



Bahamas to Conduct FIFA Referee Course October 7-11, 2010

The Bahamas Football Association will once again play host to a FIFA event this year. This time, the BFA will be conducting a FIFA Member Association Course for Referees October 7-11, 2010. FIFA Instructors Ramesh Ramdhan from Trinidad and Tobago and Peter Prendergast from Jamaica to join BFA Instructor Stan Darville for the presentation of the course material. This will mark the third year that the BFA has conducted this programme for local officials, but this year will see the inclusion of officials from neighboring island Turks and Caicos. With both islands so close, in an effort to save costs, the BFA extended an invitation to the Turks and Caicos FA to send officials to the Bahamas for the duration of the programme to participate in the course, and three officials from that island will join approximately 16 from the Bahamas in the course.

The FIFA MA Course for Referees will be an intensive five-day course programme designed to improve the official's ability to officiate matches. Factors such as the psychology and man-management will be included along with an in-depth review of the Laws of the Game. The officials will be put through theoretical and practical sessions over the five days, and should emerge with an improved understanding of the role of the official and how better to perform the job. During the course, the officials will also be required to take the FIFA Fitness Test, a rigorous physical testing programme that tests the officials endurance as well as recuperative abilities, as well as his speed over certain established distances.

The course commences with an official opening ceremony on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 10:00 am at the Sheraton Nassau Beach Hotel, where all of the indoor session will be conducted. Sessions will run daily until 5:00 pm for the duration of the course, with practical session being conducted at the BFA National Centre for Football Development in Baillou Hills.