

Hello!

This is the second update from your Toronto Soccer Referee Association (TSRA) Executive Committee. It contains some important dates and information.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please contact Mike Pastore, TSRA Secretary, or any other member of the Executive Committee. You can reply to this email, or write to specific committee members using their email addresses at the bottom of this update. We value your feedback and ideas!

Mark These Upcoming Dates:

February 19, Thursday @ 7:00 pm – Carmine Stefano Community Centre, 3100 Weston Rd. (Weston/Sheppard)

Jointly hosted by the TSA & TSRA, we're proud to present an evening with Canadian FIFA Referee, Dave Gantar. Dave is the top male referee in Canada and his refereeing experience spans the globe. He regularly referees at Canadian championships, MLS and CONCACAF tournaments. Don't miss this special chance to listen to him speak and to ask him questions.

This very special education session is open to all referees. TSRA Membership Forms for 2015 will be on-hand, so 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!

February 28, Saturday @ 10 AM to 2 PM – Etobicoke School of the Arts, 675 Royal York Road

Referee Training & Education Session, hosted by the TSA and presented by, Isaac Raymond, Toronto DRC. The session will be broken into classroom and gymnasium with physical training and integrated exercises. Dress comfortably with appropriate change of clothes for training in a gym.

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.

Update from your Executive Committee:

Minutes of our EC meeting on Jan. 19 are now approved. If you would like to see those, please contact the Secretary, Mike Pastore.

We're waiting on requested TSRA records and achieve material to come from the previous Executive Committee. Minutes from their Dec. meeting are expected next week and once approved they will be available upon request.

Toronto DRC, Isaac Raymond was at our 2nd EC meeting, this past Monday, Feb. 9th. He shared some of his focus and goals for 2015 and we discussed areas where we'll be working jointly to provide fitness and education opportunities for referees. Isaac will also be meeting soon with his Assigners and Educators. Game Assigners will be the same individuals as last season, unless the DRC deems a change is needed. We can expect regular communication and updates from Isaac, and we will continue to share information from the DRC with you, as it comes. Isaac's experience and contacts are already paying off for Toronto referees. We're very pleased he is on-board and happy with our cooperative working spirit.

Membership recruitment and Mentoring were briefly discussed on Monday, and will be on the agenda for our next Executive Committee meeting, March 2. If you have ideas or thoughts about either topic, please get in-touch.

We hope to see you next Thursday night at 7:00 PM at Carmine Stefano Community Centre, 3100 Weston Rd. (Weston/Sheppard.) Get there early to get a good seat.

Thank you!

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