

CONNYS Girls

Referee Administration

To administer to the need for qualified refs at the youth level, CONNY Girls recommends the following:

- That we work with CWOLA and USL to train and certify refs and distribute these lists to programs.
- That we utilize and distribute existing CT and NY Lacrosse referee lists to programs.
- That for the 2010 season, programs continue to schedule their own referees. Ultimately, we aim to work towards a central coordinating/scheduling system to assign refs to games, exactly similar to the CONNY Boys system of ref assignment.
- That there be pay standards for HS and Adult refs (with guidance from CWOLA).

Specific to CONNY teams, we are recommending:

- That Senior games have 2 certified youth officials at each game (can be 2 adult youth officials, or 1 adult youth official and 1 HS girl official).
- That Junior games have 2 certified youth officials (can be 2 HS girl youth officials, 2 adult youth officials, or 1 adult youth official and 1 HS girl official).
- That Bantam and Lightning games have at least 1 certified HS Girl youth official (in the event that this one official does not show, the coaches can work out if they want to play the game or not).
- That before each game a CONNY Girls rules sheet be reviewed by coaches and refs so that all teams are playing and coaching by the same rules.

Information on Ref Training and Certification - to increase the pool of certified refs:

CONNYS Girls will follow USL guidelines for youth official certification and will work with CWOLA to run classroom and field clinics. Towns are encouraged to host a Girls Youth Official Certification Clinic and/or a playday to facilitate the certification process. The classroom sessions, administered by CWOLA officials, are 6 hours in length for new officials and 3 hours for renewal officials. All students need to complete 3 hours of field instruction. These clinics can be advertised in your community to attract participants. Some highlights:

- Presently, the following towns are planning on holding clinics: Norwalk, East Lyme, Redding-Bethel, Weston-Wilton, Greenwich, Ridgefield, Ethel Walker's (Simsbury). Towns are encouraged to combine efforts! Playdays should be scheduled on Sundays in late March or early April.
- There is a fee for the class, which can be passed to the participants.
- CWOLA is considering a requirement that youth officials may not receive a "YA" rating (qualified to ref an "A" game) unless they train on an "A" game or scrimmage.
- Registration will be done through the CT Chapter website and class materials will be available for download. Links to the 2010 youth test will be posted on the CT Chapter website shortly. The list of adult officials available for youth games will be updated.
- CONNY Girls certified umpires will receive an umpire "kit" and certification card. (Each town can decide if they will charge umpires for these kits or whether they will fund the kits in whole or partially).

If you are interested in hosting a clinic, playday or combining with another town, please contact Randy Bayliss at randyrags@yahoo.com. Please put your town in the subject line when you email him, and cc Maria Brancaccio at mariabran@optonline.net

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