



To: State Referee Administrators, State Youth Referee Administrators  
State Directors of Assessment, State Directors of Instruction  
State Referee Committees

From: Adrian Garibay

cc: U.S. Soccer Referee Committee

**Re: 2009 Referee Registration Fees**

Date: June 26, 2008

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Please let this memo serve as official notification that there will be a change in registration fees for 2009.

### **Background**

Over the past eight years, we have dramatically increased our investment in the referee program at all levels from improved training materials to increased training of young referees and full-time referees. In fact, our annual expenditure in the referee department has increased from \$1.5 million per year to a projected \$2.8 million in our current fiscal year. Throughout this time, our revenue has increased only slightly due to a greater number of registrations from \$1.72 million to \$1.9 million. Unfortunately, this means our current fee structure is no longer sustainable for long-term referee development and we will be implementing a fee change for the 2009 calendar year.

### **Fee Change Process**

In April, the Referee Committee met and discussed the new fee structure at length, reviewing each fee charged and determining an appropriate increase. On June 15, U.S. Soccer's Board of Directors reviewed and approved the new fee structure. As you know, we take any change in fees extremely seriously and have not implemented a change in referee fees for over 22 years. This coupled with our increased investment make it necessary to implement a fee change at this time. Please note that per the current policy, all State Referee Committee's retain 50% of the registration fee. As per the current policy, 100% of the assignor fees are retained by U.S. Soccer. The new fees will be effective for the 2009 Registration year and are implemented for all 2009 registrations as of July 16, 2008.

### **New Fee Structure**

The enclosed chart details the new fee structure.

### **Questions**

As always, we are available to assist in any manner possible. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Adrian Garibay ([agaribay@ussoccer.org](mailto:agaribay@ussoccer.org)) or 312/528-1275.

We look forward to working with you to continue to develop referees at all levels across the country.

Thank you.

