

Region 144 – Referee First Right of Refusal Policy

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Referee Colleagues,

I would like to share with you my preferred approach to implement the First Right of Refusal in Region 144 - South Irvine.

First Right of Refusal in Area Q consists in giving preference to referees of the Region hosting a game to provide the referees for such game. This preference does not apply after Thursday at 5:00pm before the corresponding Saturday game. (Similar rules apply for games played on other days of the week).

The following two cases are possible:

1) You, as a Region 144 referee, want to sign up for a game in a Region other than 144 before Thursday at 5:00pm. - Please contact me and I will coordinate with the RRA of the other Region to see if he/she grants permission for you to sign-up in a particular game before Thursday at 5:00pm. You can also contact the other RRA directly (their emails are usually in the Region's webpage), but PLEASE copy me and/or Shahram Tehrani (Assistant RRA 144) so we are aware of it. You will find that some Regions are more flexible than others in allowing outside referees to sign-up for games in their Regions, mostly because of the number of active referees in each Region. This is a matter of courtesy to your fellow referees of other Regions.

Very important, please note that signing up as CR for a game hosted by another Region where a South Irvine (Region 144) team is playing is not seen as very polite - actually, I see it as rude - and you will most probably be denied permission. Not the case so much if you want to sign as an AR for such game.

2) You, as a Region 144 referee, want to officiate a game in Region 144 where an outside referee already signed up before Thursday at 5:00pm. - PLEASE call me or Shahram. We will contact the referee of the other Region and inform him/her that we are applying the First Right of Refusal for such game he/she had signed up and will remove him/her of such position. We will then assign the referee position in question to the first Region 144 referee to communicate us that he/she wants such referee position. We also will try to accommodate the outside referee offering another open referee position at another Region 144 game with similar time, division, field, etc., etc., etc.

I believe this procedure will a) ensure that Region 144 referees get the most opportunities to officiate games as are available to them; and b) improve Region 144 chances of covering all referee position for the games that are assigned to our Region by Area Q with referees from Area Q.

If any of you has another suggestion / recommendation, or sees a flaw in my reasoning, or has questions on this implementation procedure, please contact me. Please note that this is the first time Region 144

is (semi)formally stating this procedure and depending on the feedback I receive, it may be changed. And I will inform of such changes, if any. Also please note that even if I do not receive feedback requiring changes to the procedure, but I experience that it does not work, I may change the procedure in the future. And you will also be informed.

In the meantime, please go outside and have fun in the fields

Saludos,

Eduardo.-

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