

Regional, Junior National and National referees and scorers:

As our veteran cadre, I wanted to reach out to you to let you know of some changes to our junior second referee and scorer certification process. As many of you know, the last couple of years have been a nightmare when it comes to the online courses accessed through Webpoint/USAV Academy. Many of our junior players (and their parents!) really struggled with this.

As a result, after much discussion and consideration, we are dropping the *required* online courses and will instead HIGHLY RECOMMEND that the same online courses be viewed for free "without credit" on the VRT website. In addition, we will offer in-person training clinics for any clubs that would like to host one. That's where you come in.

I will be sending a note to OVR club directors with this information. I suspect that a number of them will want to host clinics at their facilities. As veteran referees and scorers, I may ask some of you to present these clinics to clubs in your area. I will provide you with specific modules that need to be covered. As such, a TV screen with laptop hook-up or an LCD projector/screen will likely be necessary. If you'll be showing the modules directly from VRT, WiFi will be necessary. I'll work with the clubs to get those logistics squared away.

If a club contacts you directly to present a clinic, I would appreciate it if you would please let me know. I want to make sure all of us are presenting the same material and that we are being paid accordingly. And I also want to keep track of which clubs host a clinic. We may be able to do a combination clinic with clubs in the local area as well.

In that regard, payment for a single session (R2 or scorer) will be \$75. If they are dividing the age groups in their club and hosting two sessions, or if a club wants to host a double session (one for scorers, one for second referees) back-to-back, the cost to them will be \$125. If more than one clinician is hired/needed, each clinician is paid these amounts.

I know that some of you already do clinics for clubs, and they may have other payment arrangements with you. That's between you and the club.

I thank you in advance for your help in this endeavor! The OVR has a tradition of well-trained junior work teams, and with your help, we'll continue that tradition this season.

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