

Greetings CASRA Members,

I hope this email finds you all healthy and well during this COVID-19 pandemic. Since we are unable to hold our April General Membership Meeting, I wanted to take a couple minutes to remind you of some upcoming events and provide you with the status of our organization.

### **Account information**

Our current CASRA account balance is \$2503.37. With membership dues coming in June, we expect to have enough to pay for our Arbiter account in December 2020 as well as our end of year celebration. Plans for any other functions are currently on hold until the stay at home order is lifted.

### **CASRA Dues**

ALL CASRA members need to pay \$20 CASRA dues no later than June 1st, 2020. If you recall, we changed our dues cycle to run from June – May so new referees certifying during the summer (or anytime after that) would receive their first “year” of CASRA dues free (a year is defined as the time until the next dues cycle). New referees who did not take the class until the winter or after the new year only receive until the next dues cycle the following June...that would be this coming June. You can send your \$20 dues via cash, check (made payable to CASRA) or PayPal to [casrapresident@gmail.com](mailto:casrapresident@gmail.com). You can snail mail your payment to:

CASRA  
c/o John Kenney  
5012 Ballantine Drive  
Summerville, SC 29485

If your dues are not paid by June 1st, 2020, your Arbiter account will be deactivated until they are received, and you will be unassigned from any game assignments pending in the system. It is your responsibility to pay your dues on time.

### **CASRA T-Shirts and Polos**

Have you seen CASRA members wearing these shirts at the fields and wondered where you can get yours? Well...if you are interested in purchasing CASRA Dry Wicking black t-shirts or CASRA polos, we are taking orders now. I'm planning on submitting the order in time to have them back by the start of the Fall season. That being said, please have your orders in by August 15, 2020. Turnaround time for these shirts is usually two weeks. You can view all the information on ordering and paying for the shirts at this website: <https://www.kenneyassigning.com/casra-shirts>. If you have any questions, please let me know. Show Pride in your organization and order your CASRA shirts now! They are a great deal!

### **Statewide Arbiter System**

As of this time, there is no new information on the proposed Statewide Arbiter System. Once the state determines how they want to proceed, they will contact all the prospective organizations and we'll disseminate that information when we have it.

### **What happens next?**

For now, all USSF Sanctioned Soccer is on hold until at least the beginning of May. We have no word past

that yet. Whether or not any of the Spring games will be made up is still unknown. No word on Summer leagues as of yet either. For High School Soccer...SCHSL will be meeting a week from today, Wednesday, April 22nd to discuss the remainder of the season.

You can expect that once everyone is allowed back on the pitch there will be some changes to the way we interact with players, coaches and parents. You can expect guidance to be sent out from multiple sources to ensure everyone knows what to do and what you are advised to not do. In any and all of the situations above, when we (assignors and CASRA board members) know...you'll know.

### **Training**

Since we've now been without soccer for over 4 weeks, I highly recommend to each and every one of you that you read through the laws of the game and the current changes prior to stepping back out on the pitch. We all get rusty when we're not thinking soccer every day. For those that aren't aware, The U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program has a YouTube channel with all kinds of training videos available for you to use. I definitely recommend you take advantage of them. The page is located at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsAXIYtop5OuwuRbZmHjRVBsDfvZlzkhC>.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and ask. I'll do my best to get the information for you.

Stay safe, study, go for a run – I hope to see you all on the pitch again soon!!

John Kenney  
CASRA President