

BCSOA REFEREE COACHING PROTOCOL – 2025

INTRODUCTION

The Bergen County Soccer Officials Association is proud to offer a Referee Coaching program to assist our members in becoming better officials for the good of High School soccer. Whether you are a new Provisional Member wanting to advance to Varsity games or a seasoned Active Member wanting to fine tune your skills, we have trained members serving as Referee Coaches ready to assist you. These Referee Coaches will be assigned in advance to watch your entire game from the sidelines so they can review your performance in detail with you afterwards. Please read our protocol below and remember that these Referee Coaches are volunteering their time to assist you. Your proactive participation in this program is strongly encouraged.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

All Active Members who are looking for more games and/or higher-level games should be proactive and email the BCSOA Referee Coaching Committee – bcsoarefereecoachescommittee@gmail.com - to request a Referee Coaching Session. This Session will be scheduled to take place at a competitive Varsity game during the regular season only.

Immediately following the game, the Active Member will be required to remain and review the game with the Referee Coach. The Referee Coach is responsible for filing the report online.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

In order to move up to BCSOA Active Member status, all Provisional Members must obtain 2 Off Field Referee Coaching Sessions. This is cumulative – not necessarily to be completed in one season.

Upon completion of five (5) sub-varsity game assignments, a Provisional Member must email the BCSOA Referee Coaching Committee – bcsoarefereecoachescommittee@gmail.com to request a (the first) Referee Coaching Session. This Session will be scheduled to take place at a competitive sub-varsity game during the regular season. The Ramapo Summer Tournament is also an excellent opportunity to obtain a Referee Coaching Session or to just have an experienced member ‘shadow’ a newer Provisional Member without the completion of the coaching form. Pre-season scrimmages and Middle School games are not eligible.

Immediately following the game, the Provisional Member will be required to remain and review the game with the Referee Coach. The Referee Coach is responsible for filing the report online.

Upon successfully completing the first Referee Coaching Session and then completing an additional five (5) sub-varsity game assignments, a Provisional Member must email the BCSOA Referee Coaching Committee – bcsoarefereecoachescommittee@gmail.com - to request a second Referee Coaching Session. This second Referee Coaching Session will follow the same protocol (conditions and responsibilities) as the first Session.

After successfully completing two (2) Referee Coaching Sessions, the Provisional Member will become an Active Member in the BCSOA.