



MYSL - 2010 Referee Meeting

Middlesex Youth Soccer League

Member Towns

***Billerica, Burlington, Charlestown, Chelmsford,
Dracut, Everett, Hanscom, Lowell, Malden,
Medford, Melrose, Reading, Somerville,
Stoneham, Tewksbury, Wakefield, Waltham,
Westford, Wilmington, Woburn***





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Meeting Agenda

Introduction

Recognitions and Advancement

Administrative Stuff

Getting Assignments and Getting Paid





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Meeting Agenda (cont.)

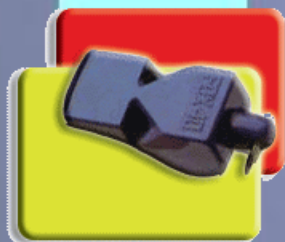
How to Write a Referee Report

Damian Arrondo

Dealing with Dissent

Brian Treanor - MSRC SYRA

Closing Remarks





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Introduction

– Who's the MYSL Referee Committee

- **Clark Caplan** – MYSL Referee Coordinator
- **Tom Heinz** – MYSL Referee Committee Member
- **Ray Halleran** – MYSL Referee Committee Member
- How can we help you?
 - Refereecoordinator@myslref.org

– Introduction of Guests





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- **Recognitions**
 - **New Referees**
 - Welcome Grade 9's!
 - Welcome Grade 8's!
 - Advanced Referees
 - **Experienced Referees**
 - State Tournament Referees
 - ODP and Region 1 Referees
 - **MYSL Commissioners' Cup Referees**





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- **Administrative Stuff**
 - **Referee Payment Policy**
 - Do you want to get paid?
 - **Pass Card Policy**
 - What to do
 - **Referee Handbook**
 - Check it out!
 - **Game Reporting**





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- **Annual Reminders**

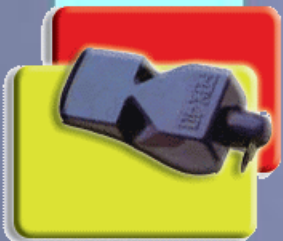
- **Almost New: No Report = No Pay**

- Late Report = 1/2 Pay
 - Your job is not over until you report the game.
 - If you expect payment, the League expects a timely Game Report

- **Not New at All: Send Offs**

- Keep the player cards and send it to the appropriate commissioner ***immediately!***
 - **All Misconduct and Injuries Must be Reported within 48 Hours!**

(I know it is not new, but merits repeating!)





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- **Who gives you the games for the Spring Season?**
 - **League Assignor – Al Cosentino**
 - All Center Referees for U12 and Older Games
 - AR Assignments for U16 & U18 Games
 - All Playoff Referee and AR Assignments
 - **Local Town Assignors**
 - All U10 Assignments
 - Game Number needed for reporting
 - AR Assignments for U12 and U14 Regular Season Games





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Using the MYSL Referee Website

- Getting Assignments
 - <http://www.myslref.org>
- Reporting Games
 - <http://www.myslref.org>
 - Do you have your referee number?
 - Did you make yourself available?
 - Do you know your MYSL Town assignor?





Referee Home Page

Welcome

[MYSL Ref Contacts](#)

[MYSL Referee News](#)

[Game Cancellations](#)

[My Schedule](#)

[Submit Availability](#)

[Forms and Resources](#)

[MYSL Web Site](#)

[Submit Contact Info](#)

[Commissioner's Cup](#)

Referee Data Center Login

Referee Number:

Password:

[I need a MYSL ref number!](#)

What's New?

3/9/10 [2010 Spring Referee Meeting](#)

Will be held at 6:30 PM on March 24, 2010 at the Joyce Middle School in Woburn

3/9/10 [Important Dates to Remember](#)

A listing of the important dates to remember for the upcoming season

8/29/09 [Updated MYSL Rules](#)

6/14/09 [2009 MYSL Commissioner's Cup Photos](#)

3/27/09 [Pre Game Procedures](#)
Updated [2009 MYSL Referee Handbook](#)

Who is my town's Referee Assignor?

Select A Town:

MYSL Referee News and Notes

- 11/9/08 [Fall 2008 Referee Payment Processing](#)
Updated 11/16/08 6:15 PM
- 4/5/08 [MYSL Referee Cancelled Game Policies](#)
[MYSL Referee Pay Policies](#)
- 11/9/07 Updated 5/20/08 to reflect new pay rates effective Fall 2008

[2009 MYSL Referee Handbook](#)

[MYSL field maps](#)

[USSF Position Papers](#)

[USSF Referee Administrative Handbook \(PDF\)](#)

[USSF Guidelines Regarding Referee Assault \(PDF\)](#)

(Taken from the USSF Referee Admin. Handbook)

[USSF Guide to Misconduct Report Writing](#)

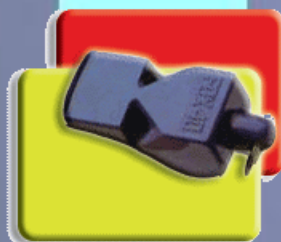
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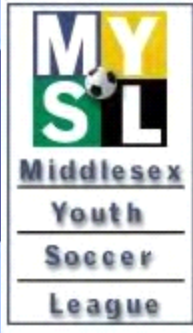
[USSF Memo Regarding Player Uniforms and Religious](#)

[Articles](#)

[USSF Memo Regarding Medical Alert Bracelets](#)

Bad weather? Check the Game Cancellations Link to the left to see if your games are still on.





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Referee Number:

Password:

[I need a MYSL Referee ID](#)

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- 6/14/09 [2009 MYSL Referee Commission Photos](#)
- 3/27/09 [Pre Game Handbook](#)
Updated 2/20/09

Who is my town's Referee Assignor?

Select A Town:

- Billerica
- Burlington
- Charlestown
- Chelmsford
- Dracut
- Everett
- Hanscom
- Lincoln
- Lowell
- Malden
- Medford

MYSL Referee News

- 11/9/08 [Fall Update](#)
- 4/5/08 [MYSL Referee Handbook](#)
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Mentoring and Advancement

MYSL fully supports the MSRC Mentoring program with five dedicated league resources.

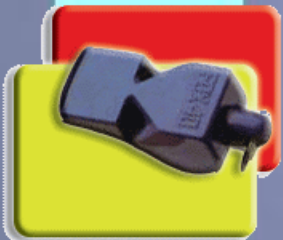
MYSL Mentoring contact: Clark Caplan

Request a Referee Assessment

http://www.massref.net/frm_assessor.cfm

Mass. State Referee Committee

<http://www.massref.net>





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- [Referees](#) ▶
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- [Instructors](#) ▶
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- [Mentor Program](#)
- [Buy Referee Gear](#)
- [What's New](#)

Username:

Password:

[Help](#)

REQUEST AN ASSESSMENT

Massachusetts referees may request an assessment at any time, subject to a few basic guidelines:

- You must be a currently registered Massachusetts referee in good standing
- Your referee grade must be at least a grade 8
- The game must be affiliated with USSF through one of the sanctioned leagues in Massachusetts
- The game must be a full-sided game (11v11)

Additional requirements exist for assessments done for the purpose of upgrading to or maintaining an advanced grade:

- The game must be assigned with neutral assistant referees
- The game must be of sufficient level* and at least 90 minute duration to qualify

If you know your schedule of upcoming matches and would like to be assessed, please complete the following form. Make sure to include the details of the game including location, time and date, and the level of the match to be played. We cannot promise to see every game, so please be patient and consider giving us several options of when you will be working.

* See [Massachusetts Requirements for Advanced Grades](#)

Last Name:

First Name:

Email:

Age:

Address:

City/Town:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

My current referee grade is:

- ** Choose one **
- Grade 9
- Grade 8
- Grade 7





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Middlesex Youth Soccer League Reporting

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Brief referee history of mine:

After a heated argument with a referee about a call he made (I was right, of course!) and where I said some things about his family that I cannot repeat in public, I ended on the wrong side of a red card.

The referee challenged me "If you know so much, why don't you become a referee?" Well, two months later (February 2004) I became a Grade 8. Two years later I became a Grade 7, two years later I became a Grade 6, and now I am trying to convince the adults in charge I still am a good Grade 6 referee.

I have had a great time since 2004 and looking forward to continue!





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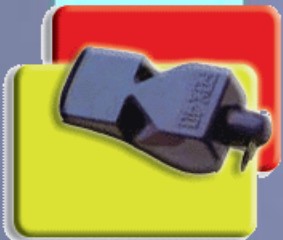
- **Reporting, or Real Referees do not do that!**
 - **Why? Let us have a show of hands...**
 - I do not like to write
 - Nothing is going to happen worth writing down
 - What's the worst it can happen?
 - **Why? LOTG 5 - The Authority of the Referee**
 - The Referee:
 - acts as timekeeper and keeps a record of the match
 - provides the appropriate authorities with a match report, which includes information on any disciplinary action taken against players and/or team officials and any other incidents that occurred before, during or after the Match
 - **Why? No Report = No Pay**
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- **Situations You Might Want To Avoid**
(or Not-So-Smart Tricks by Referees)
 - **Reporting**
 - When reporting games and/or incidents, reports facts, not emotions, opinions or wishes
 - Use the '5 W(s)':
What, When, Who, Why, Where
 - Caution issued on or around minute 19, to Team A player #23 for committing a reckless foul while tackling for the ball near the center circle
 - **Hey, I sent the report!**
 - And it did not help because the report the referee wrote was ***not*** complete, correct and/or accurate...





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- **Actual (not so good) referee report**
(a.k.a. Recipe for Disaster)

A few minutes into the 2nd half, there was a disputed corner/goal kick call, in which the CR overruled the AR1, calling a goal kick as the ball had deflected off the toe of an attacker.

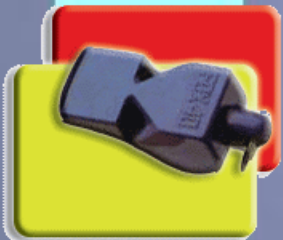
White's asst coach came all the way to within 10 yards of the endline to dispute the call.

CR told him that it was a goal-kick, and he continued to argue. The head coach then came down to protest, and CR informed him that the AR had been overruled, there was a deflection on the field and the call was goal kick.

CR warned the bench at this point that the asst coach needed to remain in the technical area and remain quiet.

Play resumed and in the 4th minute of the second half Blue had an attacking opportunity in the area. White keeper came out on a hard sliding challenge, cleats up, into the legs of the attacker. Contact occurred after the shot was taken, and wide left.

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- **Actual (not so good) referee report**
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CR called the foul, in the area, indicating Penalty Kick. From behind and towards white's bench area, CR heard "Are you [expletive] kidding me?" CR turned, pointed at the bench area, to the assistant coach, and said "Get out, get out of here" based on accumulation and prior warning.

CR did not show the card to the bench area, and turned to deal with the escalating situation in the penalty area, with players becoming agitated and aggressive.

CR again indicated Penalty Kick and cleared the area. White keeper (1) continued to argue and dispute the call. At this point he turned and walked off the field, waving his hand dismissively at the CR, clear dissent by action.

CR issued the yellow card for dissent at the 5th minute, positioned the attacker for the penalty kick, and informed the keeper to take his position. Following the kick and save, the ball went out for a goal kick.

Blue's coach was agitated and complaining about substitution for an ejected player. CR stopped and discussed with the AR1, learning that White #15 had left the field, thinking that he had been sent off, and White had substituted another player in.

(yes, it keeps going...)





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After discussion, CR learned that White #15 was guilty of the Foul and Abusive Language, and had left the field, while the assistant coach had stayed in the bench area.

Given that play had continued, and the guilty party had been misidentified, both White #15 and assistant coach remained in the bench area, as no red card had been shown.

White #15 did not re-enter the field of play for the remainder of the game. At no point was White #15 shown the red card, ejected or asked to leave the field.

In the 26th minute, White #11 was cautioned for dissent by word and action.

In the 36th minute, White #11 was sent off for Serious Foul Play. Following a scoring opportunity, in which blue keeper had come up with ball, White #11 and a Blue defender were both on the ground. As White stood to return to his position, he stomped on the leg of the Blue defender still on the turf.

(that's it!)



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- **What happened next**

- This is nothing more than a description of poor match management by the referee and the AR. .

So, as an exercise, what should the report have said?

- Please bear in mind:
 - This report did not allow the league to take proper action against either coaching staff.
 - This report got the referee "an invitation to reflect about his report".





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- **Actual good referee report (#1)**

Team A player #2 sent off in the 14th minute for denying a goal scoring opportunity by committing a DFK foul.

Team B player #23 sent off in the 88th minute for violent conduct: kicking an opposing player well after play had been stopped for a foul.

Team B coach ejected from the field in the 67th minute for two cautionable offenses: dissent in the 63th and 67th minute.

While still in the technical area Coach Team B very loudly called me "a racist bastard" multiple times and told me I was calling the game based on the color of the player's skin.

Team A player #21 cautioned in the 28th minute for an illegal substitution.

Team A player #7 cautioned in the 66th minute for a dangerous tackle.

Team A player #1 cautioned in the 90th minute for Dissent.

Team B player #22 cautioned in the 90th minute for a dangerous tackle.





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- **Actual good referee report (#2 and last)**

Cautions

Player A, Jersey #2, TEAM A

27min (UB) Unsporting Behavior - Player committed a reckless direct free kick foul while tackling for the ball.-

Player B, Jersey #7, TEAM B

27min (UB) Unsporting Behavior - Player showed lack of respect for the game by means of aggressive attitude and inflammatory behavior towards opponent.-

Player C, Jersey #10, TEAM B

49min (UB) Unsporting Behavior - Player committed a reckless direct free kick foul while tackling for the ball.-

Player D, Jersey #25, TEAM A

70min (UB) Unsporting Behavior - Player committed a reckless direct free kick foul while tackling for the ball.-





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- **Situations You Might Want To Avoid**
(or Not-So-Smart Tricks by Referees)
 - **Conclusion**
 - Where to find information
 - Use the FIFA LOTG found in the www.ussoccer.com site under the "Laws of the Game" section of the "Referee" Tab. LOTG pages 109 to 119.-
 - <http://www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Laws-of-the-Game.aspx>
 - Put Law 18 into good use!





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Dealing With Dissent

- Brian Treanor - MSRC SYRA





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- **MYSL Referee Program Priorities**

- 1. SAFETY!**

2. Fair and level competition

3. Fun

4. The Good of the Game

5. The Integrity of MYSL

6. MYSL Referee Development

7. Game Coverage

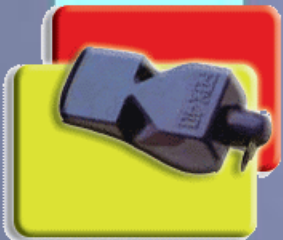
Everything else we do comes from these!





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- **Players Play !**
 - *They can also coach and cheer for each other*
- **Coaches Coach !**
 - Their Team ONLY!
 - They can also Cheer
- **Parents Cheer !**
- **Referees Referee !**
 - They also Make sure everyone else stays in their own roles





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**Thank you for taking
the time to participate**

***The MYSL Referee Committee and
The Middlesex Youth Soccer League***

"Let's have fun out there"



March 24, 2010