

Introduction to Game Officials

Game Officials is a company that was formed in 2003 to provide services to the Referee community. It is the system currently by US Soccer for assigning officials to professional matches, and for maintaining assessments.

One of their relatively new programs is the “USSF Registration and Class Management” program. We at Western New York have purchased this program. It offers the potential for numerous enhancements to our current operations, including:

- We will have the ability to collect credit card payments for USSF registrations and course fees.
- We can conduct recertification testing online. Districts have the option of having referees take tests from home. Printing costs are eliminated. The test is scored immediately, and the referee can review the questions to see which were missed and giving the correct answer. Test questions are randomized, so no two tests have the same questions in the same order. The system also tells administrators the number of times each answer for each question was selected, so that we can identify areas where we need to provide additional training.
- Paper registration forms are no longer required, and referees can change contact information at any time.
- We can create online training programs that people may take at their convenience.
- We will collect registration fees and send them to USSF, rather than having USSF collect and send back to us. This will make our money handling much faster, and will allow us to correct registration fee errors without waiting for USSF to make the corrections.

We are optimistic that the system will be effective and beneficial to all of our members. However, it is “new” and it is a “change.” There will be a period of adjustment, and there will certainly be errors and missteps along the way. Your patience and cooperation during this transition is much appreciated!