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# LISRA FAQ

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This FAQ is for established, working Assistant Referees in the LISRA G9 Program.

### **Phone Number? I Need to Speak With Someone On The Phone!**

Sorry, but we do NOT have a Phone Number for the LISRA G9 Program.

The Program is managed by LISRA Referee Volunteers and includes more than 500 ARs stretching from Eastern Queens through Mattituck.

We simply do not have the person-power and time to make or take phone calls.

Please be assured, that by using the g9@lisra.net email address, which is received by ALL the LISRA G9 Assignors, you WILL RECEIVE HELP and a RESPONSE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should you contact the LISRA OFFICE. The OFFICE Staff is minimal and supports Center Referees ONLY!

If you think you will speed things up by contacting the LISRA Office, you will only SLOW things down, as they do not have the time to handle AR Business and, if and when they get to your phone or email message, will simply forward it to g9@lisra.net, which will have only acted to delay a response to you.

### **What Do I Do Next? I Took The Course, Passed The Test...Now What?**

Well, did you DO YOUR FIRST NIGHT'S Course Homework?  
If you are the Parent and there was a Parent's Meeting, did you attend?

The answer to all your questions is "Reference THE AR GUIDE".

Start by reading and following all steps to become Registered with Arbiter.Net the online assigning system used for ALL AR Assignments.

After reading The AR Guide, should you have questions, simply send them to g9@lisra.net

ALL LISRA G9 Assignors receive your email sent to this address and you WILL GET A RESPONSE.

### **I Play On a Premier Team -- How Does That Affect Me?**

Number 1, your Premier Team's Game Schedule will NOT be in Arbiter.Net. Therefore, you will NOT be able to ATTACH to your Team's Games.

You simply need to use the CALENDAR BLOCK facility to block out all time, including Travel, for your games.

Since Premier Schedules tend to be late and can often change, we advise you CONSERVATIVELY manage your Availability, which means, when in doubt, BLOCK OUT THE TIME as we do not want turn backs of AR Game Assignments at the last minute due to the changing and late Premier Schedules.

Work with your specific LISRA G9 Area Assignor, as he/she is happy to try to help you manage your AR Officiating with your demanding Premier Game Schedule.

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## **Payments -- What Do I Do To Get Paid For My Games?**

You MUST submit BY MAIL, an AR PAYMENT FORM for EACH AND EVERY Game you officiate. This form MUST be completed in its entirety (with the possible exception of your LISRA Referee Number for New ARs) and MAILED within 24 hours of your game per the instructions ON THE FORM.

The AR PAYMENT FORM can be downloaded from 2 places and should be saved on your computer for the season.

www.lisra.net Home Page, left hand column near the bottom

Arbiter.Net under the FORMS link

KEEP A COPY OF EVERY AR PAYMENT FORM you mail for the entire season and use them to verify your payment from LIJSL after the season. If, in the unlikely event you are not paid for any game or games you officiated, you MUST re-submit a copy of your AR PAYMENT Form for that or those games, so it is crucial you SAVE THEM.

## **Travel Distance -- I Want To Expand My Travel Distance**

Contact g9@lisra.net and request that your Travel Distance be expanded. You cannot expand (or contract) your Travel Distance but your LISRA G9 Assignor can do it for you.

## **Attaching To My Team's Games -- I Cannot Attach In Arbiter**

There are a couple of reasons you may not be able to ATTACH to your team's games within Arbiter:

1. It is PRIOR to the season and the Game Schedule is NOT YET AVAILABLE and NOT YET LOADED INTO Arbiter.Net

If this is the case, you should see an Arbiter.Net Home Page Announcement to this effect. Arbiter.Net Home Page Announcements will be updated to reflect the current status of the current season's Game Schedule. If the Games are not loaded in Arbiter.Net, you cannot ATTACH. ATTACHMENT is by GAME and not simply by Team.

2. Your Team's Schedule is NOT maintained in Arbiter.Net

The ONLY Game Schedules that are loaded into Arbiter.Net is LIJSL Travel League U14, U15, U16, U17 and U19 games. Premier, MAPS, Super Y and LIJSL U13 and younger Games will NOT be in Arbiter.Net.

## **Arbiter.Net Announcements -- I Cannot Find What In The World You Are Talking About?**

When we receive this email from an AR, we IMMEDIATELY KNOW that you have SET "myReferee" as your Arbiter.Net HOME PAGE.

You are WARNED in The AR Guide NOT to set "myReferee" as your Arbiter.Net Home Page and, if you do, you will NOT SEE LISRA's

IMPORTANT Arbiter.Net Announcements.

If your Arbiter Home Page looks like this:

Start Page | Support rks672@verizon.net | Stop Acting | Sign Out

**The Arbiter .NET** **MyREFEREE**

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Front Page | By Sport | Quizzes | The Latest | Search | About Us | Help

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**Finding Your Focus**  
It's easy to tell yourself, "Concentrate and pay attention" when you referee. But it helps to have a few tools to work with.  
Released on MyReferee: February 2009

**The Experience to Upgrade**  
**MY REFEREE EXCLUSIVE** Many referees will accept the challenge to advance in grade as far as their skills will take them. So how do you upgrade?  
Released on MyReferee: February 2009

**Match My Calls**  
How can an assistant best assist a referee?  
Released on MyReferee: January 2009

**QuickTip**  
Make sure your equipment is up-to-date.  
Released on MyReferee: January 2009

**Con Artist**  
**MY REFEREE EXCLUSIVE** It was an incident where I wondered if the referee took the right step. He had a choice to be lenient with the infraction — or to penalize it with a discretionary card. He took the lenient approach and I thought it may come back to

**Schedules**  
Schedule  
Self Assign  
Attach

**Association**

**Forms**

**Evaluations**  
Evaluate Officials  
View Responses

**Payroll**  
RefPay  
Paysheets  
Invoices

**Lists**  
Officials  
Sites/Contacts  
Teams/Contacts

**Blocks**

Then you MUST change it in order to view the LISRA Arbiter.Net Home Page Announcements!!

Change it by clicking on:

1. myReferee Profile link, which is found under the ACCOUNT Menu Section in the left hand side column:

## Account

Information

Preferences

MyReferee Profile

Password

### Doing Double Duty

As referees prepare for another season, the question comes up, "What materials teach the dual system?"

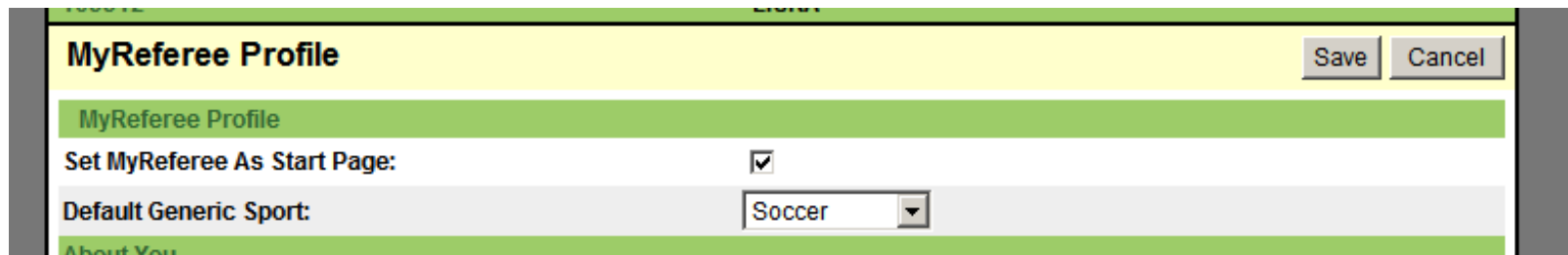
Released on MyReferee: January 2009

### Referee Assessments

**REFeree EXCLUSIVE** One state uses a new approach and mindset to the assessment program that mirrors the successful mentoring program used by the USSF with professional referees.

Released on MyReferee: January 2009

- UnCheck the "Set MyReferee As Start Page" checkbox:



**MyReferee Profile** Save Cancel

MyReferee Profile

Set MyReferee As Start Page:

Default Generic Sport: Soccer

- SAVE your settings via the SAVE button at the upper right of the page.

## What Are The On-Going Requirements? Do I Stay In G9 or Do I "Move Up"?

Questions from the parent of a new AR after his first season:

My son did the AR program for the first time in spring (he loved it, great experience).

Just curious does he remain in the G9 program or do they move up to another level?

I know he doesn't want to be a center ref yet, so does that mean he stays in this class?  
Also are there continuing classes he needs to take?

Answers:

Thanks for your feedback and we are thrilled that your son loves the Program and officiating!

Your son remains in the G9 Program as a certified USSF Grade 9 Official (Recreational Referee) until HE DECIDES he would like to try to move up.

Generally, it takes a number of seasons before a young Grade 9 official may feel ready and comfortable to move up in grade and responsibility. That time frame ranges between 2 and 8 seasons, perhaps more. It is very much an individual issue and depends on the motivation and maturity level, as an Official, of each individual.

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Please do note, however, that USSF Grade 9 Officials CAN OFFICIATE young age group games in the Center already. We do not push them into this though, and wait for them to tell us they want to do it. At that point, there is a complete Mentoring Assistance Program we place them in so they have plenty of support to begin officiating in the Center for U10 and U11 matches. Since those games are played on Saturdays, we still want them to officiate as ARs on older age group games on Sunday. They can do BOTH depending on their own schedules.

We highly recommend that an AR in our G9 Program have extensive experience officiating tough games (meaning U16 and older) as a linesperson before making the move to the Center. By doing so, they will have a far smoother transition, more enjoyment and much improved chances of success and longevity, which is the ultimate goal for youth sports.

THERE ARE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EVERY OFFICIAL, INCLUDING ARs in THE LISRA G9 PROGRAM:

1. YEARLY, in November, every USSF Grade 9 MUST RE-CERTIFY with the USSF!

This is an absolute requirement of EVERY REFEREE and, not doing so will end your officiating career! This is a YEARLY requirement, ARs ALWAYS re-certify in November. The time and place will be emailed and posted in October in Arbiter and on the Home Page of [www.lisra.net](http://www.lisra.net).

There is a yearly fee, approximately \$45 for USSF Grade 9 Officials, which primarily covers your USSF Liability Insurance. You are subject to re-take the written test and you must pass it each year. You will be issued your new Badge for the next calendar year at the Re-Certification session.

2. Optional, but highly recommended, is for ARs to attend Monthly LISRA Member Meetings where a clinic is always given. To qualify to attend Membership Meetings, officials MUST be LISRA Members. Officials become LISRA Members by paying yearly dues and there is a very low student rate for Associate Membership available. Monthly Membership meetings are posted on the Home Page of [www.lisra.net](http://www.lisra.net). The posting includes date, time and location of the meeting.