



- We have a few CNYJSA games to assign. All who are assigned these games need to go to the CNYJSA web site and PRINT OUT the Game Day What Ifs and BRING IT TO YOUR GAME. You'll need it if any of the situations occur at your game
  - No pass No play No exceptions! Even if name is on the roster. Includes the coach. If no coach with a card is available, no game—collect the money and go home. Printed game report forms and envelopes will be given to you at the game.
  - Absolutely no jewelry (except taped medical alert).
  - No hard casts even if padded.
  - Subs must not enter the field (at midfield) until player has left (anywhere). Enlist the coaches to make this work. This requirement was established by the League. Explain it during pregame.
  - Zero tolerance policies. See their web site. It applies to coaches, parents, spectators.
  - Kevin will ask the League for feedback on any incident reports we turn in. We need to EMail these game reports to Kevin, so he knows when to seek feedback.
- Fill out your availability on the Arbiter now. Please don't have to turn back games when you know ahead of time you're not available. X-out the date.
- Ranking of officials for assignments:
  - Kevin ranks all new officials at "100". After a year, everybody is a "150". Very crude, but that's what we use.
  - The referees were asked for comments. There was a lot of helpful discussion. The referees would like to provide information on the level/type of games they are comfortable with. Kevin and Ed will try to come up with a questionnaire to gather helpful information. Grade level (8, 7, 6) can also possibly provide some help.

#### 8. Treasurer's Report:

- Balance \$885.74.

#### 9. Entry Level Referee Course

- Thirteen attended the first meeting, and a few more may start at the second meeting. A few ladies, a few new Americans add to the culture.
- Groups of these new referees may come to our games to observe and learn.

#### 10. Mentoring

- We intend to try to mentor as many of our referees as possible this year.

#### 11. MVSRA Audit

- Jim needs to contact Pete and make this happen ASAP.

#### 12. RSSC Ask-the-Referee

- We answered a few questions. Maybe this program helped a little.

### 13. CNYSSL

- Season begins June 1, Tuesday. \$145 fees.
- They asked to be able to rate the referees. We will accept information that is helpful, but “rating” referees should be done by qualified assessors.
- Remember to review Zero Tolerance Policy and other Game Day information on their web site.

14. Dues increase \$10 after tonight.

15. Future meetings are on Sundays.

### 16. Zero Tolerance Statements

- Ed will provide these for posting on our web site [mvsra.org](http://mvsra.org).
- Violations will be handled between the referee and coach(es). The coaches are responsible for handling the problem. If necessary, the game can be terminated.
- The Leagues are very strongly promoting and supporting the implementation of these policies.

### 17. New Business

- Advanced Referee Clinic coming on May 22. Will be run by a USSF referee with three years of experience doing MLS games. Fee TBD, reduced cost for MVSRA members—we’re still working on the costs. More information to follow, hopefully this week. Location TBD, hopefully at a college. All referees should attend.
- Thruway League – only one team from this area is on this league. Read their rules if you get a game. See their web site (linked from ours).
- State Cup team – only one team from this area
- Some tournaments are coming up. Check our web site for dates.

### 18. Items for the Good of the Game

- Visit Week in Review on the MLS web site. Remember, these situations are professional level, and we would apply the Laws differently

### 19. RSSC

- Thanks to all referees who served the indoor facility this winter.
- Fewer problems this year. We can still improve and will work on it.
- We received some good feedback on U-8 and U-10 for explaining calls for the children (and parents) to hear and learn.

20. Adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Glen Bahr, Secretary