf of the entire Toronto Soccer Referee Association, we welcome Isaac to his new position, wish him all the very best and extend our sincere desire to work in close coordination and contact. Our President, Rob Bagazzoli recently met with Isaac for what we expect will be the first of many productive meetings.

It is the position of the TSRA that the Toronto DRC should be an active and vocal member of our Association, and we will welcome his membership application for 2015. Isaac spoke to Rob with enthusiasm about the need for Education Sessions and we look forward to Isaac’s attendance and participation, as his schedule allows, at our sessions. Education Sessions are just one of the important functions and services the TSRA is able to provide, not only for our members but for all referees. We trust that Isaac will come to recognize and value the work we do, the function we serve and the deep history and solidarity we’re able to provide to soccer referees in Toronto and beyond. So once again, on behalf of the TSRA, welcome Isaac Raymond, Toronto DRC!

TSRA Membership for 2015:

Forms for your 2015 registration as a TSRA Member are posted on our website. You can print them off of there and mail them in as directed. We will also have forms ready for you to use at our upcoming Education Sessions. Please remember to bring your checkbooks or cash when you come to the first Education Session on Wednesday, February 11 or the next first session you’re able to attend.
Thanks!

Before I close on this, our first communiqué, I want to wish all of you a belated Happy New Year! I'd attempted to send holiday wishes out to you on our behalf back in late Dec. while I was travelling but technology problems prevented that. That this is coming to you more than a month into the new year is the fault of no one else but me. Your new Executive Committee met for the first time informally just before Christmas and we held our first official meeting Jan. 19. The minutes of our meetings will be posted on our website and I will notify you when they're up. We also hope to get regular communications out to you. We have other plans and goals in the works. We look forward to serving you. We're always interested to hear your thoughts, concerns, questions and ideas. Thank you!

Michael Pastore,
Secretary