

TO: All Currently Registered Assignors
FROM: Tony Damoulis, SCRA
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SUBJECT: Assignment of Referees to Youth Games

Over the past month, FSR has become aware of issues involving the process of referee assignment to youth games. Before we discuss these issues we need to re-visit a previous email dated Sep 15, 2008, last paragraph, dealing with the dual responsibilities and relationship which, by definition, applies to all assignors.

On certification by and registration with FSR, an assignor is then privileged to assign referees to all Federation affiliated games, based on the standards of assignment promulgated by the Federation and supported by FSR. If and when these standards are violated, an ethical issue may arise which will be addressed by the SRA as part and parcel of the FSR certification and registration process. In addition, if issues arise between an assignor and a referee over accepting or rejecting assignments, this also is a matter of ethics the SRA will address. When such issues arise please contact your ARA or myself.

When disputes or any other issues arise from the actual process of referee assigning on behalf of a club, league or a state association, these are contractual issues based on the agreement between the assignor and this other entity for which the assignor assigns. It goes without saying that only these two parties are fully aware of the applicable rules that each of them discloses or imposes on referee assigning. This agreement, either verbal or in writing, guides the assignor's performance and it is an agreement that FSR has not participated in or even is aware of. Therefore, these disputes or issues should be handled between the assignor and the club, league or state association which hired the assignor. If an ethical issue (as per FSR and or the Federation policies) rises during the resolution of this contractual dispute, then either party may contact the SRA requesting assistance.

Just so all assignors are on the same page, referees are considered registered only when they appear on the FSR web site. Referees are considered eligible for adult assignments when they are registered. Referees are considered eligible for youth games only when they appear on the FYSA web site. FSR, during heavy registration times, communicates updates to FYSA often.

For more information, please see the State Referee Assigning Policy available on the FSR web site.

Thank you all and keep up the good work.