



**Central Oregon
Soccer Officials
Association
Newsletter**

August 17, 2007

"Are you ready for some FUTBALL?"

- - - THE IMPORTANT STUFF - - -

- We still need additional Referees for the upcoming High School season. The Certification Test for the High School badge will be Wednesday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Deschutes County Services Bldg.
- If you missed the initial Orientation Meeting (yesterday), you can still come to and take the High School Certification test next week.
- If you know of folks who might be interested in officiating High School games this Fall, please drag them to the meeting next week.
- If you are not able to come to the meeting on Wednesday night, but still want to referee High School games in the Fall, please contact Claudio at 385-7107 or acmuggia@bendbroadb and.com
- Send an email addressed to both Claudio & Pat (acmuggia@bendbroadb and.com & coassign@oregontraill.net) and let them know your availability for September. High School games start on September 4th. Your email should contain your **name**, **dates** you are available, **times** you are available and **locations** for which you would be available for.
- Go to the OregonSoccerCentral website and update your contact information and availability
- Start stretching, exercising & training more vigorously ... the High School kids are training for the season right now ... and we need to keep up with them 😊.

- - - UPCOMING EVENTS - - -

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

2nd General Meeting (High School Certification Test)

- *Date:* **August 22, 2007** (Wednesday)
- *Time:* 7:00 p.m.
- *Where:* Deschutes County Services Building . Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building). 1300 NW Wall Street in BEND .
- *What:* We will be taking the High School (OSAA) Certification Test. In order to referee High School soccer matches, it is required that you take and pass this exam.
- *More Information:* Please contact Claudio (acmuggia@bendbroadband.com) if you are not able to attend this meeting, but wish to officiate High School Soccer matches.

3rd General Meeting

- *Date:* September 5, 2007 (Wednesday)
- *Time:* 7:00 p.m.
- *Where:* Deschutes County Services Building . Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building). 1300 NW Wall Street in BEND .
- *What:* General training and preparation for the High School season.

4th General Meeting

- *Date:* September 19, 2007 (Wednesday)
- *Time:* 7:00 p.m.
- *Where:* **Round Table Pizza.** 1552 NE 3rd Street in BEND .
- *What:* General preparation and review of the High School season. Pizza & pop provided by COSOA.

5th General Meeting

- *Date:* October 3, 2007 (Wednesday)
- *Time:* 7:00 p.m.
- *Where:* Deschutes County Services Building . Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building). 1300 NW Wall Street in BEND .

- *What:* General preparation and review of the High School season.

6th General Meeting

- *Date:* October 24, 2007 (Wednesday)
- *Time:* 7:00 p.m.
- *Where:* Deschutes County Services Building . Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building). 1300 NW Wall Street in BEND .
- *What:* General preparation and review of the High School Playoffs.

- - - MORE STUFF ... - - -

USSF CERTIFICATION COURSE: Thank you to Pat Evoy & Claudio Muggia for the recent completion of their first USSF Course. They did a great job and we now have four new USSF Certified Referees with us: Brice Murri, Alberto De Anda, Ryan Douglass & Tanner Simoneau. Please welcome and congratulate our new USSF Officials when you see or work with them. Since we sort of needed ten new Referees, the four new referees will be asked to do the work of ten referees 😊.

SUMMARY OF AUGUST 16TH GENERAL MEETING: For additional information about any of the particular items listed, please contact Mehdi, Claudio or Pat.

- We welcomed back the 'old' referees and welcomed new referees (Bo Rodman, James Moreau, Ryan Douglass & Nathaniel Collins)
- Updated our roster of members

- Went over what COSOA does in Central Oregon
- Differentiated between the High School & USSF Certifications
- Discussed the specific list of expenses to new and past Referees
- Discussed the List of Expectations from our Referees
- Went over the pay and benefits of COSOA Members
- Encouraged everybody to visit and update their Availability on the OregonSoccerCentral website
- Encouraged everybody to email Claudio & Pat their September Availability
- A motion was made and passed to continue equal pay for Referees working a games, regardless of whether the referee is working the middle or a line.
- We tabled a motion to bring up at a future the funding of the Gregory Rivers Sportsmanship Award.
- Claudio went over the updated changes to the High School Rule Book for the upcoming season.

EMAILS & THE INTERNET (OREGONSOCERCENTRAL.com and COSOA.org):

Please check your emails regularly to stay informed of upcoming meetings and or possible assignment changes. Please remember that **all** of the Referee Assignments come through the **OregonSoccerCentral website**. If your email address or contact information is not updated, or if you are not regularly checking the website; you will not be informed of your assignments. If you are a new Referee to our Association, you need to get registered on this website, so that you can have games assigned to you. You can also see past Newsletters and other Association related news on our website: **cosoa.org**

GENERAL MEETINGS: OSAA requires attendance of each Referee Associations' General Meetings, in order to maintain your certification. Our Association requires attendance of at least 4 out of 6 General Meetings, in order for an Official to receive any Playoff or Post-Season assignments.

CONFIRMING GAMES WITH FELLOW REFEREES: We all need to do a better job of confirming game times this year. It is good practice for the Center official to call the Assistant Referees the day before the game, to confirm game time and possibly arrange a meeting spot for a car pool, if leaving for an out of town game. If the Assistant Referees do not receive a call from the Center Referee by 8:00 p.m. the night before the meeting, then the Assistant Referees should call the Center Referee to confirm the game. The penalty for the Center Referee failing to contact the Assistant Referees will be ... a treat or drink for the Assistant Referees to enjoy after the game, compliments of the Center Referee. The Center Referee may also send an email to the Assistant Referees to confirm game times. The Email must be sent at least 48 hours before game time ... and the Center Referee is still responsible for calling the Assistant Referees if they have not responded to the email.

GAME REPORTS: All referees need to file a game report at the OregonSoccerCentral website following their games. **You do not get paid, if you do not file a game report.** If you issue a Red Card and eject a player or coach from a game, please contact Claudio by phone or email that same evening.

MILEAGE: As in previous years, please keep track of the games that you worked and the games which you drove to. At the end of the season, you will need to turn in your mileage log to Claudio and you will be reimbursed for miles traveled. You do not need to keep track of the actual miles that you drove ... there is a set and pre-determined distance for traveling from Bend to Sisters, or Redmond to Prineville. Try and car pool whenever you have an out-of-town game. The person doing the driving gets the mileage pay for the trip.

Equipment Purchases: This is a great time to purchase needed equipment. Since the season hasn't started yet, the supply is high while the demand is low ... so you're likely to get good prices on equipment purchases. We would encourage all officials to at the very least have the yellow and black referee jerseys. The other jerseys (red and blue) are also nice to have if you plan to do playoff games later in the season. It's preferable to have both the long and short sleeve of each jersey, but if you only want to get one of the sleeve lengths ... then get the long sleeve. The complete list of minimal Referee Equipment should include:

- Referee Jerseys
- Referee Black shorts
- Black socks (with three white stripes)
- Predominantly Black Shoes
- Stop Watch
- Whistle
- Referee Wallet or Book containing a red & yellow card and paper to write on.
- Linesman's Flags

A couple of websites with referee gear at reasonable prices are www.officialsports.com and www.epicsoccer.com .

- - - **SOCCER QUIZ** - - -

The first 30 correct answers which are emailed back to me will be entered in a drawing for a Lottery Ticket at our 1st General Meeting (which could be worth anywhere from nothing to millions of dollars):

Question: This is a three-part question and you must get ALL three parts correct to qualify for the Lottery Ticket. This question has surfaced because of the latest David Beckham craze.

Part 1: In what year did Pele come to play professional soccer in America ?

Part 2: How many years did Pele play professionally in the U.S. ?

Part 3: Which one of the Pointer Sisters was Pele married to (Spice, Posh, Grunt or Cream)?

- - - **CONTACT / OFFICER INFORMATION** - - -

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