

Off The Pitch

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NM State Referee Committee Newsletter

Tournament Dates



- April 6-7, 2002
LC United Border Cup, Las Cruces
- Apr 27-May 19
NMYSA (Youth) State Cup tournament
- May 4-5
NM Amateur State Cup
- May 11-12
Tide American Cup, ABQ (*New Dates*)
- May 25-27
Sandia Cup, ABQ Area
- June 1-2
Southwest Zia Cup, ABQ Area
- June 23-29
Region IV Far West Regionals, Salt Lake City, UT
- July 22-28
Snickers National Championship, Bethesda, MD

- Gary Bauerschmidt, SYRA

Tournament Time



In addition to the plethora of tournaments to the left on the sidebar, the State Cup Tournaments of both the Amateur and Youth Soccer Associations will be held in the next couple of months. The Amateur (Adults) State Cup will be held at the Lovelace Soccer Complex in Bernalillo on May 4th and 5th.

The Youth State Cup will be trying a different format this year by spreading out the matches through different weekends and weekdays leading up to the Championship weekend. At this time the Youth State Cup sites are Los Alamos, Las Cruces, Lovelace Soccer Complex and the Albuquerque area. The Albuquerque area will most likely include additional sites than the Lovelace Soccer Complex. So in addition to your availability on the weekends, it will be important to send in your availability for weekdays. All weekday games will be starting at 5:30 pm or 7:30 pm. Referees should be at the game site at least 45 minutes before game time for preparation and proper check-in.

Gary Bauerschmidt, SYRA

Youth State Cup Availability Albuquerque Area

April	Sat 27	AM	PM
	Tues 30	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
May	Wed 1	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
	Thurs 2	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
	Tues 7	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
	Wed 8	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
	Thurs 9	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
	Tues 14	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
	Wed 15	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
	Thurs 16	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
	Sat 18	AM	PM
Sun 19	AM	PM	



Email your availability on the above dates to gbauers@unm.edu for Youth State Cup.

Gary Bauerschmidt
Chair Assigning Committee

Paul Quan
Assigning Guru

Youth Referee of the Year

There were many nominations for the youth Referee to represent New Mexico at this year's Regional Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah. From Las Alamos Avery Neal and Sophia Stroud were named. Both are playing competitively and have been reffing for about 2 years. Avery's dad is a coach while Sophia is following her dad's referee footsteps. John Espinoza and Kaleb Southard are two young men from District 1 distinguishing themselves as up and coming Referees with lots of potential. In the Albuquerque area Caitlan Davis and Katarina Rospopo have often been complimented by both coaches after a well done match. In addition, Caitlan was the keeper on the Rio Elite team that went all the way to Nationals taking 3rd. Taylor Hughes, Matthew Warpinski and Adam Arvizo are three of our best young male Referees in the Albuquerque area.

With all of these good young Referees it was difficult to choose the New Mexico Youth Referee of the Year. However, even among these young Referees with loads of potential, Andy Schryver from Farmington stood above the others. Not only does he find time to referee every weekend, he travels to Albuquerque to play on a premier team, is active in his church and still finds the time to be the Director of Coaching for the Cosmos Soccer Club.

Congratulations goes to all of the nominees! And a special acknowledgement to Andy Schryver as the 2002 New Mexico Youth Referee of the Year.



Referee Academy

To encourage Referee development of all ages, a Referee Academy has been started. Referees with lots of potential for upgrading have been identified. As with anyone interested in upgrading a serious commitment has to be made. Although, said somewhat tongue in cheek, the story goes about upgrade candidates coming home on Saturdays and Sundays after a day of perfecting their craft asking their loved ones (children, wife, significant others, etc) how their day was because they did not see each other all day long.

Several have volunteered to mentor the Academy participants and hopefully this program will really take off helping raise the standards of Referee performance in New Mexico. This great idea was suggested by Bob Linebaugh, SDA.

The 2002 Sandia Cup Assigning Committee invites everyone to referee at one of the Premier tournaments in the Southwest. Games are played in many venues throughout the Albuquerque area. Send an email to:

gbauers@unm.edu

To request an availability form.



Making the Commitment



How many times have you heard someone say that they want to upgrade? Whether it is from an 8 to a Grade 7 or a 7 to a State level Referee. So in their mind, when the Scheduler asks about their availability they say they need higher level games in order to advance so they only want to do a certain level and up. And they can only do games at certain times because of other commitments. If one want to upgrade, the commitment needs to be to becoming a higher level Referee, not to just doing what you think is necessary to upgrade. Making yourself available for whenever the “right

level” game comes along. And that game might be a lower level than what you think you need or deserve! But in any game you can find things to work on for your self improvement. When you do finally (and finally is a good word, because the upgrade path can be a long winding route with many ups and downs) earn that upgrade, you should continue and even more so making yourself available for all levels of games. I was most impressed by one of our National Referees saying he would take the U12G match at Classic Cup if that would help the scheduling effort. A far cry from the “I can only do games in the morning and they have to be U16B and older.” If you are really of the “right stuff” for a higher Referee level then you make the commitment and make yourself available as much as possible for all game levels. If you are seeking a State Referee level, you need to plan on traveling. If you live outside the metro area, traveling to Albuquerque is necessary. If you live in the Albuquerque metro area, you need to travel outside the state. Only by traveling will you see different styles, teams and network with others to keep your ability at a higher level.

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HIGH SCHOOL REFEREE NEWS

Highlights from a March 19, 2002, meeting between Doug Cotter; Phil Davis, Bill Albert and the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Athletics about the fall 2002 high school soccer season:

- ◆ Compliments to APS for scheduling their games, by spreading them throughout the week (not just Tuesday; Thursday and Saturday). There were more back-to back games and more late games (6:30 pm at the Lovelace Soccer Complex). APS has 11 schools and 358 games; if the other 13 schools do scheduling with this in mind, this can be a good season for utilization of referees.
- ◆ If a referee will ONLY do JV games, then he/she does not have to be registered with NMAA. This should also help with referee utilization.

The same three referees will meet with NMAA officials in the near future to discuss other concerns, such as early registration date and late fees. More detailed information to come.....

Bill Albert, High School Referee Assignor

- *Have an idea for a future article?*
- *Want to contribute to the newsletter with one of your very own article?*
- *Or how about those of you who want to “market” one of your local tournaments?*

Submit your inputs and/or comments to: Paul Quan, NMSoccerRef@aol.com

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May 25-27	Four Corner's Cup, Farmington Sandia Cup, Albuquerque
June 1-2	Southwest Zia Cup, Albuquerque
June 22-24	NASO Conference, Albuquerque
June 23-29	Far West Regionals, Salt Lake City, Utah