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Greetings,

This is one of several messages that I will send you this season. Please feel free to contact me if I put something in the message that you disagree with.

Today's message deals with a variety of topics.

An update on wearing the new uniforms, we have decided that HSSO's policy on wear is that all uniforms for any given match will be the same color. Ideally, we all wear the same style, but that is less important. We want to encourage you to get and wear the new uniforms. We shouldn't worry about whether we match exactly. On this subject. Please dump the old (two iterations ago) pinstripe uniforms. Folks, its way past time to upgrade. And, let me ask the guys who have purchased the new uniforms ... if you see someone with pinstripes, please offer your old (but newer) jersey to that referee. Thanks.

One of our referees asked me to share these USSF training videos with you, and I think it is a good idea. Check out (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsAXIYtop5OuwuRbZmHjRVBsDfvZlzkhC>).

Some of the videos (each covers a LOTG) show Esse explaining the game to **National** Level USSF candidates in a way that makes understanding and interpreting play match the expectations of coaches and players in today's games. The video makes it very clear what happens when different referees do not interpret play the same way.

Despite the fact that these are USSF standard diagonal instructional videos, I think these lessons on how to "see" the game also support the additional age appropriate guidance we expect referees to uphold at the high school level.

As the season starts, please remember to arrive early and conduct a good pregame meeting with your crew; communication is the key to cooperation!

Have a good season!

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