



Officials and Rules Advisory Committee (ORAC) Report

November 30, 2014

1. Umpire and Referee Totals (as of Nov 30, 2014)
 - a. Umpires (active): Total 322.
 - 1) Club (CU) - 242 including 46 new in 2014.
 - 2) Regional (RU) – 28 (1 CU is sitting for the RU exam at the Nationals).
 - 3) National (NU) - 4 (3 RU are sitting for the NU exam at the Nationals).
 - 4) International - 48.
 - 5) Inactive umpires – 109. (Memberships need to be renewed to be active).
 - b. Referees (active): Total 90.
 - 1) Certified (CR) - 76. There are currently 6 inactive.
 - 2) National (NR) - 6.
 - 3) Regional (RR) – 1.
 - 4) International (IR) - 7, 4 are inactive but active locally.
2. Umpire/Referee and Classification Activity
 - a) We had 16 different officials participate in a total of 10 international events. We received a total of 10 invitations.
 - b) At the current US Nationals, we have the following umpires taking exams: 3 RU's taking National Umpire exam and 1 CU taking the Regional Umpire exam.
 - c) Please see additional report from Sharon Frant Brooks.
3. ORAC Travel Budget
 - a. Proposed 2015 budget –\$9,500. The budget provides partial travel for Deputy Referees and umpires to attend foreign tournaments.
4. In 2014 we saved approximately \$21,500 from tournament budgets by using 32 visiting officials. We do not pay travel expenses for visiting officials.
5. The committee held 2 meetings during 2014. One was an email meeting and the other was a teleconference to finalize the email meeting.

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