

## **Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association**

### **Small-sided Referee Clinic Information Brochure**

This is a basic officiating course, designed for those interested in officiating House League games in the Under 12 division or below designed for small---sided soccer (less than 11/side, no offside law applied).. This is an 8 hour course provided by the NLSA based on the CSA small-sided course. It is important to note that the small-sided referee course does not qualify an official to referee 11/side soccer at any level, or to act as an assistant referee at any level, or to officiate in provincial tournaments (other than the 8-side). It is open to those aged 12 years old to 16 years old at the date the course is held (i.e. must be 12 years old at the time of taking the course). The course is practically oriented, and should ideally be offered on a soccer field, with a classroom available.

The intent of this clinic is to introduce officiating to younger referees. The focus of this clinic is to be interactive, introductory and have the young referees understand the basic concepts of refereeing. They then need to apply this knowledge to officiating recreational micro and mini-soccer players in the ages of U4 to U12.

Note: candidates aged 14 and over are strongly encouraged to take the full entry level course that qualifies them for 11/ side games.

It is understood that local associations may make modifications in accordance with their clubs local situations, in particular with respect to fields, goals, nets, duration of the game, size of ball. There should be no modifications to rules for player's equipment or the main points of the laws of the game.

#### **Cost**

The cost to host a Youth Referee Clinic is \$550 plus HST. This cost covers the cost of the first 15 participants. The course can have a maximum of 30 participants. If the course has more than 15 participants, then the club will pay an additional \$15 plus HST/participant. Cancelled clinics will be charged a \$50 administrative fee.

#### **Requirements**

The following are MANDATORY requirements to host a Youth Referee Clinic:

- The clinic must be a total of 8 hours
- Classroom with facility for digital projection
- Field/Gym (depending on weather)
- Balls - size #3/4, cones, pinnys
- The club must supply the instructor with a copy of the Club Rules prior to the course.

\*Note: clinic coordinators are required to work closely with instructors to meet the needs of the clinic. The Club Representative must attend the opening and closing of the course. Participants should be directed to bring the following material with them for the course:

- Pencil/paper
- Whistle, athletic shoes and athletic gear
- Water/snack, if not being supplied by the host

The NLSA will supply copies of the “Laws of the Game Made Easy” book, digital copies of the Clinic workbook, and a registration template.

### **Host responsibilities**

The hosting organization is responsible for:-

- Setting the course fee for participants
- Collecting of any fees charged for registration
- Publicizing the course with their own and other organizations
- Collecting names and e-mails for all participants, and communicating with them prior to the course
- Enforcing age limit for course
- Attending first session of course to deal with registration and facility issues; ensuring access to facilities
- Collecting “Laws of the Game Made Easy” books from NLSA, and copying/ printing workbooks
- Distributing “Laws of the Game Made Easy” books and work-books
- 10 days before course- communicating final numbers so decision can be made as to number of instructors required
- Providing to instructor spreadsheet in provided format for all candidates
- Collecting workbooks and providing to instructor
- Distributing certificates to successful candidates

### **Instructor responsibilities**

- Approving venue
- Providing schedule and information to host organization for distribution to participants
- Instructing the course
- Checking workbooks
- Providing results to NLSA and referee registrar

### **NLSA responsibility**

- assigning instructors (via referee committee)
- Invoicing association for course
- Providing spreadsheet template for registration
- Providing “Laws of the Game Made Easy” books to hosting association
- Providing certificates to hosting association

The course has a maximum of 30 participants (2 instructors; 0-15 participants, one instructor). There is no minimum number but associations will have to pay for 15 participants regardless.