

**KANSAS STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Meeting 2023-1**  
**June 21, 2023**  
**The Other Place Restaurant, 22730 Midland Drive, Shawnee, KS 66226**  
**6:00 – 8:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The KSRC was called to order by Rich Kaminsky at 6:13 PM on June 21, 2023

**ROLL CALL (P = PRESENT, A = ABSENT):**

Voting Members:

P - Chairperson:	Rich Kaminsky
P - SRA:	Bill Davey
A - SYRA:	Gordie Wetmore
P - SDI:	Larry Weigant
P - SDA	Marc Tiemann
P - SD Assignment	Dan Smith
A - State Youth Rep:	Jon Freeman (MLS Assignment in Atlanta)
A - State Adult Rep	Alonzo Cadena
P - Web Master	Cory Kramer

Other Members:

A - Association Representative	Vacant
A - Coaching Rep:	Jason Paepke
P - KSYSA President	Ron Schneider
P- KSA Acting President	Bob Riggs

Guests:

P - Christine Kramer (Team Leader, Female Referee Outreach)

The Chairman reported that 6 voting members were in attendance which means a quorum was present to officially conduct SRC business.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION Bill Davey (Dan Smith)** to approve the agenda. Discussion: **New item on Agenda:** Nomination of Larry Weigant for SRC Service Award by Bill Davey (second by Cory Kramer). Bill shared that Larry has contributed to the SRC in multiple roles (most recently as SDI) for almost 15 years. The motion includes giving Larry a plaque to commemorate his years of service and a dinner for Larry and his wife (provide the bill to Bill as an approved expense). The motion was carried unanimously.

No further discussion. The agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION: Larry Weigant (Cory Kramer)** to accept the minutes of SRC Meeting 2022-2, January 27, 2023. The minutes were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY and will be posted to the web as required by the SRC Rules of Procedure.

Attached to the Notification email for your review. Please note there are 2 meeting minutes. One for our meeting in January and 2 for the interim meetings conducted in April:

## REPORTS:



**KANSAS REFEREE PROGRAM**  
**Ian W. "Bill" Davey - State Referee Administrator**  
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### SRA REPORT

As of 06/15/2023

#### NEW FROM USSF

USSF has again revamped the Referee Department Staff. This seems to be a constant ongoing practice, hiring interns for 4-6 months, then changing personnel. We have a new Director of Referee Administration, Kelly Murphy. Kelly at least has worked in the Referee Department for the past couple of years. Rick Eddy will retain his duties as Director of Referee Development. The latest change is USSF has assigned a point of contact for all the State Referee organizations. Each point of contact person has been assigned a "group" of states. However, they basically pass on concerns by the States to others on the referee staff for resolution. Additionally, USSF has finally given up on the "Grassroots" naming on grade 8 referees and reverted back to naming them "Referee". This will have little impact to recruitment or retention efforts.

#### REGISTRATIONS

We have registered approx. 100 more outdoor referees than during the previous years. Still, this is not keeping up with the league/tournament demands on the program and the expansion of the overall games being played each year.

#### FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The program is financially healthy, including a good reserve. We established a reserve based on projections of expense for any given year. We should be able to support any good proposal for increasing our retention or recruitment efforts, as well as a solid proposal for a developmental event(s). A key, in my opinion, to retention, as well as improved performance on the field, is a positive State-Wide Mentor program. We added Polos and flipping coins to our traveling referees' budget and will continue to provide those items in future years. Again, there is enough "reserve" \$ to provide for most efforts that will lead to program enhancement, benefiting the State, as a whole.

#### EDUCATION/CLINIC CONFIGURATIONS

We are bound, by policy, to train all new referees, by utilizing the US Soccer's Learning Center. We have dropped Game Officials as our primary registration platform and signed a contract with OMS (Officials Management Systems) which will provide a cleaner administration to the entire registration

process, including an assignment program, that should be available in August 2023. We have decided to keep the U12 training in-house and utilize our newly designed logo badge for those individuals. Additionally, we will continue to handle the recertification process as we have in previous years, utilizing the new OMS system, which streamlines the process. We have also signed a contract with Capelli Sports to provide logo'd training gear, as well as referee kits. This will provide additional options for our Referees and others wishing to wear gear with the Kansas Referee logo on the left breast side of the equipment.

#### ASSIGNMENT

We will utilize the OMS assignment system to assign State games, both Youth and Adult events that are part of a National Championship,

#### REFEREE EVENT SELF NOMINATION

This issue deals with the expense expectations on behalf of the referees asking for reimbursement for travel to US Soccer events. A new policy is being submitted for approval at the currently scheduled meeting.

In closing, we have made changes to the personnel involved in the SRC. We certainly thank all those that have given their dedication to our program over the years. Their efforts have made our program the "Model" for the rest of the Country to follow. I am very excited about our new SRC members, who have impacted forward looking program in a very positive way.

Respectively Submitted,

Ian W. "Bill" Davey  
 Kansas State Referee Administrator

KANSAS REFEREE DETAILED REGISTRATION DEMOGRAPHICS												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
OUTDOOR	1277	1403	1388	1543	1659	1550	1506	1608	1744	1858	2219	2333
INDOOR	75	100	118	115	113	108	98	100	159	133	20	0
FUTSAL											146	129
ASSIGNOR	32	28	32	31	27	30	28	31	36	46	43	46
ASSESSOR	17	19	18	18	28	21	20	22	23	25	18	17
INSTRUCTOR	27	26	26	26	29	32	30	27	34	31	31	34
<b>TOTAL</b>												
<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>	1428	1576	1582	1733	1856	1741	1682	1788	1996	2093	2477	2559
	<b>2017</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>				
OUTDOOR	2262		2371	2139	2034	same	2075	2170				
INDOOR	0		0	0	0	as 2020	0	0				
FUTSAL	148		250	236	170	x	205	185				
ASSIGNOR	32		22	20	28	x	30	28				
ASSESSOR	14		23	21	14	x	14	34				
INSTRUCTOR	26	+8 Interns	27	29	27	x	24	34				
<b>TOTAL</b>												
<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>	2482		2693	2445	2273		2348	2451				

The following additional discussions took place regarding the SRA Report:

- \* Bill reiterated that USSF is moving back to previous grades (Grassroots term is done. It will take some time to remove the term from all references, but the process is underway).
- \* Bill also shared that in the US Soccer reorganization there are 5 staff members to cover the 4 regions. Bill will send the SRC members contact information for future use.
- \* Update on Capelli:
  - Capelli will build a web store for Kansas SRC (anticipate it will be available in the August timeframe).
  - They will support training gear (with the Kansas Referee Development log) for sale as well as uniforms
  - Rebates will be provided to the SRC based on \$'s purchased through the site. We will not take the monies (tax implications) but will have the ability to redeem for specific merchandise.
  - In response to a question from one of our OSI distributors, Bill shared that the following vendors will be featured on this Capelli website:
    - Official Sports
    - The Soccer Store
    - The Soccer Shop
    - Capelli's
- \* Questions on OMS implementation/issues will be discussed under OLD BUSINESS.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bill Davey (SRA) reported that the program is financially healthy, including a good reserve. We established a reserve based on projections of expense for any given year. We should be able to support any good proposal for increasing our retention or recruitment efforts, as well as a solid proposal for a developmental event(s). A key, in my opinion, to retention, as well as improved performance on the field, is a positive State-Wide Mentor program. We added Polos and flipping coins to our traveling referees' budget and will continue to provide those items in future years. Again, there is enough "reserve" \$ to provide for most efforts that will lead to program enhancement, benefiting the State, as a whole.

**STATE YOUTH REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Gordie Wetmore was not in attendance, but provided the following report:

### **SYRA Report June 21, 2023**

We had a very successful spring! Below are a few quick notes on a myriad of items:

#### **Monthly Meetings**

- We hosted monthly in-person meetings for the KRDP at the Scheel's OPSC. These were streamed via Zoom for those unable to attend in-person across the state.

#### **Jr. State Cup & Presidents Cup**

- Both tournaments went extremely well with involvement from a broader number of officials than we have seen at these events before. Intentional pairing of experience with less experience along with mentors created some great educational opportunities.

### Spring State Cup

- Overall, a very successful tournament. Tried to leverage Google Classroom for enhanced communication and educational opportunities. This became a bit underutilized in the education category.
- Thanks to the member support program from US Soccer, we were able to have US Soccer Referee Development Manager Pedro Trejo out (at no cost to the state) to meet with referees interested in earning a national badge one day, our mentor team, all referees (in a training session Saturday night) and some of the SRC members. In addition to these meetings, we benefited greatly from his mentorship at games and impromptu sessions during weather delays.

### General Notes of State Tournaments

- Rich Kaminsky, Dan Smith, Marc Tiemann, and I served as the selection and assignment committee for each of these events (and regionals) to create a fairer selection process.
- We need to work diligently throughout the year to make sure names aren't slipping through the cracks for who could be working these state events.
- An assigning software is needed for the state to assign these state tournaments.

### PCup Regionals

- We had a great group travel to West Chester, OH for Presidents Cup Regionals this past week. The following individuals received finals assignments:
  - Toyosi Ishola
  - Michelle Cheung
  - Maggie Bielefeld
  - Logan Clark
  - Lucas Cuejilo
  - Marek Ortiz (standby)
- Logan Clark and Lucas Cuejilo were both selected to represent KS and the Midwest Region to Presidents Cup Nationals in Wichita, KS!
- Thank you to KSYSA for increasing the per diem for our officials since they were not incurring the cost of coins and shirts.
- Below is a roster of referees who attended. Only two of these referees had ever attended a regional event before!

Last Name	First Name
Allen	Gabriel
Bielefeld	Maggie
Cavazos	Luke
Cheung	Michelle
Clark	Logan
Cuejilo	Lucas
Gibson	Graham
Ishola	Toyosi
Leggett	Addison
Ortiz	Marek
Ouellette	Landon

Richter	Zach (mentor)
Seffens	Ben
Sykes	Tyler
Sweetman	Brendan (mentor)
Vo	Nathan
Wetmore	Gordie (mentor)

### NCS Regionals

- Preparing to leave June 22 for St. Louis. Thank you to KSYSA for increasing the per diem for our officials since they were not incurring the cost of coins and shirts. Below is the roster of attendees:

Last Name	First Name
Allen	Gabe
Bielefeld	Maggie
Bullcoming	Jeremy
Cheung	Michelle
Clark	Logan
Cook	Ryan (mentor)
Cuejilo	Lucas
Davis	Brandon
Gomez	Phil (mentor)
Guerrero	Nicholas
Hail	Brendan
Middaugh	Aaron
Nabors	Celeste
Ortiz	Marek
Ouellette	Landon
Smith	Alec
Sobolevsky	Anthony
Sykes	Tyler
Tiemann	Marc (mentor)
Useldinger	Cole
Wetmore	Gordie (mentor)
Wiman	Kyle



**Misc. Clinics**

Coaches Online Clinic and Referee Mentor Certification

Advanced Clinic in January

Assignor Clinic

Two Mentoring Clinics in January and February

Adult Spanish Course in Kansas City

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Weigant

State Director of Instruction

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** The following report was submitted by Sean Overton following the meeting:

**STATE DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT:** Marc Tiemann submitted the following report:



## 2023 Coaching Activity

### Coaching Engagement – 2023 (as of June 15)

- Regional Referee Maintenance assessments – 8, Upgrade - 8
- Regional Referee Maintenance or Upgrade requests cancelled for lack of coaches - 8.
- National Referee Upgrade assessments - 12



## 2023 Coaching Activity

### Status of developing referees/mentors

- One referee has completed the required assessments and fitness test, is attempting a mid-season upgrade. Several others have requested or already completed assessments to upgrade.
- Zachary Richter will complete three shadow assessments with other coaches after which he will be allowed, per Bill, to coach regional upgrades and maintenances.



## 2023 Peer Mentor/Coaching Program

- **Activity -games mentored**

President Cup- not all data reported, will report when submitted  
Boys State Cup- not all data reported, will report when submitted  
Heartland -322 (previously 390)  
Wichita- 39 (not reported)  
Metro- 0 (previously 23)  
Leavenworth - 128 (previously 67)  
Sunflower - 96 (previously 113)

- While we had some successful Mentor “Blitz” sessions, recruiting Regional Referees to come out and mentor has not been as successful as hoped. We will continue to encourage senior referees to give back to the younger and less experienced generation.

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The following additional discussions took place regarding the SDA Report:

- \* Marc confirmed that the following Referee Coaches are approved to perform Regional Referee assessments and are working on meeting the requirements to become Referee Coaches:
  - o Marc Tiemann
  - o Devin Blazek
  - o Ryan Cook
  - o Phil Gomez
- \* Bill shared that US Soccer is reviewing requirements for advancing from Referee Mentor to Referee Coach and could provide some alternatives to the current 3 year in grade requirement. The alternatives would be based on Referee Grade achieved and portfolio of matches assessed.
- \* Marc confirmed that each of these individuals met their requirements of 5 assessments in 2022 and will be asked to meet the target again in 2023.

**STATE DIRECTOR OF ASSIGNMENT:** Dan Smith provided the following report:

### **State Director of Assigning Report**

Distributed USSF resources from the US Soccer Learning Center to conduct online Certification and Re-Certification for all prospective and existing Assignors. Course and Test completed by all.

Here is the list of KS currently Certified Assignors:

BARTEL, JOSHUA	ANDOVER KS
BECKER, EDWARD	TOPEKA KS
BINGMAN, JEFF	OLATHE KS
CHAO, RAY	LAWRENCE KS
CHEERS, KRISTOPHER	PECULIAR MO
CUTLER, CARTER	GLADSTONE MO
DAVEY, IAN	WICHITA KS

DULANY, PETER	LENEXA KS
DURAR, ABDU A	MANHATTAN KS
FEEBACK, TRAVIS	RAYMORE MO
GOMEZ, PHILLIP	SHAWNEE KS
INLOW, MICHAEL	DERBY KS
KAMINSKY, RICHARD	OVERLAND PARK KS
KRAMER, CHRISTINE	LENEXA KS
KRAMER, CORY	LENEXA KS
LAWLER-WHITE, TRACY	LEAVENWORTH KS
LIPARI, ANTHONY	OVERLAND PARK KS
LYNN, PATRICK	OLATHE KS
MERCER, MATTHEW	TOPEKA KS
NORDSTROM, AUSTEN	OLATHE KS
NORDSTROM, JAMES	OLATHE KS
OVERTON, MATTHEW	OVERLAND PARK KS
OVERTON, SEAN	OVERLAND PARK KS
ROBISON, CARRI	ANDOVER KS
SAVAGE, HUW	OLATHE KS
SMITH, DAN	OVERLAND PARK KS
SUEPER, TYLER	WICHITA
WEBER, CARRIE	SHAWNEE KS
WESSELS, JOSEPH	LAWRENCE KS

The State Director of Assignment assisted with Referee assignment and on-site management of the following Spring KSYSA events: Jr. State Cup, President's Cup and Boys State Cup.

Recommend implementing AssignRefs an online assigning software application, until the newly selected OMS administrative software program launches their assigning component, for use during KS State Tournaments, ODP events, clinics, etc. Cost = \$300/yr.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Smith

The following additional discussions took place regarding the State Director of Assigning Report:

- \* Regarding the 12-year-old certifications:
  - o Question: Are these Referees restricted from working matches in other states?
    - Response: If the league or body sanctioned for the tournament is based in Kansas, then these Referees can work these matches. This related specifically to Heartland, Challenger and GSI tournaments that may use fields in Missouri as a part of their tournament venue (i.e., Swope or Kenneth Road for example). In this case 12-year-old Referees certified in Kansas may work these tournaments/leagues.
    - If the league or body sanctioned for the tournament is NOT Kansas based, then these 12-year-old Referees cannot work these matches.
  - o Question: What about 11year olds and younger?
    - The decision was that the Kansas SRC will NOT certify any young Referee who will not turn 12 during the registration year they originally certified.

- Question: What will we do when the Referee turns 13 during their initial year of certification?
  - These Referees will have to go to the US Soccer Learning Center and:
    - Create their Referee Profile
    - Complete the online training
  - We will ONLY charge the US Soccer portion of the Registration fee to take the course (\$20). This was determined to be fair and equitable. The Referees would then receive their USSF badge and be able to work in any area under USSF.
    - Example: 12-year-old Referee certifies in January, 2024 (cost is \$65)
    - They turn 13 in August, 2024
    - They go to the Learning Center and complete their profile and take the online course. We charge them an additional \$20. Since they are signing up after July 1, they will receive a 2025 badge. So, their expenses for registration for 2 years (2024 and 2025) would be \$85.
- Question: What age restrictions will the Kansas SRC place on Futsal certifications?
  - The decision is that we will ONLY certify Futsal Referees who are 13 or older.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE:** Jon Freemon was unable to attend this meeting (MLS assignment in Atlanta). Jon provided the following information:

**Youth Representative Report  
Kansas SRC Meeting, January 2023**

**Youth Representative Update:**

**Kansas Referee Advanced Clinic – January, 2023:**

Jon prepared the content and delivered the 2023 Advanced Referee Certification class at the KC Athletics facility in Roeland Park (attendance was 30+).

**Kansas Referee State Cup Clinic – May, 2023:**

Jon prepared the content and was the lead instructor for the Referee clinic that preceded the State Cup tournament. This session included classroom and field exercises. The field exercises were supported by several Regional/National Referees and Referee Mentors.

**ADULT REPRESENTATIVE:** Alonzo Cadena did not attend and did not submit a written report.

**WEBMASTER:** Cory Kramer submitted the following report:

Webmaster Report 6/21/23 by Cory Kramer

We need to instill in our assignors and leagues to direct people wanting to become referees for the first time or to recertify to start out at [www.kansasreferee.org](http://www.kansasreferee.org). Many people bypass [kansasreferee.org](http://kansasreferee.org) and then do not know what they need to do after signing up for a clinic. If someone asks what pre-course work needs to be done, please direct them to read the Referee page on [www.kansasreferee.org](http://www.kansasreferee.org).

Updates:

1. We are moving our registration platform from GO to OMS. We will be accepting credit cards for registrations (Bill can update on the process). This will really help streamline the process for recertifications and we should be able to recertify more people.
2. Recert classes are now over. Should we continue with the PO Box for those that do not want to pay by credit card?

3. Assignment pages under the website need to be updated. They are far out of date.
4. The news section could use some new articles.
5. Will work on how-to manuals for OMS once it is up and running.
6. Recert numbers:
  - Advanced - 30
  - Basic – 726
  - Intermediate – 306

Total Recertified - 1,062  
 Outdoor ELC classes for 2023:

- Fall
  - Over 13 - 414
  - 12 & under - 242
- Spring
  - Over 13 - 362
  - 12 & under - 123

Total over 13 - 776  
 Total 12 & under 365  
 GRAND TOTAL - 1,141

Futsal recertification for 2023:  
 Recertification – 83  
 Futsal ELC classes for 2023:  
 ELC - 102

The following additional discussions took place regarding the Web Master's Report:

- \* Regarding the question of keeping the PO Box the decision is that with the ability to pay online (credit card processing) there will be no need to continue the PO Box for 2024.

**CHAIRPERSON:** Chairman submitted the following written report:



Rich Kaminsky - Chairperson  
[Richkaminsky37@aol.com](mailto:Richkaminsky37@aol.com)

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – June 21, 2023 (SRC Meeting 2023-1)**

**Requirements of Position:** Responsible for working collaboratively in the support of the SRC missions and coordinating the programs servicing both the adult and youth associations. Plans and implements SRC meeting and ensures compliance with the National Referee Program in the State:

**Budget:** No specific budget assigned except for SRC Meetings.

**Activities in support of Requirements of Position:**

1. **Collaboration with KSYS and leagues across the state in implementing the Referee Coach (Mentoring) Program:** The SDA oversees the Referee Coach (Mentoring) program that has been implemented in multiple leagues (Heartland, Leavenworth, WRSA, and Topeka for Spring 2023).
  - a. Rich Kaminsky (SRC Chairman) has been tasked with the continuing implementation and administration of this KSYS funded activity.

- b. KSYSA has created a new position (Director of Referee Development, staffed by Gordie Wetmore) who will assist in the Statewide mentoring program. The summary of expenses for the Spring 2023 season are summarized below:

Spring 2023	March	April	May	June	Totals
Mentor	\$1,634.00	\$4,295.65	\$3,650.90		\$9,580.55
Assigning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Admin	\$30.00	\$195.00	\$135.00		\$360.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$43.45	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$43.45
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,707.45</b>	<b>\$4,490.65</b>	<b>\$3,785.90</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,984.00</b>

## 2. Technical Education:

- a. US Soccer has changed designations for Instructors/Assessors for the 2023 registration year. These roles are being combined into the "Referee Mentor" license. In August I attended the "Referee Coach" class offering in Omaha. The purpose was to ensure that Kansas had the ability to certify Referee Mentors in house. I successfully completed the course and received my Referee Coach license.
- b. The Referee Mentor offering in Kansas was posted and the class was taught in 2 sessions (an online video review skills session and an in-person class. The certified Referee Mentors in Kansas include:

BECKER, EDWARD	DULANY, PETER	OVERTON, SEAN	TIEMANN, MARC
BIELEFELD, MAGDALEN	FISCHBACH, SEAN	PUJADO, CHRISTIAN	WESSELS, JOSEPH
BLAZEK, DEVIN	FREEMON, JON	RICHTER, ZACHARY	WETMORE, GORDIE
BUCHANAN, WILLIAM	GAUNT, BRAD	ROSENAK, ALAN	WHALEN, MICHAEL
CHEUNG, MICHELLE	GOMEZ, PHILLIP	SCHUETTE, DALE	
CLARK, LOGAN	KRAMER, CHRISTINE	SEFFENS, DANETTE	
COLLING, NATHAN	KRAMER, CORY	SIEMER, BEN	
COOK, RYAN	MANZI, TROY	SOBOLEVSKY, ANTHONY	
CUEJILO, LUCAS	MAYNES, KENNETH	SUEPER, TYLER	
DAVEY, IAN	MCNALLY, MICHAEL P	SWEETMAN, BRENDAN	

## 3. Administration:

- a. Interim meetings were conducted in April (5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>).
- i. The April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting dealt with the following topics:
1. Selection of Referees for Region 2 Adult Tournament
  2. Updates from attendees to the SDA/SDI Workshop conducted by USSF in Kansas City
  3. Updates on the Female Referee outreach program
  4. Flipping coin acquisition
  5. Resignation of the SDI, Larry Weigant. Appointment of Sean Overton as new SDI.
- ii. The April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting concerned changing our vendor for managing the Referee Development Program.
- b. Minutes of these meetings as well as the January 2023-1 meeting were prepared and have been submitted to the Committee members.

- c. Prepared the Agenda and notification for the 2023-1 meeting which will approve the budget for the next fiscal year.
- d. Continuing to recruit for SRC Succession Plan. Potential new people will be invited to the next SRC Meeting to gain exposure and provide insights into how we can continue to build our program in a more positive direction.

This information respectfully submitted:

Rich Kaminsky  
Chairman, SRC

**COACHING REPRESENTATIVE:** Jason Paepke was unable to attend and did not submit a written report.

**PRESIDENT - ADULT:** Bob Riggs, Acting President attended the meeting and provided the following report to the SRC:

**Kansas State Soccer Association Report  
Bob Riggs, Acting President  
Kansas State Referee Committee Meeting  
Meeting 2023-1 June 21, 2023**

1. Website in development: [www.kansassoccerassoc.com](http://www.kansassoccerassoc.com)
2. March 16-20: Attended U.S. Soccer AGM in San Diego, California.
3. May 24: Disciplinary hearing for Referee Assault - Plaintiff FC Focus Player Johnson Felix vs. Defendant Referee Luis Tribaldo. Hearing Panel found Plaintiff guilty of Referee Assault and imposed four (4) month suspension effective date of incident.
4. June 3: Met with Gilbert Rizo of La Liga who requested a referee clinic conducted in Spanish.
5. June 10-June 17: 2023 Vic Boydo Memorial Adult State Cup held at Compass Minerals Sporting Fields. Six teams entered the competition: Focus FC, FC Porto, Barilleros FC, Derra KC, Chemical X FC, and Santa Fe FC. FC Porto defeated Barilleros FC in the championship match. Both teams advance to the USASA Region II Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Fort Wayne, Indiana in July 21-23.
6. June 19: Met with KCKASL members at coaches meeting.
7. July 21: USASA Region II Adult Business Meeting will be held at the Fort Wayne Sports Club.
8. September 21-23: USASA AGM will be held in Bonita Springs, Florida.
9. February 8-11 (2024): U.S. Soccer AGM will be held in Dallas, Texas

**PRESIDENT - YOUTH:** Ron Schneider, President, KSYSA attended this meeting. He provided the following information:

**KSYSA Report**

1. Our plan is to maintain the status quo as far as our support of ref development programs. Positive results are arising from those efforts. We continue to be excited about the work and impact Gordie is having.

2. We would also appreciate the commitment of the SRC to help us make the experience for referees better for KSYSA events as well as Regional events, by being willing to purchase coins, shirts, and other items for referees working those events. It goes a long way to building loyalty and retention.

3. We have created emails in our system for the following SRC Positions and we can connect their existing email to the new email to help people transition to the new email addresses:

Emails provided to SRC:

Referee Assessment: [assessment@kansasyouthsoccer.org](mailto:assessment@kansasyouthsoccer.org)

Referee Assignment: [assignment@kansasyouthsoccer.org](mailto:assignment@kansasyouthsoccer.org)

Referee Instruction: [instruction@kansasyouthsoccer.org](mailto:instruction@kansasyouthsoccer.org)

Just let us know who you want to be assigned the email. We will create the password for them and connect their current email address.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Policy Letter for Referees who receive SRC funds to travel to USSF selected events (i.e., outline expected give backs for investments).** The following Policy Letter was introduced and discussed.



KANSAS REFEREE PROGRAM  
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January 1, 2023

KSRC Referee Requirement(s) Policy for self-nominations to USSF events:

The Kansas State Referee Committee mission is focused on the continued development of all Kansas Referees at all grades. To assure that investments made for selected Referees/events benefit the broader Referee population, this policy addresses that select Referees that receive investments (monetary funds) from the SRC to assist with travel to USSF sponsored events as a part of their individual development are expected to "give back" to further the Referee programs in Kansas. The "give back" can be accomplished in the following ways:

Activity	Games/Sessions/Classes per \$100.00
<b>Officiate matches played in Kansas affiliated leagues (KSYSA/KSA)</b>	1 additional local league match *
<b>Mentoring officials using the procedures and forms included in the KSYSA Peer Referee Coaching program</b>	2 games
<b>Attending Referee classes and assisting with the field session portion of the classes</b>	1 per year
* <b>Regional Referees are required to officiate 6 matches per year in a Kansas Affiliated league. This would be an additional requirement.</b>	

Referees who receive monetary funds are also encouraged to attend Referee meetings and to interact with new Referees.

Referees who have received funds and do not "give back" will be removed from future funding.

Ian "Bill" Davey  
 State Referee Administrator

Motion: Bill Davey (Larry Weigant) to send this Policy Letter to the SRC for final review and approval. If approved, it will be posted on the Kansas Referee.org web site.

2. **Update on Female Referee Outreach program.** Christine Kramer shared the following information on this Outreach program:
  - a. The female mentors today (Christine, Michelle Cheung, Dannette Seffens, Maggie Bielefeld) will be joined in the future with Naomi Omenski.
  - b. Attendance was below expectations. Corrective responses will include changing the dates (perhaps meeting before or after Referee Training meetings conducted by KSYSA) and sending out mailings with Constant Contact.
  - c. The idea of distributing fliers will also be considered to increase attendance.
  - d. The “Jeopardy” session was the most popular session during the Spring.
  - e. The SRC confirmed that the 2023-2024 budget does include funds to support this program for the current fiscal year.
3. **Update on Official’s Management System implementation:** Bill Davey provided the following update on the conversion to the new system:
  - a. The initial plan will have 3 administrators (SRA, Web Master, and Chairman)
  - b. Technicals will have access to those areas of their responsibility (Instruction, Assessment, Assignment and Youth). They will also be responsible for setting up their teams to manage their delegated responsibilities.
  - c. Bill anticipates a tutorial session before the official roll out
  - d. SDI will take the lead in building and beta testing clinic offerings.
  - e. The following questions were asked:
    1. Background Checks: The SRC will now manage background checks for the Referees because of identified administrative challenges with Got Soccer. Under the OMS system, Referees must have a completed background check before they can sign up for a clinic.
    2. The SRA and KSYSA Risk Manager will continue to have open communication on checks that need special processing.
  - f. **How to manage the U12 Referees:** Decision by the SRC is that to be allowed to enroll in a clinic the Referee candidate must turn 12 in the year they are certifying for. For example, to certify for 2024 the Referee candidate must turn 12 by December 31, 2024. If they don’t meet these criteria, they will not be allowed to attend a clinic.
  - g. **Futsal:** The SRC decision is that Referee candidates for Futsal must be 13.
  - h. See the discussion under the State Director of Assigning Report for additional details on this age group.
  - i. **What communications will be made to alert our constituents to the new processes with OMS**
    1. Web Master will take the lead in providing information to our constituents on the new processes with OMS.
    2. SRA again confirmed that the technical people (SDI, SYRA, SDA, and SD Assigning) will be responsible for managing the content in their areas of responsibility with OMS.
4. **Updates from US Soccer on nomenclature and new Entry Level Certification options.** As shared in the SRA Report and discussion, the term “Grassroots” will be eliminated and the initial category of Referee certification will return to Referee (followed by Regional, National, etc.). Kansas has elected to NOT enroll in the US Soccer abbreviated certification program.
5. **Referee Recruiting/Retention** – Current attention is in cooperation with Sean Forcellini (Sporting Blue Valley). Sean wants a program for his ECNL/E64 players to support a 3v3

league and to support youth matches. The current offering (approved by the SRC and being led by Cory Kramer and coordinated with Sean Overton - SDI) will be:

- a. Schedule an outdoor session with the interested candidates to deliver mechanics training (this session should be a minimum of 1 hour)
  - b. The second part would be for these candidates to sign up for the US Soccer Learning Center online course and profile. At the conclusion of their successful completion of the course/profile, and with their payment of fees, these candidates would be certified as
6. **Confirmation of State Director of Instruction:** Larry Weigant activated his resignation at this part of the meeting. Motion by Bill Davey (Rich Kaminsky) to confirm that Sean Overton would now have the voting responsibility for the position of the SDI for both the SRC and KRDC. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Succession planning update:** Tabled. Actions continue in identifying and engaging with potential new candidates for SRC roles. It was noted that in the past year there have been multiple new members appointed and approved to the SRC (SYRA, State Director of Instruction and State Director of Assigning).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Increase of Fees:** Motion by Bill Davey (Sean Overton) to increase fees for Referee certification/recertification by \$10 annually. The following discussion to identify the specific increases:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Proposed New Fee</b>
<b>Referee</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$65</b>
<b>Regional Referee</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Futsal Referee</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<b>Assignor</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Referee Mentor</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$55</b>

This schedule was then approved unanimously by the voting members of the SRC and will go into effect for the 2024 recertification year.

2. **2024 SRC Budget:** Members have been provided with the proposed budget for 2024. Motion by Sean Overton (Cory Kramer) to approve the budget. The following discussion took place on the proposed budget:
- a. The budget will be amended to reflect the just approved Referee fees.
  - b. The budget reflects the new background check procedure (background checks included in the Referee registration fee).
  - c. The budget reflects SRC awards approved during the 2023-1 meeting.
  - d. The budget reflects expenses for credit card processing and OMS software fees.
  - e. The budget includes additional U13 clinic badges.
  - f. The budget includes changes to the technical people responsible for their areas.

Discussion completed. Motion by Cory Kramer (Dan Smith) to approve the budget as amended. Motion carried unanimously. The attached budget was approved.



Amended 2023-2024  
Working Budget.xlsx

**“FOR THE GOOD OF SOCCER” – No comments**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: December 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to Adjourn made by Cory Kramer (Dan Smith). The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM on June 21, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich Kaminsky, Chairman