



CanSoRef

**CanSoRef is the official Newsletter of the Ontario Soccer Referees' Association.
February 2009**

From The President

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held February 1st

Most of the constitutional changes that were put forward were defeated. This means that the OSRA will continue to be a member of the CSRA and work actively to support the national program.

The only change that was approved was the removal of the Associate Member category of membership (at the provincial level, not at the local branch level) and a redefinition of the Ordinary and Direct categories to include anyone who is a referee, was a referee or is attempting to become a referee.

COUNCIL MEETING held February 1st

Following the SGM, the first Council meeting of the year was held. A wide range of topics was covered.

- The appeal by Paula Francisci of the Executive decision to remove her from her position as secretary was heard. The result of a secret ballot by members was that the Executive decision should stand. The Executive will now seek a replacement to fill the position until the AGM.
- Honoraria of \$500 for 5 positions were approved to recognize service in 2008. Recipients were the Treasurer, Secretary, Can-So-Ref editor/website manager, equipment manager, and education committee chair. Peter Johnson, the education chair, declined his honorarium.
- At the time of the meeting, the OSRA had not been given a copy of the Waiver that the OSA is insisting referees must sign in order to complete their registration in 2009. A copy has now been received and the Executive is reviewing it to determine what advice to give to OSRA members. This will be communicated shortly.
- The annual referee indoor soccer tournament will be hosted by Scarborough on April 25th. Contact Leslie Wong to get more information.
- The next two Council meetings will be held on April 26th and October 4th. The AGM will be held on November 15th.
- Approval was given to send 2 representatives to the CSRA AGM in Calgary.

OSRA Primer Seminar for Referees Seeking Upgrading.

This seminar is for those referees seeking OSA upgrading from District to Regional / Provincial. Course of Study.

Four simple questions. Opening session of 15 minutes. Q & A.

Explanation of

Careless; Reckless and Excessive "force": as laid out in Law 12.

60 minutes of video and PowerPoint presentation and question / answer.

Free Kicks around the Penalty Area: All aspects of preparation and man -management skills. Video examples with question and answers. (60mins)

Offside: Video Presentation of the FIFA/CSA video with explanation from a FIFA referee. (60 mins)

Starts and Restarts: Video presentation and PowerPoint. (60 mins)

Preparing for an exam: Group sessions with questions, answers and explanations. How to answer questions as well as how to choose the right answers in multiple choice papers. (60 mins)

Date: Saturday April 4th 2009

Time: 9.30 am to 4pm Lunch provided.

Free to OSRA Members (There is a \$25 returnable deposit in case of last minute cancellation by the candidate.)

Number of spaces 25:

Age Limit. Those referees under the age of 35yrs will be selected first.

Location: Peel Halton Association Offices; 5659 McAdam Rd, Unit B3, Mississauga.

Application forms are available in PDF or Excel formats (see below).

Please fill out and return with your deposit to:

Chairman OSRA Education Committee,
5411-14 Lakeshore Rd.,
Burlington,
L7L 1E1

The selection is on a first come first served basis, closing date Saturday 21st March 2009.

[Click here for Application Form \(PDF\)](#)

[Click here for Application Form \(Excel\)](#)

Dates set for 2009 2nd and 3rd Council Meetings and AGM

Our 2nd Council Meeting for 2009 will be held on Sunday April 26.

Our 3rd Council Meeting for 2009 will be held on Sunday October 4.

Both meetings will be held at the Armenian Youth Centre commencing at 10.00am.
The Armenian Youth Centre is located at 401 and Victoria Park at:

50 Hallcrown Place
North York, ON M2J 1P7
(416) 499-4781
[Get directions](#)

The 2009 AGM, which is our 50th AGM, will be held on Sunday November 15 at a venue to be determined.

2009 Referees' Soccer Tournament

The Scarborough Branch of the OSRA will be hosting the Annual Referees Soccer Tournament on April 19th at the Scarborough Indoor Arena, 45 Fairfax Crescent, Scarborough, M1L 1Z6

A minimum of 8 teams are required to make this tournament a success. Scarborough will have two teams.

Any other Branch who would like to have more than one team would be welcome

The format would be the same as previous years

The entrance fee is \$250.00 payable to the SSRA Scarborough Branch

Two Divisions of 4 teams, each team is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games

First game starts at 9.00 AM

Lunch (Pizza) will be provided from 12 to 1 PM

Closing Date is March 31st 2009

Please contact Leslie Wong @ 416-282-4272 email lwongn623@rogers.com

The Robbie and Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation need your help!

The Ontario Soccer Referees' Association is major sponsor of The Robbie International Soccer Tournament. The SSRA is also the oldest sponsor of the Robbie. The SSRA has been associated with the Robbie since its inception about 43 years ago. The dedication and support of SSRA referees in Ontario is unquestionable, without their support the Robbie would not be as successful as it today. The Robbie is 100 % volunteer run and it supports a worthwhile Canadian Charity. The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (C F)

This year the Robbie will be held on July 4th 5th and 6th across Scarborough and neighboring districts. Once again The Robbie and C F are asking for your support to this worthwhile Canadian Charity. No refereeing help is too small, you can ref as an individual or you can bring a team of 3. Contact Leslie Wong @ 416-282-4272 or email lwongn623@rogers.com

OSRA Merchandise

Hello all my friends. Again at this time I would like to welcome all of you to beautiful Niagara for our provincial OSRA annual general meeting, AGM, which will be held on November 16th 2008. As usual we plan on a lot of fun and good food. It is a chance to see many good friends and share good times and bad times you experienced through the summer season. Also we will again have surprise door prizes and great sales on OSRA equipment.

So plan on attending and you will not be disappointed.

At this time I would like to express my thanks to the OSRA executive for their support and mostly to you as members for your support over this past year and many other previous years. You have been a great support to me and the OSRA. As you know my position is up for election this year and I am prepared to stand again. So I will say that if I am elected I would be very happy to serve for another term and if I am not elected I would like to wish my successor all the best and I hope he survives for 20 years as I have.

I wish all of you who are planning to attend the AGM a safe trip to St. Catharines and wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year filled with good health.

Mike Cvetanovich
Director of Equipment

Equipment Prices

- Rain Jacket \$60.00
- Golf Shirt (assorted colors) \$30.00
- T Shirt \$13.00
- Uniform Badge \$5.00
- Referee Cap \$13.00
- Toque \$6.00
- Tie \$20.00
- Uniform Badge \$5.00
- Dress Badge \$20.00
- Pin \$4.00
- Flip Coin \$3.00
- Clipboard \$5.00
- Whistle (Fox 40) \$5.00

Please support the OSRA by purchasing OSRA merchandise.

See Mike Cvetanovich at our Display Table at the AGM or contact him directly at mikecvetanovic@hotmail.com.

NEW REFEREE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (Effective January 1, 2009) and other changes to the Referee Development Program

Reproduced from the OSA Website

The Canadian Soccer Association under the new regulations and control of Match Officials has created a new Classification system for referees in Canada. As of January 1st 2009 all Ontario referees will be affected by this new classification system and will be graded accordingly.

The chart attached outlines in graphic format how each referee will be affected. Updates on OSA policies regarding referee appointments affected based on this new classification system will be launched when completed over the next couple of months.

TIME FRAME & WHAT TO EXPECT

Upon review of each referee's current classification, which will be done in November/December, a letter will be sent to each referee registered in January 2009 outlining their old classification (under the old system), their new classification (under the new system) as well as details on how to register as a referee in 2009.

OTHER CHANGES

other changes that will be coming based on the new regulations include;

- Changes to the Entry Level Course (old C4 course)
- Introduction of a new Mini Soccer Referee Course
- Uniform and badges changes

Again all this information will be forth coming in the coming weeks as will be made available just as soon as it is confirmed and completed.

If there are any questions regarding these changes please do not hesitate to contact the Referee Development department at the OSA, however keep in mind there will be further updates in the coming weeks that will assist in understanding the effects of these changes.

OSA Registration for 2009

OSA registration for 2009 outdoor season will soon be upon us. Members are reminded that OSA registration is separate from membership of the OSRA.

We understand that OSA will be emailing details on how to register to all referees sometime soon. For those impatient to part with their money, keep an eye on the OSA Referee web page at <http://soccer.on.ca/OSN.nsf/773fb79c924593a58525681c007d7e12/b0799364d902e9af85257508004d2808?OpenDocument>. The fees for 2009 are:

Youth Referee (14 & 15 as of April 1st 2009): \$25.00

District Referee (16 & 17 as of April 1st 2009): \$40.00

District Referee (18+ as of April 1st 2009): \$80.00

Regional & Provincial \$130.00 (registration \$80; maintenance assessment \$50)

National & International: \$180.00 (registration \$80; CSA \$100)

You will see there is a waiver to sign, the OSA have only recently provided us a copy of the waiver for us to evaluate, we will let your Branch Officials our opinion about the waiver in due course.

Around The Branches

Brampton

Our meetings continue to attract large audiences, over 60 people were in attendance on February 16 to hear Collie Salmon's presentation on "Dealing with Injuries". Copies of the presentation and associated handout can be found on our website www.osrabrampton.com.



CSRA AGM - Calgary



The CSRA AGM was held this year in Calgary on February 21. Hosted by Calgary District Soccer Referee's Association, your OSRA delegates were President David Cope and Vice President Rich Carman. Other representatives from Ontario were Basil Gill (Past President of the CSRA), Bill Hoyle (Life Member of the CSRA and OSRA), and of course Joe Licandro who is President of the CSRA was also there.

Constitutional changes were approved which will allow membership by city or district referee associations in those provinces where a provincial referees' association does not exist. This opens membership to groups like the Calgary and Edmonton referee associations. It is hoped that this will aid the CSRA in expanding its presence to unrepresented areas of the country, thereby increasing its credibility with the CSA.

Following a productive brainstorming session, the Executive was tasked with coming up with a strategic direction for the CSRA to make it a more effective player on the national soccer stage. A preliminary report to member associations is due in June and a complete proposal is to be prepared by September.

Elections were held for President (Joe Licandro was re-elected), Second VP (Elvio Chies, BC, re-elected) and Treasurer (Larry Eloy, Manitoba, re-elected). The other members of the Executive are Tony Troughton (BC, First VP) and Bob Hope (BC, acting Secretary).

The afternoon session was started with a presentation by Rich Carman about the OSRA Education Programme, concluding with a 10 minute presentation on Law 4 – Players Equipment to illustrate what we have to offer.

The CSRA continued its efforts to provide inspirational opportunities for referees. An afternoon session was presented by Michelle Pye, a third-year FIFA referee from BC. Entitled "2008 – A year in the Life of Pye" in which she talked about the trials and tribulations of being a FIFA referee. It was an absorbing session, in which Michelle outlined her joy at making the FIFA list, frustration at being injured, the comeback road leading to her first international appointment, the excitement of being given her first

CONCAAF appointment and then how it nearly all went sour as just about anything that could possibly go wrong did and how she overcame those problems, and then her absolute joy at being selected for the u17 World Cup in New Zealand.

Michelle's presentation was videotaped and the CSRA will distribute DVD's to member associations in due course. It is very important that young Canadian referee's (and us cynical older referee's) be able to have access to our own FIFA referee's to learn from their experience firsthand, and be able to "touch the reality" and know that that with hard work and perseverance, FIFA level is attainable. Great job, Michelle!

Thanks especially to Layne Greenway and his members at CDSRA for organizing an excellent day.

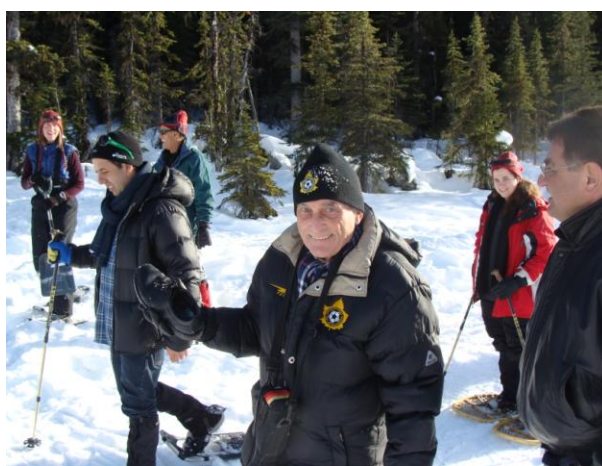
Basil gets cold feet at Lake Louise

On a visit to Lake Louise, Basil Gill was attempting to take a photograph of a peak as he walked around the lake perimeter. Shuffling to get the best angle and the best light, Basil worked his way into a snow bank, and took his picture.

His colleagues, who were walking out on the ice in the middle of the lake, observed Basil go down, and hurried to his assistance to find out what was wrong.

We all thought Basil had dropped his camera into the snow bank, as Basil was frantically digging at the snow bank.

By the time we got to the side of the lake, quite a crowd had gathered, and a Ranger had appeared with a shovel and was digging at the bank. Before long, the missing item was recovered, not Basils camera but his shoe.



We would like to publish your Branch Report, or any article, you may consider sharing (including photographs) in future issues of Censored.

Please send to us [here](#). Copy deadline for March 2009 issue is March 15, 2009.