

Referees,

I thought it may be a good idea to communicate to you about the rationale behind the increase in the Referee Registration Fee from \$80 to \$100. Last year I choose to keep the fee lower in the first season of me taking over the Referee Program to help in the transition to new leadership.

And, in the past as I know it, Referees paid a registration fee for the Winter League and an additional fee for the Spring and/or Summer work. I think it is better if the Referees pay one fee up front so we do not have to go through a 2nd registration and collection of fees.

The key reason for the increase this season is we will offer more games for the Officials to work. Last season we offered the Winter League, the Spring League and 2 tournaments. This season, we plan to add a Summer League and a Fall League.

So, I know many of you had questions of why the increase and I hope the above answers those questions – “the \$100 fee covers a 1 year period of time”.

I look forward to a smoother Referee Program this season leading to a more enjoyable experience for you, the coaches, the chapter Board personnel and most importantly “the players”.

Please get your Arbiter re-registration done and get your registration fee mailed in – you can also drop the fees by the office. You will also be able to pay your fees at the training sessions (to be announced soon) and at the National Referees Clinic on Sunday, November 13th – see website for the time and location.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Mel Robertson – Silicon Valley NJB Sectional Director