



CALLING ALL REFEREES!



With the 40th anniversary of the service organization known as the Referees Association (BCSRA) fast approaching, we're reaching out to every official in B.C. with one simple goal: to have every referee be a member of the BCSRA.

Since 1969 the association has joined fellow officials from across the province to create a network of referees. We feel to understand what it means to be a referee is to know that our individual actions are a reflection on all soccer officials. Why not join us by filling out the attached form to put your name alongside your fellow officials from across the province?

Please read the reverse side of this form for more information about the BCSRA. In joining, you will receive the following:

- The right to attend education sessions put on by the association where available.
- "The Flag & Whistle" – official newsletter of the BCSRA, published at least 4 times per year - a sample is included.
- "CANSOREF" – the official newsletter of the Ontario SRA published monthly.
- A membership card, indicating you are a member of the BCSRA, a service organization made up of your peers.
- For 2008-2009: a toque with an embroidered logo of the Canadian Soccer Referees Association (CSRA)
- For new members, a Referee Association badge which you can wear on your tracksuit or other areas.
- The Referee Association Manual and Handbook

Remember the BCSRA is a service organization- we receive no government funding. We are not able to display sponsorship without permission of the Canadian Soccer Association. The work of keeping referees' passion is truly dependant on funds referees donate to themselves. Please take a moment then to sign-up today.



BC SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Assisting, supporting and advocating for soccer referees since 1969

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Check us out at www.bcsra.com!

Make cheque payable to: BCSRA: Attn Treasurer/Registrar, c/o 8130 Selkirk St, Vancouver, B.C., V6P 4H7

Please fill in all blanks. Please read FEE SCHEDULE before submitting your application.



NAME: _____ Email: _____ PHONE (H): _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street Apt # (if applicable)
B.C
City Province Postal Code

Please read this !

Upon receipt of payment a membership card will be sent to you and any other items as decided by the membership over time. Your name and phone number will also be placed on the Referees Association Master list which is only given to the Secretaries of the Area Associations (i.e. branches) of the BCSRA, and may also be supplied to Referee Association members and schedulers as it pertains to BCSRA business. **If you do not wish this information to be distributed, you must notify the Treasurer/ Registrar of the BCSRA, in writing to the above address within 30 days of submission of your application for membership. Applicants under the age of 18 yrs. must have their letter signed by their parent or guardian .**

If you fall into one of the following geographical areas please indicate below by placing a "X" by the Area Association of your choice.
If you do not live within one of the geographical areas please select "Direct member".

Direct (if no Area Assn exists where you live) Fraser Valley Kamloops Prince George Van. Area Van. Island (all chapters)

BCSRA MAIL-IN FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2008-09

	SMALL SIDED REFEREES (old "Class 5")	YOUTH (i.e. up to 16 years of age) (See note below)	District (old "Class 3") and above				Associate (i.e. retired or on-leave from refereeing)
			Up to 18 years of age	19 years of age	20 years of age	21years of age & above	
Area Assn Member	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$20
DIRECT Member*	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$40	\$20

NOTES

- Referees Association membership at this time mirrors the CSA classifications for active referees. As such, per the new CSA classifications all members who were active as Class 4 members and STILL under 16 years of age qualify for the Youth Category of membership. Those that were Class 4 members and are 16 years or older fall into the District classification
- Direct members are defined as those members residing in a part of the province not served by an Area Association.

B.C. Soccer Referees Association (BCSRA).

What is the BC Soccer Referees Association (BCSRA)?

The BCSRA is a collection of referees from around the province dedicated to bringing referees together in order to help raise the status quo of refereeing and ensure referees issues are addressed. It is the defacto voice of referees with members coming from all ranks; from Class 4 to FIFA, including referees, instructors, and assessors.

What does the Referees Association do?

The BCSRA is an organization whose whole reason for being is to act as a support/social group for referees. It nurtures new recruits into refereeing and helps its members with problems in the art of refereeing. In so doing the BCSRA creates a common bond amongst fellow referees, and makes sure that referees are not forgotten in discussions on the future of the sport. This is all done by forming Area Associations which look after local concerns, electing a band of spokespeople.

How is the BCSRA connected?

We have Area Associations across the province including Fraser Valley, Kamloops, Prince George, Vancouver Area and Vancouver Island. Efforts are being made with referees in Kelowna and Williams Lake to form new area associations in those regions. The BCSRA is a founding member of the Canadian Soccer Referees Association and an associate member of the BC Soccer Association and many of our members are either BC Soccer-certified instructors/assessors, or sit on their referee-associated committees or are schedulers/adminstrators in various leagues.

INFORMATION NOTES:

BCSRA membership year runs May 1st to April 30th for members in the Interior; October 1st to September 30th for Coastal members. New applicants joining during last 3 months of current membership year for their region pay full fee and will be considered members for those months plus the following 12 month membership year. New Class 3, 2, and 1 applicants who join in the last 4-6 months of the current membership year pay only half price and required to renew for full fee at the start of the next membership year. Associate members are those who have retired from active refereeing and wish to support and be involved in the Referees Association.

NOTE: Registering with BCSRA does not place you on the BC Soccer Association Official List of Referees and therefore does not give you the license-to-referee. It is BCSRA policy that you must register with BC Soccer in order to both referee and be placed on that Official List. REMIINDER: one must complete a sanctioned BC Soccer Refresher Course before you are eligible to renew your Referee License with the BC Soccer Association and allow you to continue refereeing. No Refresher Course is needed to join/renew with the Referees Association. If you are unclear about whether you are on the Official List or whether you must take a Refresher Course please check with the BC Soccer office by calling 604-299-6401

It is the goal of the B. C. Soccer Referees' Association to have every soccer referee in B. C. under the banner of the Referees' Association. Having all referees properly affiliated with a local area association or, as a last resort, having individual members register as direct members must have a positive influence upon the game.

As a member of the BCSRA and especially as a member of a local Area Association, the individual has a forum to present his/her thoughts, concerns, and ideas relating on all refereeing matters, including the provincial development of referees. Membership in a Referee's Association provides an opportunity to get together on a regular basis to discuss common areas of concern and to become actively involved in refereeing matters at a local or provincial level. Membership allows the referee to be involved in advanced educational sessions, and in some areas, regularly scheduled training sessions. Association activities, whether business or social, allow all soccer people the opportunity to get to know us as we really are and not just as we appear in our role as referee. Behind every successful person is a network of people that helped him get there. We all get by with a little help from our friends. This is what a Referees Association is all about. The Referees Association allows officials to come into a setting to rub shoulders with those that know what is going on in their minds, to feed off each other's energy, and to invigorate the passion we all have for the game.

For the good of the game, we as referees must be united, strive for excellence, and display at all times a positive approach toward the game. With this attitude, we can assist the individual to strive for consistency rather than personal gain.

Lastly, the BCSRA encourages referees to come together all across the province and form local chapters under the Referee Associaton banner. It is our duty as referees to leave our fraternity in a better situation than when we inherited it. The BCSRA welcomes all referees to come together and continue the work that others have started. Anyone wishing to form a branch of the BCSRA should contact the Executive immediately at the address listed on the Application Form (back page).

WHY NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND JOIN THE REFEREES ASSOCIATION?

What you will recieve for your membership

- Membership card
- The right to attend meetings of the Area Association in your geographic region.
- Comaraderie that comes from being in a society of one's peers.
- A place to ask questions and voice concerns with refereeing the local soccer scene.
- The Flag and Whistle, official publication of the BCSRA.
- An annual reward (i.e. coin , score pad etc.) when you register and various other items from time to time as determined by the Executives of the BCSRA.