

## April 2002 RASO Newsletter

Next RASO meeting is Tues May 7 @ 8:30 pm @ ISC

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### April 2 Attendance

- **24 members** - D.Brandt, K.Valentine, M.O'Brien, D.Mitchell, R.Scott, S.Johnson, B.Millward, G.Hundt, L.Kimel, V.Smirnov, L.Bader, T.Keating, G.Kardell, M.McIntosh, M.Love, J.Clausen, L & T & D.Spencer, G.Heiber, B.Giersch, J & N.Balestrieri, J.Retz

### Education - Dave Brandt covered restarts after Striking, Throwing, or Spitting

- Situation case studies outlining Law 12 aspects of striking, object throwing, and spitting. Point of contact now determines the location of the infringement.

**Treasurer Report** – \$2,822.00

**Secretary Report** – see items below

### Odds-n-Ends Business

- RPD fall pay checks have been written, now waiting on RPD check to be received / deposited.
- IHSA girls season is in full swing, and regional / sectional / finals availability sheets have been mailed by IHSA / Beth Sauser.
- 2002 USSF Clinics have been completed
- 2002 RASO membership exceeds 200+ for first time in RASO history! Welcome All !!!
- RASO has contacted all the Greater Rockford Area soccer clubs with a letter outlining some policies and procedures. Please see attached copy of letter and League chart.

### League rules regarding street glasses (tournaments may be different)

- IWSL – “No casts and no street glasses”
- NISL – “Players are required to wear athletic glasses, normal glasses are considered dangerous equipment”
- Club Tournament rules may be different, so check the specific rules of the tournament you are working

### RASO / IHSA Top 15: The Nomination process begins

- The 3 basic steps for determining the RASO-IHSA Top 15 is as follows:
  1. Entire RASO membership is given opportunity to nominate 10 RASO / IHSA officials that deserve recognition for outstanding refereeing. RASO members are asked to select only IHSA officials that they have either a) refereed with or b) viewed officiating a game. 10 Nominations due by June 18.
  2. RASO members who are also IHSA Certified officials, select 15 officials from the Step 1 tally.
  3. RASO Executive Board reviews the Step 2 tally, and selects / presents the RASO IHSA Top 15 list to the IHSA by Aug 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Availability Sheets

- Please go to the RasoWeb Forms page
- Focusing on the June & July tournaments, and Weekend Club availability. Please fill these out and turn in to the appropriate assignor. You won't get games unless you fill out the Availability forms.

### IYSA Medical Release Form

- New this year for 17 year old and younger USSF referees is the IYSA Medical Release Form. You are required to fill out and submit this form to the Assignor. Rockford Area Soccer Officials will be keeping these on file for all the summer tournaments assigned by Dave Brandt & Gerry Hundt. The IYSA Medical Release Form can be printed down from the [www.RasoWeb.org](http://www.RasoWeb.org) Forms page. Please have your parents sign this, and mail to: Dave Brandt 225 Collins Dr Rockton, IL 61072

April 6, 2002

To:  
Rock Run - Keith Holmertz  
Raptor / Dactyls - George & Vera Patrick  
Rockford United - Angela Jevremovic  
Hononegah Lions - Carlyn Brandt, Steve Lirtzman  
Sirens - Mary Beth Kling, Pete Glon, Mike Harner  
Belvidere SC – Kevin Wege

CC:  
Gerry Hundt - RASO President and USSF Assignor  
Bob Millward - RASO Treasurer  
Dave Brandt - RASO Secretary and USSF Assignor  
Harold Winne - IL SYRA  
Louis Mateus - Rockford Park District

From: Dave Brandt – RASO Secretary

**Subject:** Rockford Assistant Referee Fees, Policies, and Referee Communication

This letter is being written due to changes in League referee pay policies and procedures. Specifically, NISL, IWSL, and YSSL, now require the clubs to pay the Assistant Referees (AR's) cash at the field. This positive change has led to some inconsistencies and confusion in paying the AR's. Rockford Area Soccer Officials (RASO) would like foster consistent practices and policies.

- 1- RASO is asking all the local soccer clubs to adhere to the attached AR (Assistant Referee) fee schedule. The fee schedule attachment is provided in both PDF and Excel format.
- 2- Please notice that there are 2 AR pay scales: Spring 2002 and Fall 2002.
- 3- The Spring 2002 fee structure is based largely on previous League guidelines, with some minor modifications to bring all the ages vs Leagues in line with each other for the upcoming soccer season.
- 4- The Fall 2002 schedule lists AR fee increases to bring Rockford more in line with adjacent area league and tournament fee schedules. For reference, Campton United in St. Charles is now paying all AR's \$20.00 for ALL ages & times. RASO is recommending \$20.00 for only the older ages.
- 5- The Fall 2002 schedule is being presented well in advance of the Fall 2002 / Spring 2003 soccer year, so that your respective soccer clubs can review player fees as deemed necessary.
- 6- The RASO recommendations are reasonable and fair, and follow the progression of game times and referee experience required to provide for fair play.
- 7- Please ask the respective team managers to approach the Center Referee prior to the start of the game, and present the cash AR fees.
- 8- Only provide the AR fee for those AR's present and accounted for. No AR, no Pay!
- 9- USSF does not allow for utilization of the 2-man referee system. If an AR does not show, the 2 remaining referees should not switch to the 2-man system of control. Please do not provide the Center Referee with the no-show AR pay. The referees present are not allowed to combine the pay.
- 10- If certified AR's are not assigned or present, the club is responsible for providing a club linesman. This club linesman is responsible for assisting in ball-out-of-play calls only. The club linesman should not be calling offside.

RASO would like to take this opportunity to address referee abuse. In effort to keep this short and to the point, the following expectation is presented. It is a privilege for coaches and parents to be present at a soccer game, and they are expected to behave in a responsible manner. Good sportsmanship is demanded. Please do not ridicule the referees. RASO has experienced excessive referee turnover due to the actions and behaviors of team coaches and parents. **The IYSA holds the team coach responsible for the behavior of his / her team representatives, and the coach can be cautioned or sent-off for the actions of his / her coaching assistants, parents, and spectators.**

RASO has attempted to send this e-mail letter to the appropriate club representatives. Please pass this letter and attached fee schedule to the proper persons, as required. Please let me know who the proper Club contact person is for referee issues. RASO would like to encourage open communication with the Rockford Clubs, as we all are in this together for one purpose only, THE KIDS!

**A very special thanks to Rockford United** for hosting a Rockford Entry Level Referee Clinic on March 23 & 24, 2002. 48 new entry referees attended and passed the clinic. This format of a Club sponsored Clinic was very successful, and RASO would like to encourage this in the future. Perhaps the Rockford Clubs could do this once per year on a rotating basis.

<b>Northern Illinois Soccer League - NISL</b>				<b>Spring 2002</b>	<b>Fall 2002</b>
				<b>*RASO</b>	<b>*RASO</b>
	<b>Game Times</b>	<b>Ball / Players</b>	<b>Referee Fee</b>	<b>Miniumum AR</b>	<b>Cash Fee</b>
U9B	4 x 15min	4 / 8 v 8	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
U10B	4 x 15	4 / 8 v 8	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
U11B	2 x 30	4 / 11 v 11	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$12.00
U12B	2 x 30	4 / 11 v 11	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$12.00
U11B Classic	2 x 35	4 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$12.50	\$15.00
U12B Classic	2 x 35	4 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$12.50	\$15.00
U13B	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$12.50	\$15.00
U14B	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$12.50	\$15.00
U13B Classic	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
U14B Classic	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
U15B	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
U16B	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
U17B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
U18B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
U19B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

All NISL center fees paid by check after the season finishes

<b>Illinois Womens Soccer League - IWSL</b>				<b>*RASO</b>	<b>*RASO</b>
				<b>Miniumum AR</b>	<b>Cash Fee</b>
	<b>Game Times</b>	<b>Ball / Players</b>	<b>Referee Fee</b>		
U9G	2 x 25min	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
U10G	2 x 25min	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
U11G	2 x 30	4 / 11 v 11	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$12.00
U12G	2 x 30	4 / 11 v 11	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$12.00
U13G	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$12.50	\$15.00
U14G	2 x 35	5 / 11 v 11	\$30.00	\$12.50	\$15.00
U15G	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
U16G	2 x 40	5 / 11 v 11	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
U17G	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
U18G	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
U19G	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

IWSL pays centers by check 2 or 3 times during the season

<b>Young Sportsman Soccer League - YSSL</b>				<b>*RASO</b>	<b>*RASO</b>
				<b>Miniumum AR</b>	<b>Cash Fee</b>
	<b>Game Times</b>	<b>Ball / Players</b>	<b>Referee Fee</b>		
U9B	2 x 25min	4 / 8 v 8	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
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U18B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
U19B	2 x 45	5 / 11 v 11	\$40.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

YSSL pays centers by check after the season finishes

\* All AR fees are cash on game day, paid by the team manager. The minimum AR fee structure is the recommendation of the Rockford Area Soccer Officials