



## Senior Bahamas Referee Helps Make the Grade at CONCACAF Championships

The BFA is pleased to announce that one of our own Senior Refereeing Officials is helping to make sure the region's referees make the grade at the Guatemala hosted U20 Championship. Stan Darville has been appointed to one of the five positions of Elite Assessor at the Tournament. The role of the assessor is to develop the overall performance of referees to a consistently high level by way of critical review, advice and continual assessment. BFA President Anton Sealey said 'We are delighted to have Stan represent The Bahamas in such a prestigious role. Such an elevated position is a testament to the high standard of refereeing development we have achieved in our country.' An article from CONCACAF'S website is reprinted below:

CONCACAF's efforts to lift the level of refereeing in the region is continuing at the CONCACAF Under-20 Championship in Guatemala. In attendance are five elite assessors, each of whom is working with 21-assigned referees from 13 countries." Time is spent covering administrative issues for the two weeks, but also to give them (the referees) some solid direction to help them excel during this important event," said Brian Hall, CONCACAF's Director of Referee Administration." This is especially crucial, since teams are competing for a spot in the FIFA World Cup in Colombia." Referees must have the proper mental approach and technical approach to manage the games over the next two weeks."In support of these objectives, a daily technical session will be held with the referees to review the prior day's matches. Additionally, information vital to improving performance will be shared that reinforces the positive work of the referee teams. FIFA RAP instructor Rodolfo Sibrian of El Salvador is working on the technical review, as well as providing education and feedback to the participating Elite Assessors. The CONCACAF Referee Committee, represented by Carlos Batres and Aaron Padilla, is concentrating on the many opportunities available to CONCACAF referees during the balance of this year thanks to the multitude of competitions at the confederation and FIFA level. The group also includes fitness instructor Erick Samayoa, who is charged with daily fitness and post-game regeneration.

