



2023 Copa Rayados East Coast  
Showcase Tournament:  
Referee Preparation

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# Agenda

## Presenters

- **Steve Montanino, PRO Manager of Talent Identification and USSF National Referee Coach**
- **Kevin Nicholson, Tournament Director of Referee Development**
- **Jesse Rosenthal, USSF Assignor**

## Topics

- Rules/POE
- Standout Performance
- Downtime Management
- Q&A

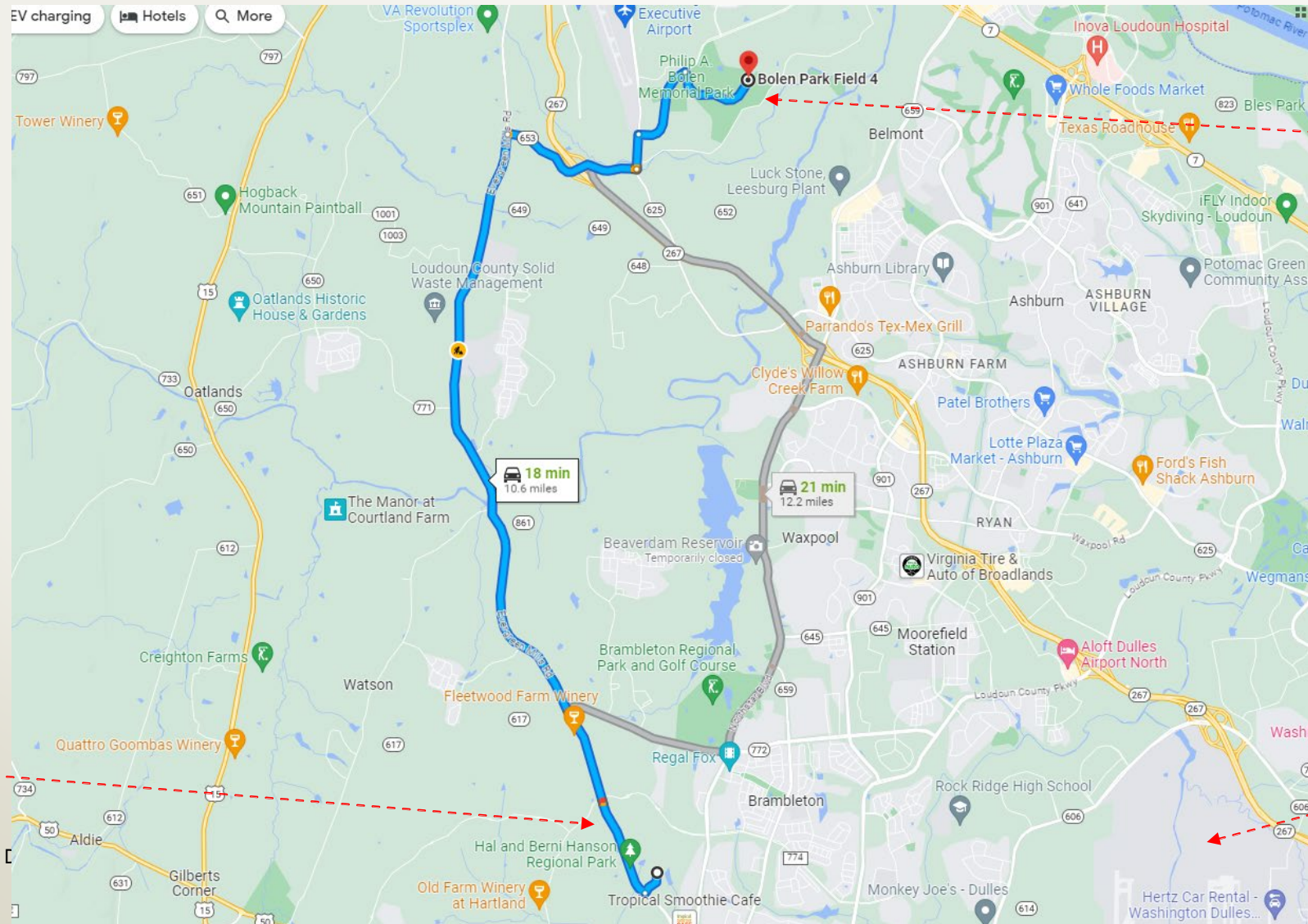
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# Tournament Referee Subject Matter Experts

- **USSF National Referee Coach and EAST REGION Referee Committee Member Kara Honthumb (MA)**
- **PRO Manager of Talent Identification and USSF National Referee Coach Steve Montanino\*\***
- **Tournament Director of Referee Development Kevin Nicholson (WV)**
- **Former USSF National Assessor Arn Manella (DCV)**
- **Former USSF National Assessor Bob Perry (DCV)**
- **Former USSF National Assessor Allan Lo (DCV)**
- **Former USSF National Referee candidate Shannon Poplstein Mayberry (NC)**
- **USSF National Referee Nickrod Fateh (DCV)**
- **AMPS Performance Improvement Kinesiologist Walt Cline**

# Field Locations – Near Dulles Airport



**Bolen  
Memorial  
Park**

**Hanson  
Regional  
Park**

**DULLES  
AIRPORT**

# Bolen Memorial Park

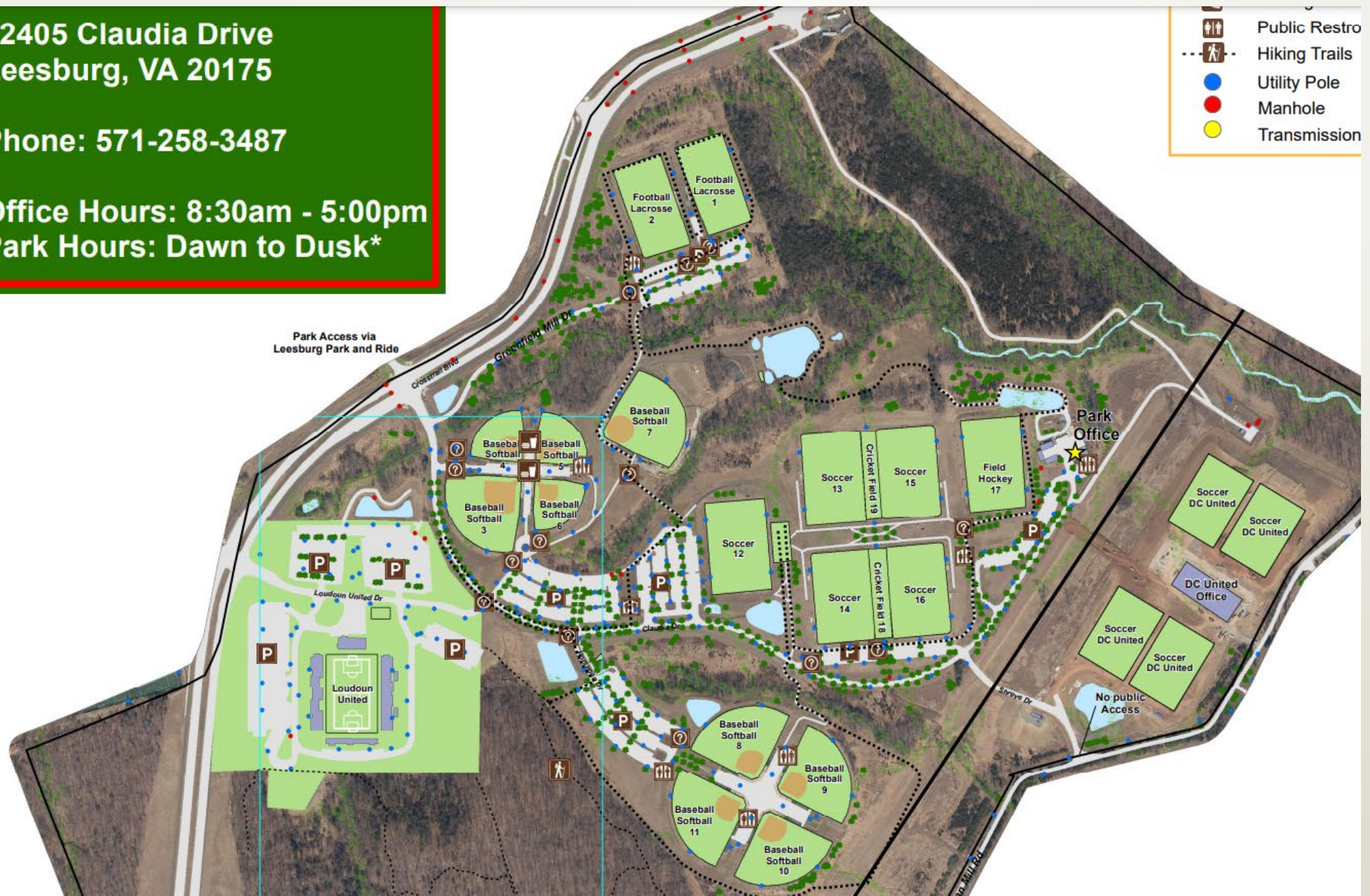
42405 Claudia Drive  
Leesburg, VA 20175

Phone: 571-258-3487



Office Hours: 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk\*

- Public Restro
- Hiking Trails
- Utility Pole
- Manhole
- Transmission



# Hanson Regional Park



22831 Hanson Park Drive  
Aldie, VA 20105

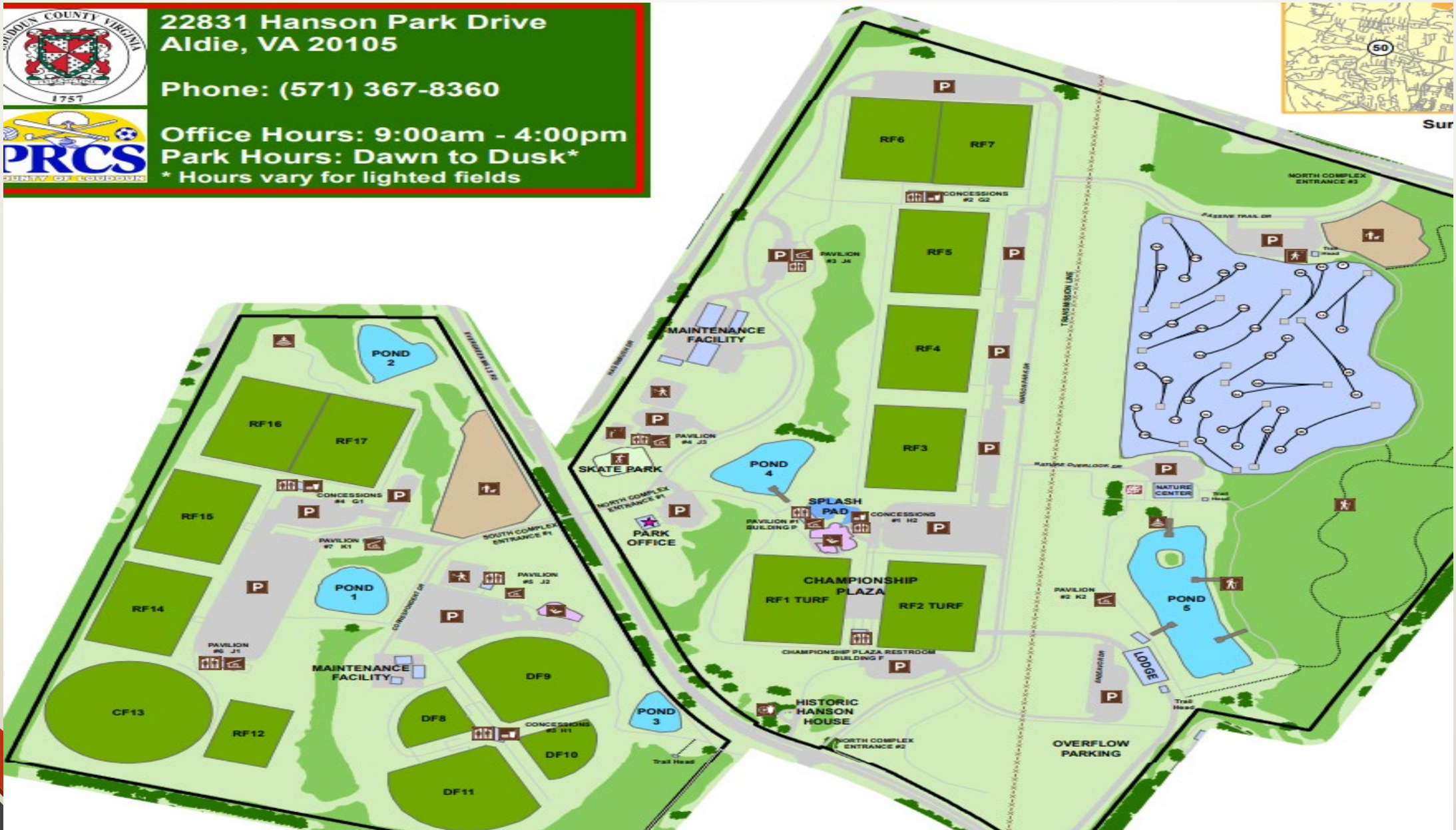
Phone: (571) 367-8360



Office Hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk\*

\* Hours vary for lighted fields





# Rules/Points of Emphasis

**Jesse Rosenthal**

# 2023 Tournament Points of Emphasis

- **Tournament primary objective: SHOWCASE the best players in partnership with the best referees in competitive matches. Opportunity for players and referees to showcase their skills.**
- **RULES:** <https://dcreferees.com/eastcoast>
- Match Reporting: Complete match report at fields and notify Copa Rayados personnel of misconduct (team/#/reason). Take picture of match report for future reference AND score reporting only in GameOfficials (using Notes)
- U11 – 25 min halves; no heading allowed
- U12 – two 30 minute halves
- U13 / U14U -- two 35 minute halves
- U15 /U16/U17/U19 -- two 40 minute halves
- Each game will have a 5 minute halftime
- Stoppage time allowed for serious injuries.
- Substitutions for either team on any stoppage IF players are at midfield prior to stoppage OR in case of injury . Substitute Re-entry is allowed.
- Teams provide match balls, but have backup ball at midfield from either team.
- **NO TEAM CHECK-IN AT FIELDS**



# 2023 Tournament Points of Emphasis

## PROBLEM SOLVING:

- **Teams Not Matching in Game Officials?**
  - *REFEREE THE TEAMS WHO ARE AT THE FIELD – but confirm age groups of the teams.*
- **MISSING OFFICIALS?**
  - *TELL THE REFEREE SITE COORDINATOR or FIELD MARSHAL \*\*\*WHO\*\* IS MISSING so that absentee can be located or standby activated*
- **INJURED OFFICIAL**
  - *NOTE CHANGES IN CREW ASSIGNMENTS BY real-time reporting to site coordinator AND MANDATORY EMAIL to [globalprisms@yahoo.com](mailto:globalprisms@yahoo.com)*
- **COVID SYMPTOMS**
  - *IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION TO REFEREE SITE COORDINATOR AND MANDATORY EMAIL TO [globalprisms@yahoo.com](mailto:globalprisms@yahoo.com)*

# Site Coordinators - REFEREES

\*Jesse Rosenthal, USSF Assignor for Tournament - 703-338-6916 **TEXT ONLY**

\*Kevin Nicholson, Tournament Director of Referee Development - 304-685-2025

## **Site Coordinators**

Tammy Abel (FRI & SUN HANSON PARK) 703-967-6257

Scott Wall (SAT HANSON PARK) - 571-238-8176

Ruth Shatkowski (FRI, SAT, SUN BOLEN PARK) 703-727-7700

\*Tournament Committee Director Brandon Abell 615-812-2217

# Site Coordinators – Copa Rayados Staff

**Brandon Abell - 615-812-2217 - Tournament Director (at Hanson near Turf Fields)**

**Robert Garcia - 832-721-5355 - Assistant Director ( Located at Bolen)**

# Standby Officials

- STANDBY OFFICIALS:
  - SAT: Be on site from 8 AM to 12 PM OR 12 to 5 PM and report to Copa staff member or site coordinator.
  - FRI: Be on site from 430 PM to 830 PM OR and report to Copa staff member or site coordinator.
  - SUN: Be on site from 8 AM to 12 PM OR 12 to 5 PM and report to Copa staff member or site coordinator.
- Be in uniform and ready to step in in case of referee injury or traffic issue. We need to reach you via cell ph if you're not standing next to staff member so that you can be activated. If you are activated, document and email to [globalprisms@yahoo.com](mailto:globalprisms@yahoo.com) after event so that you can be added to assignments for payout.

# MENTOR PROCEDURES

- <https://dcreferees.com/mentors>
- PASSCODE: will be emailed to mentors
- Feedback will be routed to each referee crew member via email within 14 days
- DEBRIEF AT FIELD MUST RESPECT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE AS PRIORITY
- Encourage exchange of referee, mentor contact information AFTER matches have concluded but also available post-tournament
- Match Video: Referee May Ask – but Team Prerogative

# Other Tidbits

- PRINT SCHEDULES and FIELD ADDRESSES in Advance.
- FOOD: BRING FOOD AND WATER with you. LOTS OF WATER. LUNCH NOT PROVIDED.
- Weather: HOT. Wear layers of black clothing underneath jerseys as needed. SOLID BLACK HATS ALLOWED.
- Inclement Weather: NO CANCELLATIONS EXPECTED. IF issues, you will be notified by mails. DO NOT CONTACT USSF Assignor or Site Coordinator to ask. GO TO FIELDS unless notified by email.
- Photo Contest: \$25 reward to best three referee action photos from 2023 Copa Rayados Showcase Tournament. Judges include professional sports photographers and USSF Assignor Jesse Rosenthal. Submissions to [wahooref@gmail.com](mailto:wahooref@gmail.com) with name of photographer, field info, date/time of match. Referee family members are eligible for reward.
- HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS: Will be distributed after zoom with room confirmation numbers for out of town referees and mentors.
- TAX FORMS REQUIRED FOR PAYROLL (Within 2 weeks of tournament):  
[https://www.pdfFiller.com/jsfiller-desk14/?requestHash=8580bda89a1b507cf552a972cb617a39c9295b45ccc40f6df11f17237bf3fb82&projectId=933469783&loader=tips&replace\\_gtm=false#cc7a98e920cc50c02d6ae8336b553c4f](https://www.pdfFiller.com/jsfiller-desk14/?requestHash=8580bda89a1b507cf552a972cb617a39c9295b45ccc40f6df11f17237bf3fb82&projectId=933469783&loader=tips&replace_gtm=false#cc7a98e920cc50c02d6ae8336b553c4f)

# TOP 10 Ways To Spend Downtime at Tournament

**Kevin Nicholson**

- 1) Hydrate. Hydrate. Hydrate. You should start immediately.
- 2) Stretch. Snack.
- 3) Get feedback from mentor about your game
- 4) Watch another game with one of the mentors and discuss what each of you sees.
- 5) Stay after your matches and watch the crews to see if they are doing anything you can learn from.
- 6) Take pictures of referees for the photo contest. \$25 bonus for each of the top 3 submissions.
- 7) Trade contact info for referees that you work with.
- 8) Rest
- 9) Report any changes in your referee crew assignments and provide feedback to your tournament experience via email to Jesse at [globalprisms@yahoo.com](mailto:globalprisms@yahoo.com)
- 10) Check your phone for updates to match status via email notification


# Standing Out at Tournaments

## Steve Montanino

- US Soccer National Referee Coach
- PRO Manager of Talent Identification



Steve Montanino  
Manager of Talent  
Identification



# Q&A



# More Resources

- Tournament Preparation – DC Referees Expert Panel
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbK1tgFrSD4&t=95s>
- Mentoring and Assessments – DC Referees Expert Panel
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2HvjOhfumk&t=241s>
- Heat Safety Tips on the Field
- <https://www.snexplores.org/article/how-to-be-heat-safe-when-playing-sports>
- US Soccer Heat Guidelines
- <https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0148/7430/USSF-Heat-Guidelines.pdf>
- View from Touchline – USA FIFA ARs presented by DC Referees
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFkHoLVsouo>