

## Information Bulletin

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**To:** District Administrators, Presidents, Technical Directors, ORA, Associate Members  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff  
**From:** Nicky Pearson, Manager, Match Officials Development  
**Subject:** Small Sided Assistant Referee (AR) Clinics

This bulletin is to inform all District Associations, Clubs and Academies of the implementation of a new accreditation initiative for Small Sided Match Officials that is being introduced by Ontario Soccer in March 2018.

In consultation with the membership it has become apparent that there are small sided Match Officials being assigned as Assistant Referees on 9v9 and 11v11 games. The current Small Sided Accreditation Program that these officials have taken has no education module for Offside, and therefore this results in 'non-accredited' match officials are being used on these games.

In order to reduce the number of non-accredited officials in this role we have introduced a three hour Assistant Referee Clinic/Module. The officials taking this course must be a minimum of 13 years of age (as of March 31, 2018) and a current Grade 1 match official.

The clinic will consist of a combination of practical and in-class education and must be delivered separately from the existing Small Sided Accreditation Clinic. Officials who successfully complete this three hour clinic will be re-graded as Grade 2 officials, and can officially be assigned to 9v9 games as an Assistant Referee (they cannot be assigned to 11v11 games until the Entry Level Clinic is completed)

This new module will provide further assignment and development opportunities, and a pathway for our young Match Officials.

For more information on how to host a Small Sided AR Module, please feel free to visit the [clinic brochure](#) listed on our website

If you have any further questions, please contact [Kyla Di Perna](#).

