

Hello!

This is the third update from your Toronto Soccer Referee Association (TSRA) Executive Committee. Like previous editions, this communiqué contains some important dates and information.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas about anything you read herein, or about anything related to work being doing by your TSRA, please contact Mike Pastore, Secretary, or any other member of the Executive Committee. You can reply to this email, or write to specific committee members (listed on our website and at the bottom of this update.) We value your feedback and ideas!

Note These Upcoming Dates:

1st →

When: *Tomorrow!* **March 5, Thursday @ 7:00 pm**

What: Referee Education Session – Ontario Player Development League (OPDL) and OSA Initiatives, Presented by Nicky Pearson, Manager of Officiating for the OSA.

Where: York Civic Centre, 2700 Eglinton Ave. West

Required for referees who wish to/plan to referees OPDL games in 2015.

This is the 3rd Education Session in the TSRA organized and hosted 2015 pre-season Referee Education Series. Due to the topic and it's "requirement" designation, and at the personal request from Isaac Raymond, Toronto DRC this session is open to all referees in and outside the GTA. Nicky will speak about refereeing in the OPDL, and about other OSA initiatives.

2nd →

When: March 15th – Sunday, from 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM.

What: Referee Training led by Toronto DRC, Isaac Raymond.

Where: Monarch Park Stadium (Coxwell Ave. south of Danforth Ave).

Note: Special sign-up is requested →

If you would like to attend, Isaac is asking that you please sign up using the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S9YC8RT> so he can plan for the appropriate number of referees.

*This is open to all referees in the GTA, regardless of age or grade. It will include on-field referee training, led by Isaac, who is a national technical and fitness instructor. Isaac will be supported by some of our top national and provincial referees. The session will integrate fitness with technical drills to teach referees to perform under different levels of strain. As the outdoor season nears this is a great opportunity to get prepared for the new season. Like last weekend's Fitness and Education session, **the TSRA strongly encourages all referees to attend this valuable opportunity to learn from some of the top referees and instructors in our area. If your schedule has room for this Sunday, March 15th session, please register at the link and plan to attend.** Hope to see you there!*

3rd →

When: March 20, Friday @ 7:00 pm

What: Referee Education Session – Foul Recognition and Considerations, Presented by Provincial Referee, Armando Pereira.

Where: York Civic Centre, 2700 Eglinton Ave. West

This will be the 4th Education Session in the TSRA organized and hosted 2015 pre-season Referee Education Series. Armando is a certified Referee Instructor and

consistently presents among the best referee education sessions available. Another important and valuable session that is not to be missed! Please mark your schedule and we hope to see you there!

At all TSRA hosted and co-hosted events, Membership Forms for 2015 will be on-hand. Please bring cash or cheque to renew for this year. Renewing membership is \$45. New First Year membership is \$15. Help ensure great things continue to happen for referees in Toronto!

For more information on these events and to see the schedule of the TSRA Education Sessions go to our website <http://torontosra.com/education/>

OSA Registration Reminder:

The deadline to register as a referee with the OSA in order to avoid paying the late fee is March 31, 2015. According to the OSA, if you register by the March 31 deadline you will receive your Laws of the Game book in April. To register, you need to log into your E2E account, take the test and then complete your registration and payment.

Update from your Executive Committee:

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting on February 9 are now approved. If you would like to see those, please contact the Secretary, Mike Pastore.

In the coming days we will be sending out an email to you regarding our planned **TSRA Referee Mentoring Program for 2015**. Please watch for it, read it and participate if it is of interest to you and feel free to forward it to other referees that you think might be interested.

As of today, **our website (<http://TorontoSRA.com>) has received more than 1000 visits!** This is fantastic and we're very happy you're using the site. Keeping the site up-to-date and interesting to look at and use is an ongoing effort. If you have photos, links or other information or ideas to make our

website even better, we encourage you to get in touch. And a big thanks again to David Figliano, TSRA Executive Committee member for his work on the website.

There is a lot more business and activity happening. We'll be letting you know about that as the days and weeks progress towards the start of our 2015 outdoor season. Until then, we hope this finds you well.

Thank you!

Please don't hesitate to share your ideas, questions or feedback about anything contained in this, or previous updates, or about any of the initiatives your TSRA is currently working on. Contact any of the following active Executive Committee members:

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