



Good Evening,

Some important Reminders/Updates

Whistle Campaign

- Each team should have received 8 green sheets in their packets. This must be given to the referee prior to the game along with your game day sheet.
- Each team should also have gone over the parent expectations document. This needs to be signed and then uploaded to your team account prior to the first game.
- Please remind your parents prior to each game the concept behind the Whisper Campaign. With your help we can prevent WMYSA from having to be embarrassed on social media and having to establish new regulations no one will be happy with.

Free Training Opportunities

WMYSA is now offering Free Conflict Resolution Training to Officials, Coaches and Parents. The goal is to provide tools and training in order to create a more neutral environment for all so officials can officiate, coaches can coach and parents can take pleasure in watching their children having fun! For more information visit us at: <http://www.wmyasa.org>.

Registration Reminder

- The 2018 Fall season registration closes on October 15th. After that date WMYSA will not accept registration for the fall season.
- WMYSA will only process registration from Monday through Thursday at 5pm. Any registrations received after 5pm on Thursday will have to wait until Monday to be processed.

Referee Update

In the Spring 2017, WMYSA discovered we had been operating under the same agreement with the referee associations since 2009. This was despite having voted increases in assignor fees and referee fees paid by teams at the field. Our referee subcommittee then utilized the same information from the 2009 agreement while updating those fees to create the 2017-2018 agreement. It included the same information from the 2009 agreement which indicated *“If a game is terminated for weather, the field is deemed unplayable by the referee or the site manager, or other reason the game cannot be played after the referee arrives at field but before the game starts, the referee is entitled to 1/3 the referee fee from the home team. Once the game has started the referee is entitled to full pay.”* This agreement was then distributed to both associations in June 2017.



West Michigan Youth Soccer Association



This year we updated to include the new Whisper Campaign information. However, WMSRA was very upset when they saw the 1/3 fee clause mentioned above. While I explained it had been in the agreements going back as far as 2009, they refused to accept this part of the agreement. To accommodate their concerns WMYSA has agreed to make a change for the 2018-2019 season. Moving forward, if a game is terminated for weather, the field is deemed unplayable by the referee or the site manager, or any other reason the game cannot be played after the referee arrives at the field, before or after the game starts, the referee is entitled to full pay from the home team.

WMYSA will be meeting with the referee associations this fall to revisit the agreement in its entirety. Once any new information becomes available we will distribute this to the clubs.

Respectfully