

State Referee Assignor

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Overview of Leagues & Competitions

This document provides an overview of the leagues and competitions Jeff assigns referees for in the Binghamton, NY region. Jeff's role is to ensure matches are properly staffed with certified officials, support referee development, maintain communication with league administrators, and help create a professional, fair match environment for players, coaches, and clubs.

Leagues and Competitions Assigned

1. Thruway League

Website: <https://thruwayleague.com/>

The Thruway League is a regional youth soccer league that includes clubs from across Central and Western New York. Matches typically involve competitive travel teams and require referees who are comfortable with higher-level youth competition and game management.

Key Points for Referees:

- Competitive travel teams, Weekend match schedules, Professional conduct, and strong positioning are expected
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2. NYSW Champions Conference

Website: <https://nyswchampionsconference.ottosport.ai/>

The NYSW Champions Conference features top teams from across the state competing in a higher-level league structure. Matches are often fast-paced and require experienced referees who can manage advanced tactical play and game intensity.

Key Points for Referees:

- High-level competition, Clear communication with coaches and players, Strong teamwork between the referee crew members

3. NYS West State Cup Play Downs

Website: <https://www.nyswysa.org/state-cup/>

State Cup Play Down matches are part of the qualification process for teams advancing within state-level competitions. These matches can be highly competitive and emotionally charged, requiring confident and composed officiating.

Key Points for Referees:

- Knockout or qualification-style matches, Professional pregame and postgame procedures, and higher expectations for match control
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4. DPL – Binghamton

Website: <https://dpleague.org/>

The Development Player League (DPL) focuses on elite-level development and exposure for players. Matches often include highly skilled teams and require referees who can keep up with the pace and maintain consistency.

Key Points for Referees:

- Elite development environment, Emphasis on consistency and professionalism, Fast-paced matches
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5. Elite Academy League

Website: <https://eliteacademyleague.com/>

The Elite Academy League provides a platform for high-level youth players and clubs seeking strong competition and development opportunities. Matches may include travel from various regions and require strong match awareness.

Key Points for Referees:

- Advanced level of play, High expectations from clubs and coaches, & Consistent enforcement of the Laws of the Game
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6. Binghamton University Club Soccer

Website: <https://www.binghamton.edu/campus-recreation/programs/club-sports/>

Club Soccer at Binghamton University includes competitive matches between university club teams. These games require referees who can manage adult players and maintain a professional approach in a collegiate club environment.

Key Points for Referees:

- Adult/college-aged players, Game management and communication are critical, & Professional presence is expected
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Referees working within these leagues should:

- Maintain certification and eligibility requirements
- Communicate availability clearly and early
- Arrive prepared and on time
- Work collaboratively with the referee crew
- Represent the referee community professionally

Local/Recreational Referee Assignor
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Expectations for Referees

Referees assigned to these leagues should:

- Maintain required certification and eligibility
 - Communicate availability early and clearly
 - Arrive on time and prepared with uniform and equipment
 - Work with players, coaches, and families in a positive and supportive way
 - Understand that recreational games are focused on development and fun
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Leagues Assigned:

1. Broome County Soccer Association (Spring Season)

Website: <https://www.broomsoccer.org/>

The Broome County Soccer Association (BCSA) organizes Entry Level Local Competitive Community Soccer programs throughout Broome County for youth players of all ages and skill levels. Games are generally competitive, but focused on skill development, sportsmanship, and enjoyment.

Key Points for Referees:

- Prepares Entry Level Referees to be eligible for higher-level assignments
- Professional conduct and strong positioning are to be learned
- Professional pregame and postgame procedures to be followed
- Clear Communication with coaches and players
- Expect mostly competitive soccer despite varying skill levels
- U10 - U19 Age Groups

BCSA also has a fall league, but only the U10 and U13 leagues run in the fall

2. Johnson City Recreation League (Fall Season)

Website: <https://www.jcsoccer.org/>

The Johnson City Recreation League provides youth recreational soccer for players in the Johnson City area. Matches are scheduled throughout the season with an emphasis on participation, learning, and community involvement.

Key Points for Referees:

- Youth recreation play, simple game management & support, and focus on a positive experience
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3. Vestal Recreation Soccer (Fall Season)

Website: <https://www.vrysa.org/>

Vestal Recreation Youth Soccer Association (VRYSA) offers recreational soccer programs for Vestal players. Matches are typically local, and referees help create a fun, inclusive, and educational environment for all participants.

Key Points for Referees:

- Local recreation matches, patience with new players & volunteer coaches, and positive encouragement are important
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4. Tioga County Youth Soccer Association (Fall Season)

Website: https://sites.google.com/view/tcysa?usp=share_link

Tioga County Youth Soccer Association (TCYSA) hosts recreational youth soccer programs for players in Tioga County. These games emphasize participation, learning, teamwork, and enjoyment of the sport.

Key Points for Referees:

- Recreational youth soccer focus, supportive and educational officiating, engagement with players and parents