2015 Referee Recertification Clinics Information Announced

As mentioned in my email of a few days ago USSF has made significant changes to the referee program effective immediately for the 2015 year. Because of those changes this year’s Summer Advanced Training will be only available and mandatory to State or State Emeritus (Grade 6, 15, and 16) referees. It will be held on Saturday, August 9 at the Barber Auditorium at Belhaven College in Jackson. The physical testing will be at the “Bowl” at Belhaven and will begin promptly at 8:00 AM.

Unfortunately Grade 7, 8 and 9 referees cannot attend the clinic at Belhaven any longer. However, we are still hosting a large Recertification clinic for you in Madison at Ridgecrest Baptist Church on Saturday, August 23 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

You must sign up for these classes online. The classes will appear under Referee Courses on the MSA Web site (www.mississippisoccer.org). All referees should sign on to eReferee and update their email address and other pertinent information. If you have trouble signing on, email me using either tclements0558@aol.com or referees@mississippisoccer.org and I can easily assist you. DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE IF YOU ARE AN EXISTING REFEREE. Once you are signed on, select “register for a clinic” and choose the recertification clinic.

Please understand that ALL referees must attend a recertification clinic each July through December which allows them to referee the following calendar year. This is regardless of when you obtained your referee license. You may have just become a referee this February / March but you are required to take a recertification class in this time frame to get your 2015 license. FIFA and USSF release their annual Memorandum each summer which goes into effect immediately. This covers any law changes or interpretations. Basic recertification clinic dates will be announced no later than the first week of August for those scheduled around various areas of the state.

If you did not recertify in 2013 or 2014 you can take the recertification course to regain your license. If you have been out longer than that you must take another type of course and you should contact me.

In addition to this open Recertification Clinic, each District will host recertification clinics for the Grade 7,8 and 9 referees that could not to attend the August 23 training. Bridge courses for Grade 9 referees who wish to upgrade to Grade 8 will be held as well. If you attend a Bridge course it will be used as your recertification. A schedule of those will be announced on the web site under the “Referee Courses” link beginning no later than August 3 and will be periodically updated as more are scheduled.

The cost for the Recertification clinics (if paid at time of sign up, $10 additional if paid at clinic) will be as follows and you must sign up online:

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IMPORTANT: Assessors, Instructors, and Assignors please select the different clinics for each recert. Otherwise eReferee will not update your 2015 status for those certifications. DO NOT MARK THE CHECK BOXES.
If you have any questions regarding these events please do not hesitate to call me at 901-219-3341 or e-mail to tclments0558@aol.com or Jose Sanchez, SDI at 601-529-0151 or e-mail to res_eng@yahoo.com.

Tim Clements
State Referee Administrator
Mississippi Soccer Referee Association

Directions for:

The “Bowl”:

>From I-55, take the Woodrow Wilson Exit. After topping the hill with Murrah HS on the left, take a left on (Peachtree Street). Follow that through the stop sign at Riverside Drive turn left at the entrance in the University. The “Bowl” (large open field) will be on your right.

Barber Auditorium:

>From I-55, take the Woodrow Wilson Exit. After topping the hill with Murrah HS on the left, take a left on (Peachtree Street). Follow that through the stop sign at Riverside Drive turn left at the 2nd entrance in the University. Barber Auditorium will be immediately on your right.