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**Manalapan 37th Annual Memorial Day Soccer Tournament**

**May 23th (evening only), 24th, 25th 2025**

January 6, 2025

Dear Referees;

This letter is to let you know that the Manalapan Soccer Club will be hosting its 37th annual Memorial Day Soccer Tournament. The year's tournament will be played at a number of locations throughout Manalapan. We are looking at using 40+ locations. There will be more small-sided matches than ever before based on the USSF directive. Each site will have a Manalapan Soccer administration tent for your use and convenience (except the Recreation Center Complex which has a pavilion).

The Manalapan Memorial Day Tournament is always one of the most prestigious tournaments held in New Jersey each year. In order to maintain that stature, the Tournament Committee has set a goal of providing the best quality coverage of referees for the fans, coaches, and players. You are an integral part of the success of the tournament. We are counting on you again this year to maintain the high standards of refereeing that you have provided us before. Besides the rules of the game, please make sure you are familiar with how we handle injuries on the field (particularly head injuries) and confrontations.

We will be requiring all referees to wear regulation referee outfit (shirt, black shorts, referee socks, and cleats) including current year (2025) referee (USSF) badge. All referees working a game need to look alike (uniforms: yellow, black, green, red, blue). This will help promote respect from the players and coaches during the game. We require all referees who work as a center referee in our tournament to be a currently registered Grade Grass Roots or higher with the State of New Jersey for the year 2025. **Referees who are not currently registered will not be placed for work at our tournament.**

We encourage you to submit referee crews (teams) of four (4) people or more. All fields will be assigned at least 4 referees. We will do the best we can to fulfill your work requests as much as possible. Once the selection and assigning of referees has been done, we will send you directions to the field locations, your weekend schedule, parking permits where needed and tournament rules.

In order that we may assign games properly, please return the referee form to us no later than April 15th. Our tournament always draws a lot of referee responses because of the quality of the tournament. The sooner you get the forms back to us, the sooner we can start planning. Schedules will be sent out approximately ten (10) days prior to the tournament.

We have kept our fees the same as last year for the tournament.

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| Per Game | 2025 |  |  |
|  |        Center |        AR 1 |             AR 2 |                     Total |
| U17-19 |        100.00 |        50.00 |             50.00 |                      200.00 |
| U15-16 |        90.00 |        45.00 |             45.00 |                      180.00 |
| U13-14 |        80.00 |        40.00 |             40.00 |                      160.00 |
| U11-12 |        70.00 |        35.00 |             35.00 |                      140.00 |
| U8-10 |        60.00    |  |  |  |

If you know of other certified, registered referees who might be interested in working at our tournament and have not received this letter, please forward them a copy. We will be particularly looking for small-sided referees since so many more matches will be contested with that number.

If you have any questions, please call John Garahan at 917-848-2395 or email john.garahan@broadridge.com. If you use gmail, please send to Kilgawny@gmail.com

 Yours in soccer,

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