

Referees,

Many of you began accepting assignments from tournament directors in the late fall. This was well in advance of any teams having actually been formed or being entered into tournaments. The tournament directors requested sanctions under the assumption that their tournament(s) would fill and that the tournament sanction would be for the age level they requested.

As it currently stands, about 60% of our sanctioned tournaments have completely filled. This isn't necessarily unusual, but especially for tournaments during January and early February, it would behoove you to check your (early) assignments to see if the tournaments have filled. If they haven't, be prepared to be released from the assignment, OR you may request to be released so that you can seek a different assignment if one is available.

This is the nature of the beast when we fill our schedules before teams have actually registered for the upcoming season. We can never predict how many teams will register in each age group or in which geographic areas those teams will be established.

So, be proactive - check your tournament assignments - stay in touch with the tournament directors - be prepared for a change in your schedule if a tournament doesn't fill.

Let me know if you have any questions in this regard, or if you have trouble getting in touch with tournament directors/assignors.

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