

Questions and Answers For New TASO Referees

Q: How do I get more information on the local TASO chapter?

A: Many of your questions can be answered by visiting our web site at: www.taso-ssa.org

Q: When and where do you have the chapter meetings?

A: We hold meetings every two weeks during the public high school season. The meetings are at Chester's Hamburgers, 1006 NE I-410 (Broadway and 410) at 6:30 PM. The meeting time and date will also be posted on the ARBITER web site.

Q: What is ARBITER and how do I get access?

A: ARBITER is our computerized scheduling tool. All assignments are given through ARBITER. Once you register, our treasurer or secretary will add give you an ARBITER account and you will be notified via email. On the ARBITER web site, you will be able to go through an ARBITER training session, view your game schedule, accept games, set up your availability and travel limits, view your payment account, etc.

Q: What needs to be done as I set up my ARBITER account?

A: "profile info"...to include email address & phone number for quick contact for cancellations or changes on games

"travel limits"...must set POSTAL CODE...this sets your "leaving" location...and "MILES" willing to go.. (in same section)

"Ready to be Assigned" BOX must be checked on main page.

"Blocks" Block times of day at work or in class...or block whole days when unavailable or partial days as appropriate. Also set any "conflict of interest blocks"...works at a school or child attends a school or has within past 5 years. You need to "block" team...each year.

TIME... the Arbiter software calculates the drive time...From their "Leave" location at the "time they show available...driving at speed of 40 MPH...to arrive at the fields 30 mins before game time. (Don't put available time to be the time of a game you can do)

Q: How are we paid for games?

A: You are an independent contractor and the schools will pay you directly. Many require an IRS form W-9 which you can download on the TASO web site. Upon arriving at the game site, you will fill out a voucher for payment. Usually, schools pay within two weeks but may take longer depending on their billing cycle. Best to keep track of your games and payment. Some of the private school may pay cash or hand you a check at the field but there only a few that do this.

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Q: What are the games fees?

A: Fees are set by the state (UIL) and the fee schedule is on the TASO web site.

Q: How do I register as a TASO referee?

A: On the TASO web site, there is the form you can complete. Here is the link: <http://www.intra-focus.com/taso/DOCS/TASO%20Membership%20Application.pdf>

You can either bring it to a chapter meeting, or mail it to our post office box:

TASO-SSA

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Q: What is the uniform?

A: Referees wear any of the USSF approved five color uniforms with either type of socks (three white stripes or newer USSF logo socks). We highly suggest you get long sleeve uniforms as the season does go through the coldest months here in south Texas.

Q: What about rules and badges?

A: After registration, you will receive a National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) rule book and two badges at the meetings. One will be the UIL for wear with all of the public schools and the other a TAPPS badge for wear with most of the private schools. If any doubt, ask one of the more experienced referees on your crew.

Q: How do I know where the games are played?

A. On your ARBITER schedule will be a game site. Clicking on it will bring up a map to get directions. Also, all sites are listed on the TASO web site.

Q: I have never been referee before. How do I get trained?

A: We provide continuing training at the meetings. However, we do not have an entry level course. You will have to do that through United States Soccer Federation (USSF). Our state training is found at the South Texas Soccer Referee (STSR) site: <http://www.stsr.org/>