

# Off The Pitch

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NM State Referee Committee Newsletter



## 2004 Referee Upgrade

The time to declare your intention to upgrade is here. First go to the NMSRA Web site at:

[www.nmsra.org](http://www.nmsra.org)

Then at the bottom of the page click on  
**NMSRA Referee Upgrade Declaration Form**

Next contact and inform your District Referee Administrator (DRA) of your intent by handing in a copy of your Declaration form. Your DRA will work with the Director of the Upgrade Program to get you in the upgrade process. Your intention needs to be made on or before **13 February 2004**.

Again this year the process for upgrade to Referee Grade 7 will be community oriented. This means once you have declared, you will work with your DRA and a local Assessor to conduct the required assessment on a local qualifying match. (A qualifying match is defined as an U-19 game.) No Development and Guidance (D&G) assessment is required. If a D&G is desired let your DRA know.

- Gary Bauerschmidt, State Director of Upgrades

### Attending the Upgrade Orientation Clinic?

This year's clinic will be held in Albuquerque at the Ameri Suites Hotel on Menaul just west of Carlisle. The clinic will start at 6:30pm and there will be food and snacks.

Questions about the Clinic? Contact Gary Bauerschmidt at [gbauers@unm.edu](mailto:gbauers@unm.edu)

### Thoughts and Prayers



As many of you might have heard, our SRA Dan Healy suffered a stroke over the Holidays. He had an operation and is recovering in the hospital. In many ways Dan was more than the New Mexico Soccer Referee Administrator. He provided not only leadership to the Referee community but was a mentor to all individuals as we managed the "beautiful game" and our lives around soccer events and all the aspects of life. Wish Dan a speedy recovery and good health!

-State Referee Committee

## It's Upgrade Time



Upgrading requires a commitment to improving yourself and soccer. Make sure you are able to devote the time and energy needed! To upgrade get involved in the following process:

- Declare your interest to upgrade to your District Referee Administrator (DRA). Turn in your Declaration form. Keep a copy of the form to track your progress.
- Referee and DRA must agree that the time in Grade and required game count meets the requirements in the USSF Referee Administrative Handbook.
- Attend the orientation clinic prior to the Classic FC tournament in February.
- If you want a Developmental and Guidance (D&G) assessment during the tournament let the Assignor know then follow through on other assessments required for upgrading.
- Attend the Annual referee clinic in mid-August.
- Successfully complete the physical test required by USSF, be in training prior to testing.
- Successfully complete re-certification written test for the proper Grade.
- Complete all paperwork required in concert with your DRA.

Remember all of these must all be accomplished within the calendar year you declare your intent to upgrade.

So you want to upgrade, you have declared to your intent to upgrade to the DRA, you attend the orientation, and receive a D&G assessment. You will need to work on aspects of refereeing identified by the assessor during the D&G. If the D&G is favorable, you will be assigned an assessor by the SDA to do a formal assessment. It is the referee's responsibility to coordinate with the scheduler and assessor to identify an appropriate time and match. Make sure you provide a Referee Profile sheet to the AWSL/ASL scheduler in Albuquerque if you want to upgrade to one of the State Levels.

Two conditions of upgrade assessments you need to be aware of are assessor payment and filing of game reports. In the event you are not recommended for upgrade, your game fee will be paid to the assessor. Your assessor needs a copy of your game report. The assessment system provides feedback on match mechanics but our job is not complete until the paper work is done with feedback on your game report. Level of professionalism is determined on the field and by the game report submitted to the leagues. Game reports give the assessor insight to the ability of a referee.

Good luck to all those desiring to advance refereeing in New Mexico, contact your DRA and see you on the pitch.

- Stan Harrison, DRA, District 1

*Haven't registered for 2004 yet? Contact your DRA:*

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## New Fitness Requirements



Physical fitness is an important aspect of referee development and is one of the 11 points in the code of ethics for referees. The minimum physical fitness requirements that are required for registration, annual renewal and upgrading have been changed to more accurately reflect the requirements of a referee. As referees we should set our standards higher than the minimums set in this table. These standards must be met or exceeded within 6 months of the date of registration. All parts of the test must be completed in the same fitness session. These are truly minimums. If you don't quite make the distance or you are a fraction of a second over the specified times, you must retake the test until you meet or exceed these requirements.

	Age	Referee I (Grade 7)	State Referee
<b>Endurance Test</b> (Meters [Miles] run in 12 Minutes)	Under 38	2200 m [1 3/8 miles]	2400 m [1 1/2 miles]
	38 to 45	2000 m [1 1/4 miles]	2200 m [1 3/8 miles]
	Over 45	1800 m [1 1/8 miles]	2000 m [1 1/4 miles]
<b>50 Meter</b> [55 yard] run	All	9.0 seconds	9.0 seconds
<b>200 Meter</b> [220 yard] run	All	40.0 seconds	40.0 seconds

- Paul Mix, SDI

## Young Referees of the year

When was the last time you watched, coached, or even played in a game and thought that the young referee working it did a really great job? Perhaps this seems a little farfetched to some of you. Sure he or she made some mistakes, but what person (young or old) doesn't. Or how about that young person refereeing your game that you barely noticed? This could also be a sign of doing a good job. Game started and ended, players had fun, no real problems-how much better does it get? Well, now is the chance to recognize this young referee. US Youth Soccer recognized the role and importance of developing referees as well as players in preparation for the future of soccer in the US. Every year nominations identify the efforts and talents of young referees. From all nominees, one male and one female are selected to represent NM. It is important to recognize their contribution to the leagues and to the game.

Nominees must be a registered USSF Referee, 19 years of age or younger. Some guidelines used in reviewing the candidates are years of officiating; ability, character and identification as a role model for younger children; relationship with plays and adults in the program and potential for excellence as an adult soccer referee.

Nominations should include the name of the candidate, age, location or league where he or she referees, a way to contact him or her and a brief statement about why the person should be one of New Mexico's Young Referees of the Year. Please send nominations by **1 Mar 04** to me at NMSYRA@aol.com or mail to Doug Cotter (SYRA) NMYSA, 7804 Pan American Fwy NE, #3 Albuquerque NM 87109.

- Doug Cotter, SYRA



## What is a State Referee?

The Simplest definition is a Referee who can do any game within the state. The previous articles in this newsletter described the process and requirements. To upgrade to State Referee Grade 6 or 5 requires focus and dedication. This means the candidate will need to concentrate on and study the game; travel to in-state and out-of-state tournaments working all levels of matches; and work on one's physical and mental conditioning.

But *being* a State Referee means so much more. You are one of a select few (less than 8%) of USSF soccer Referees. Every time you Referee a match you provide an example for over 90% of the Referee membership of USSF. In addition, to meeting the higher expectations of coaches and players. Your commitment to upgrade and successfully meeting all the requirements was only the beginning of your journey.

As a **senior** member of the Referee program you will be expected to maintain the high standards of your level (fitness, educational training, and performance) and "give back to the game" by helping other Referees. This might mean being an AR on the **big game** to provide support for a developing Center. This does mean attending clinics such as the Annual Clinic in August and continued training.

*Being* a State Referee also means meeting the needs and expectations of the State Program. Making yourself available for tournaments throughout the state, especially Sandia Cup, State Cup and the Amateur Championships in addition to doing games regularly for league play. Making yourself available doesn't mean telling the Assignor that you'll be happy to do the U19 championship game or that anything U16 and up is Ok with you as long as the games start at 10am and you are home before 4pm. Making yourself available means that you are capable of doing any match but are also willingly to do any assignment that is needed.

*Being* a State Referee means dedicating time not only for the upgrade, but in order to continue at this level one will have to continue to make sacrifices. If you have children, you might very well come home after a Saturday of league play having seen some really great games but none of which had your child playing. Your weekends will be dedicated to doing games as the list of To Do items grows longer. Your discretionary income will have to be spent traveling to tournaments in Albuquerque if you are from outside the ABQ Metro Area. If you live in the Metro Area you need to travel out-of-state to gain the needed experience for a State level Referee.

*Being* a State Referee can be very rewarding if you have the right attitude both to yourself and the Referee Program.

- Gary Bauerschmidt, State Director of Upgrades

### Classic Cup Tournament

Feb 21st and 22nd  
Soccer Complex Santa Ana

Email your availability to:  
gbauers@unm.edu

Assignments received at:  
www.nmsra.org

## Definition of Advantage:



From Advice to Referees

Law 5 – The Referee

### 5.6 ADVANTAGE

Referees have the **power** to apply (and signal) the advantage upon seeing a foul or misconduct committed if at that moment the terms of the advantage clause (Law 5, 11th item) were met. The referee may return to and penalize the original foul if the advantage situation does not develop as anticipated after a short while (2-3 seconds). If the ball goes out of play during this time, then play must be restarted in accordance with the Law. Referees should note that the "advantage" is not defined solely in terms of scoring a goal. Also, a subsequent offense by a player of the offending team must not be ignored while the referee allows the anticipated development of the advantage. Such an offense may either be recognized by stopping play immediately or by applying the advantage clause again. **Regardless of the outcome of the advantage call, the referee must deal appropriately with any misconduct at the next stoppage, before allowing play to be restarted.** (See also 12.27.)

The referee may also apply advantage during situations that are solely misconduct (both cautionable and send-off offenses) or to situations that involve both a foul and misconduct. The advantage applies only to infringements of Law 12 (fouls and/or misconduct) and not to infringements of other Laws. *For example, there can be no advantage during an offside situation, no advantage be applied in the case of an illegal throw-in that goes to an opponent.*

The giving of the advantage is not required in all situations to which it might be applied. The referee may stop play despite an advantage if other factors (e.g., game control, severity of a foul or misconduct, possibility of player retaliation, etc.) outweigh the benefit of play continuing.

### **FIFA Law 5, 11<sup>th</sup> Item**

*\_ allows play to continue when the team against which an offence has been committed will benefit from such an advantage and penalizes the original offence if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time*

**Hence:**

## ***Advantage never changes the misconduct!***

Remember these five words. They are very important when it comes to "advantage" and how you must deal with the misconduct. You have to still deal with the misconduct regardless of the outcome of the "advantage" call. How many of us do?

- Bob Linebaugh, State Director of Assessment

## Spring Clinics



### Grade 9

Feb 7th, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
DCSL Office, Albuquerque

Lead Instructor:

Gary Bauerschmidt  
gbauers@unm.edu

Fees: \$15 for Clinic  
\$20 for Certification

Feb 14th, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
TBA, Westside

Lead Instructor:

Alya Reeve  
areeve@unm.edu

Fees: \$15 for Clinic  
\$20 for Certification

TBD, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
TBA, Las Cruces & Taos

Lead Instructor:

TBA

Fees: \$15 for Clinic  
\$20 for Certification

### Grade 8 Upgrade

TBA, Taos

### Annual Clinic

Aug 14-15

Albuquerque

Lead Instructor: TBA

Fees: \$5 for Clinic

- Paul Mix, SDI

# Recertification Process For 2005



During the past year USSF has changed the timing of the Recertification process. All forms must be processed before July, almost 6 months earlier than before. To insure New Mexico complies with having *currently certified Referees* doing matches, we also will modify our registration process to be in line with the National Program. For next year (*that doesn't mean you folks who still haven't recertified for 2004*) we will also move up the registration process.

The Annual Clinic (that is mandatory for all upgrade candidates and highly desirable for State Referees) held in mid-August of every year is your first opportunity to recertify for the next year. To encourage one to attend each attendee will have a one stop registration process. Your registration form, badge, book, fitness testing and required in-service training all can be had at this one time! For only a \$5 fee.

Further encouragement will take the form of higher fees after August. Any registration forms processed after August will have a \$10 processing fee added on. Any forms processed after December will have a \$15 processing fee in addition to the USSF fees. *Remember one cannot Referee any matches without being certified for the current year! You will not be covered by USSF legal processes or have any insurance unless you are **currently certified**.*

- Paul Quan, State Registrar

## Doug Cotter named as next SYRA

I am very happy to announce that Doug has accepted the position of State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA) allowing me to focus on the Upgrade Program. I know Doug will do an outstanding job just as he has done in his previous Referee Administrative positions. Doug can be reached at [nmsyra@aol.com](mailto:nmsyra@aol.com) or through the NMYSA office.

- Gary Bauerschmidt, State Director of Upgrade Program

## From the Chairman

Not that I needed another job in soccer, but on discussion with the two state association presidents and numerous of the administrators, I've decided to step up and accept appointment as chairman of the State Referee Committee (SRC). As noted on page 1, Dan Healy suffered a substantial setback prior to Christmas. We all are concerned for Dan's health and prospects and need to be sure that he and his family are focused on his recovery and long-term health prospects. Phil Davis has accepted the Interim State Referee Administrator Position (SRA) and I've agreed to step in and chair the SRC. Dan's contribution to the referee program in New Mexico and its continued growth and improvement is difficult to quantify. Our best contribution to his successful recovery can be to continue his good work.

Dan was busy trying to recruit his own replacement and move into the SRC chair. Hence, when he has recovered fully and is able to do so, he's welcome to the position. In the meantime, we'll work on some long term planning, setting goals, identifying prospects for advancement, and making sure we're meeting the needs of the soccer players and organizations we're here to support.

Hence, to the extent you've have input, please feel free to email me at:  
[aslsoc@swcp.com](mailto:aslsoc@swcp.com)

I'll be working closely with the SRC (Phil Davis, Doug Cotter, Paul Mix, Bob Linebaugh, Bill Albert, Paul Quan, Gary Bauerschmidt) and all the District Referee Administrators in getting us better and more efficiently organized and operating.

I'll be communicating with our colleagues in other state associations to see what good ideas they've implemented, as no one's ever had an idea so good I wouldn't consider stealing it. Between e-mail and teleconferences (NMSSA having found a bargain teleconference provider), I think we can manage our administrative communications with the minimum amount of intrusion into people's scarce free time and let everyone stay focused on their particular tasks.

We're getting ready to start kicking soccer balls again and another year of fulfilling our mission. Tournament season is closing in, as well as regional and national events in which we want to put our best foot forward as the hosts or as providers of quality game officials.

Again, please forward your input and let's all pull together to make this the best referee organization in all of US Soccer.

*- Mike Edwards, SRC Chair*



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## Calendar of Events

### Tournaments

Feb 14-16	Albuquerque Presidents' Day Soccer Tournament
Feb 21-22	Classic FC Spring Cup 2004 (and Referee Upgrade Orientation)
Feb 28-29	3rd Annual Riner Steinhoff Soccer Classic
Mar 13-14	Chevrolet Hobbs Invitational
Apr 28-29	Tide American Cup, Albuquerque
Apr 24-May 23	New Mexico (NMYSA) Open State Cup, Albuquerque
May 8-9	NMSSA State cup, Albuquerque
May 28-31	Sandia Cup, Albuquerque
May 28-31	FCYSL Memorial Day Soccer Classic, Farmington
June 4-6	USASA National Cup Regionals, Albuquerque