State Referee Committee
and
Your State Championships

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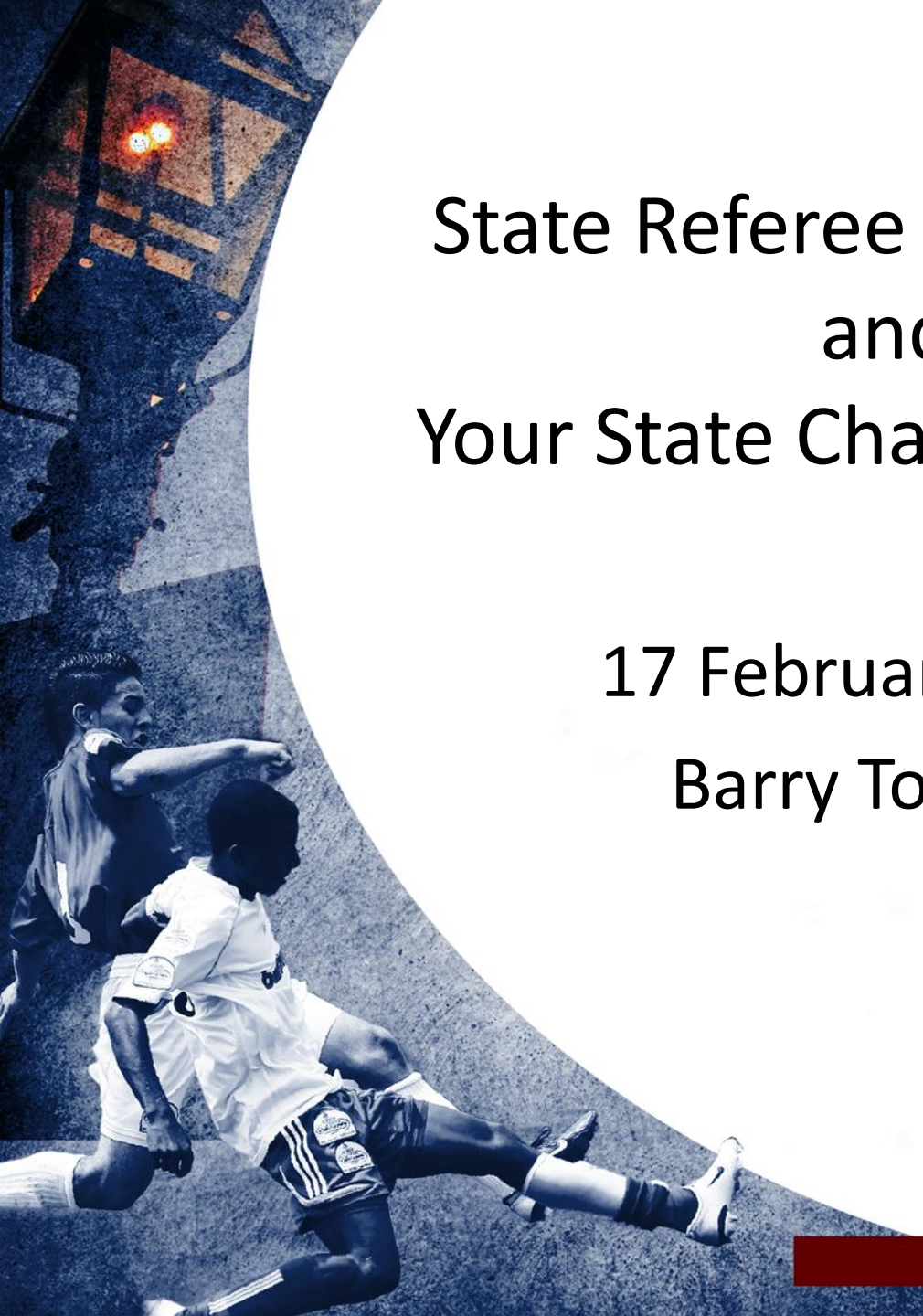

Topics

- Review of Last Year
- Lets Talk Relationships
- Where Do We Start
- Information??
- Finally

Last Year

- Consistency between Instructors and Assessors
  - The Foundation of Referee Education
  - Exchanging Information
  - Getting that information out to the referees
  - Service your customers

Lets Talk Relationships

- State Youth Association
  - There must be verbal and open line of communication
- SRA
  - Selection process should be the same from State to State.
- SYRA
  - Build a relationship amongst all bodies involved. SYRA, SRA, State Associations, Referee Committee. Make sure that everyone works together
- State Assignor (Coordinator)
  - Most Quarters, Semis and Finals assign by SYRA

Lets Talk Relationships

- Referee Committee
  - SRA
  - SYRA
  - State Assignor Coordinator
  - State Director of Instructor
    - Instructors are used prior to State Cup. Pre State Cup meetings
  - State Director of Assessors
    - They don't gain the respect that they deserve "a miserable job". Another state says the relationship is strong. Need to work toward a better understanding…

Lets Talk Relationships

- Referee Committee
  - Money available but the money sits there, nobody takes the initiative

    Year – Round mentor program with senior referees

    State Cup used as a mentoring ground

    Tournament Director and Referee Association sit down and review evaluations given by coaches on referee performance at the event

  Effect on Referees???

  Assignments "may change", coaching of referees, good relationship between the coaches and referee administrator. Coaches feel like they are being heard.

Where Do We Start or Setting the Stage

- Referee Committee and the State Youth Games
  - Assignments
    - Pool of Referees
    - Mentoring groups and conversations with other assignors

    "Ask referees if they are available for quarterfinals and finals"

    "mix it up, so that experienced referees can help the rest of the inexperienced crew"

    "Finals and Semi-Finals are used for the 'better referees' because that's what the coaches expect"

    "Use referees who you plan on going to Regionals"

    North Carolina – done through a recommendation by local pool assignors to the SYRA. That group that is recommended get assignments

Where Do We Start or Setting the Stage

- Referee Committee and the State Youth Games
  - Mentors
  - Assessors
    - Kansas SDA runs an assessor clinic in association with State Cup
    - VA works with SDA to make assignments for finals and semi-finals
    - Arizona – referee makes the request and goes through the SDA
    - Every state cup game is assessed (state unknown)
    - Iowa assesses every State Cup game, based on invite only
    - Assessments on younger kids are not successful. It is better and easier to mentor the younger referees.
    - D&G's and Full assessments
      NY – younger games are mentored. Older ages are assessed. All games.

Where Do We Start or Setting the Stage

- Referee Committee and the State Youth Games
  - Assignments
    - Pre- game meetings
    - VA – has an “academy” that meets the night before. Rules, etc. Saturday night they review day’s events. Collaboration between assessors, instructors, assignors
    - Rhode Island – assessors, referees, referee committee meet the night before and review all rules, assignments, etc. Treat it like regional event

      “Where do you get the money for all of this?”

      Small state. Youth supports the event.

Where Do We Start or Setting the Stage

- Referee Committee and the State Youth Games
  - Assignments
    - Pre- game meetings
      - Iowa – has a mandatory meeting prior to the start of each day. Assignments are complete before the event.
      - Arizona – referees have meeting about 2 weeks before State Cup. Youth Administrators are NOT permitted to go to those meetings to present. Meetings run by SRA and assignors. Problem between referee association and the youth association. Lack of relationship.
      - Information is given to referees via SYRA
      - WNY – hour before the games start, bring in instructor to discuss what is expected of the referees for that day.
      - Louisiana – state cup rules clinic is put online. All referees involved with State Cup must review the presentation and take the quiz at the conclusion in order to work games. State Committee is "intimately involved".

Information ??

- Assessor
- Mentor
- Referee
- SRC
    - SDI
    - SDA

VA – collaboration and decide who is ready based on performances. Short list of 60 names for academies, state cups, etc. Referees are graded from top level to lower level. Highest level = Regional's Lowest Level = Girls ODP

Massachusetts – same thing

Maryland – uses the information from mentors which carry a lot of weight and use it for future assignments and opportunities

Referees who have gone forward can come back and mentor those who are up and coming

Information is rarely sent back to the assignors

Conclusion: not many use the information appropriately afterwards

Information gathered here will be distributed

Finally

- Working Relationship between SRA and State Association
- Working Relationship between SRA and Assignor
- Information to Referees
- Consistency between Instructors and Assessors
- Mentors

THANK YOU

ALL THE BEST

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