



EPSARC Update September 25, 2020

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2021 Grassroots Referee Recertification is Now Open!

2021 Referee Recertification is now open for all 2020 registered Grassroots Referees, Regional Emeritus Referees and National Emeritus Referees.

Please review and follow these instructions to register for 2021

1. To get started, log into your account at www.epsarc.org.
2. From the "I want to" drop down, select "Register for a clinic or fitness test"
3. Answer the subsequent questions.
4. The available clinics will then populate.
5. To the right of "Referee - Grassroots - Recertification" click on Reserve Clinic
6. Click on Click here to Complete Requests and Pay Fees
7. You will see your receipt
8. At the top of the page, click on Return to Member Home Page
9. You can now click on Online Lessons to begin the requirements!

Additional instructions with screenshots can be found by clicking [here](#) or by going to – <http://www.epsarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Instructions-to-Register-for-2021.pdf>

Let's Review: Game Reports

Law 5, The Referee says

Law 5, Powers and Duties, says “The referee:...acts as timekeeper, keeps a record of the match and provides the appropriate authorities with a match report, including information on disciplinary action and any other incidents that occurred before, during or after the match...”

It is the responsibility of every referee to complete and send in a match report after EVERY match.

This allows league and state officials to monitor and manage their league as well as provides protection for the referee when the league or state association needs to take action after the match.

Here are screenshots from three actual match reports from the past weekend. Can you tell what’s wrong? How should these have been written properly?

Players cautioned during the game.

Name	Pass No.	Team	Type of Misconduct
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	Flagrant elbow

Not a Cautionable Offense

Players cautioned during the game.

Name	Pass No.	Team	Type of Misconduct
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	Cursing

Not a Cautionable Offense

Players cautioned during the game.

Name	Pass No.	Team	Type of Misconduct
#21 - [REDACTED]	UB	[REDACTED]	
#15 - [REDACTED]	DT	[REDACTED]	
#18 - [REDACTED]	UB	[REDACTED]	

Critical Incidents that MUST be included in your game report:

- Injuries
- All disciplinary matters
- COVID protocol issues
- Field issues
- Anything out of the ordinary

Referee Spotlight

In case you haven’t heard, in the past few weeks we have had several Eastern Pennsylvania referees make their professional or MLS debut!

They have come up through the ranks of our Mentor Program. They have all consistently given back to the program by mentoring younger referees or held Zoom training sessions during the pandemic.

Josh Encarnacion (first photo), EPA's National Referee, made his MLS debut this past Saturday as the fourth official in the match between DC United and Toronto. Alongside his MLS debut, Josh was the referee in the NWSL match between Washington and Chicago.

Kevin Lock (middle two photos), EPA's National Assistant Referee, also made his MLS debut on August 12th as AR2 in the match between FC Dallas and Houston Dynamo. Kevin has also been continuously working in the USL Championship League.

On Sunday, **Adorae Monroy** (last photo) took control as referee in the NWSL matchup between Portland and Utah! Similar to Josh and Kevin, she has also been working other matches in the USL and NWSL.

Patrick Casey has been working high level matches in the USL throughout the Northeast. Most recently, in early September, Patrick was AR2 in the USL Championship match between New York and Pittsburgh.

Congratulations again to these young up and coming officials, for their outstanding efforts and achievements!

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For the Good of the Game.
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