



# Rhode Island State Referee Committee, Inc.

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## Minutes for the March 10, 2011 meeting of the State Referee Committee

*Held at the Holiday Inn Express, 901 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island*

### Members Present:

Steven Mauricio, SRA  
Adel Cabral, SYRA  
Steve Votolato, President of Soccer RI  
David Borts, President of RISA  
Jack Breetveld, SAC  
Brian Sperlongano, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

### 1. The State Referee Administrator's Report

- a. The last certification / recertification clinics will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Requests have been received from referees in New Jersey and Connecticut for cross-state certification; they will be permitted pending approval from each referee's home state SRA.
- b. The pre-tournament meeting for State Cup will be held on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Referees will get their schedule for Saturday at the meeting, and training will be given, which will cover rules, 4<sup>th</sup> officials, points of emphasis, send-offs and cautions, and other relevant material. Referees and assessors will receive promotional materials.
- c. A pre-finals meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Luigi's Restaurant in Johnston; all who attend will receive a t-shirt and dinner.
- d. By general consent, a motion was passed to provide referees selected to work the finals with Inaria uniforms, which they will use while officiating final matches.
- e. The SRA and SYRA attended the USYSA National Workshop in Louisville, KY and noted that cohesion between the various state associations was increasing.
- f. RI Youth Superliga will hold a referee coordinators meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Riviera Restaurant in East Providence. The SRC will provide representation at that meeting.
- g. The SRA will contact the Tennessee SDI review the proposed use of GameOfficials.NET in 2012 to handle assigning and registration.

2. The State Youth Referee Administrator's Report
  - a. The youth academy program is ongoing.
  - b. T-shirts need to be ordered for State Cup and polo shirts need to be ordered for President's Cup, ODP, and Regionals. Options will be reviewed at the upcoming Soccer RI Expo on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
  
3. Report from the President of RISA
  - a. The Rhode Island Premier Soccer League (RIPSL) is no longer in existence.
  - b. A new league has been formed called Southern New England Super Cup. 5 teams have registered so far, and the league will contain a total of 8 teams with the possibility of 2 more. The league will have the highest level soccer matches to be played in Rhode Island. On average, there will be 3 games per week in Rhode Island. Games are on Saturdays and possibly on Sunday. RISA would like to establish a pool of grade 5 and 6 referees to officiate these high level games as well as a list of qualified assistant referees. Referee fees will be \$80 for referees and \$40 for assistant referees.
  
4. Report from the President of Soccer Rhode Island
  - a. 76 teams have entered the State Cup.
  - b. State cup fees are as follows: U12-U14 \$60/\$30, U15+ \$70/\$35. 4<sup>th</sup> official for U15+ games will be paid \$25.
  - c. State Cup Sunday championship schedule will most likely have 14 games.
  
5. Adjournment
  - a. The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2011 at 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn Express, 901 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick.
  - b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.