

This summer the State Referee Program (SRP) will be conducting an Adults Only Referee class Friday evening and Saturday, July 30th and 31st at Dominion Power Training Center in Chester on Old Stage Road. This 2 day class (normally taught over 3 days) is taught at a faster pace intended for adults 18 years and older that can come into the class with a players understanding of the game. Cost of the class is \$65 and pre registration will be required as attendance is limited.

If you are interested, please reply to both David Hichak ODSRS Assignor DPHichak@aol.com and Jake Milne, Area Director of Instruction Milnejs@longwood.edu of either your interest/questions or commitment to attend the class. Please include some information about yourself including Age, playing experience and a contact #. Once reviewed, we will be responding back to you to confirm your place in class as well as instructions on how to reregister.

Do not delay in responding as we expect the class will fill up quickly

New Grade 8 Referee Class - General Process and Answers to FAQ's

Good evening and thank you for interest in considering taking the Grade 8 Referee class to become USSF Certified. My name is David Hichak, an ODSRS Assignor who provides officials for CVSA and other leagues and tournaments throughout the Richmond area. I have been assigning for about 8 years with over 25,000 matches under my belt. In April 2002, I set up Old Dominion Soccer Referee Service, LLC (ODSRS) with the goal of becoming the preferred assigning organization for area leagues and tournaments that want quality officiating. My overall goal is to identify, work with and promote USSF certified officials to ensure ODSRS can provide quality officials for quality matches. This has helped lead to an exclusive relationships with many area leagues including CVSA that are looking to improve their matches.

CVSA, Central Virginia's largest and best adult soccer league bar none, is growing significantly each season and at its current rate, will exceed the number of quality officials currently available to assist in just a few seasons. Quality officials do not just happen and if we are to keep the sport strong we must plan now and start recruiting more folks. We are looking to identify folks that want to learn and become more proficient officials with the money being a bonus. Working as an official pays well (Center \$58 Lines \$37 per match) and significant \$\$ can be made. To fast track the learning process, the idea is to identify folks like yourself that know the game (and fouls) and would be interested in working a match or 2 on Sundays either before or after you play.

To become a certified official, you must attend a USSF 16 hr certification class provided by the State. Signing up to take the class can be done by going to the state website www.vadcsooccerref.com and looking on the left side of the page under class listing. You must first register and then you can sign up for one of the classes being offered in the CENTRAL area. Once you have signed up for a class, please let me know by reply email.

Below is a listing of most commonly asked questions with answers:

HOW DO I BECOME CERTIFIED:

Attending a 16 HR class State Sponsored class normally taught over a weekend Friday evening (4 hr), Saturday (8 hr), Sunday afternoon (4 hr). Class is held in Richmond Area. Cost is \$65 and requires annual recertification (also \$65).

WHEN ARE CLASSES OFFERED:

Richmond areas classes are taught between seasons and a full class listing is available at the State Website <http://www.vadcsoccerref.com>
[Click Here for MDCVSRP Website](#) You can attend any class posted but we are setting up a special class for just adult players like yourself.

WHAT ABOUT UNIFORMS

Once certified, you will need to secure a uniform (about \$150 for shorts, socks, & 2 jerseys). Once refereeing it will be paid back in about 5 matches.

WHAT ARE REFEREES PAID

Rates are negotiated with leagues and tournaments by assignors and organizations each year. ODSRS, by attracting some of the best area officials and offering the best on field performance, is able to negotiate and offer some of the best area rates. Examples: CVSA adult league (45 min Half) \$58/\$37, CWSA Women's (40 Min Half) \$47/ \$30, CVSA Summer League (25 min Half single man system) \$32. Youth and tournaments vary as well based on divisions and age group.

HOW WILL I GET ASSIGNMENTS

Once certified, ODSRS will set you up on our assigning program "Game Officials" where you can show availability for days and times you would be willing to accept matches. Then as part of the assigning process, we will offer you appropriate assignments that you can either accept or turn back. On Sundays our goal is to offer a match or two at the same site around your team's match (excluding your division) that you can help with. If you have a bye week or are not playing, we can assign 2-3 matches. The goal for the first season is to get you comfortable with lines and the process and for those interested and show the potential, move forward to working centers when we both feel comfortable.

HOW WILL I LEARN AND BECOME COMFORTABLE AS A REFEREE

Working for ODSRS offers unique opportunities for this area. We look to involve officials not only willing to work matches but also to work with other new officials to improve their skills. The goal is that you are part of the 3rd team on the field and it works well. Critiques at half time and at the end of each game for both the center as well as the lines is a common discussion. Everyone is interested in seeing you improve.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER REFEREE OPPORTUNITIES

Once certified, you are an independent contractor and have many opportunities. In addition to CVSA on Sunday and weeknights, there are tournaments on many weekends as well as matches on Saturdays if you are interested.

WHAT IF I STILL OTHER QUESTIONS

Feel free to call me directly, David Hichak 920-3206 (cell) any evening and I will try to answer your questions.