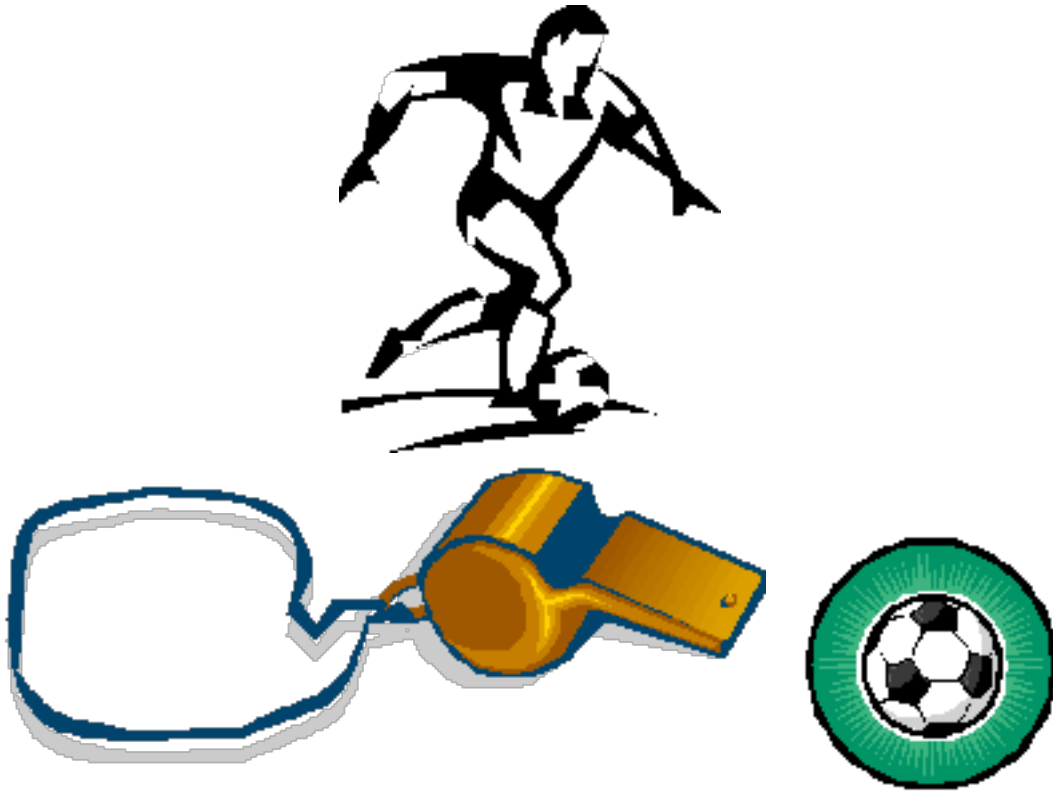


*Plan on being at our next meeting to take the High School
Certification Test ...*

otherwise, need to make arrangements with Claudio.



**Central Oregon
Soccer Officials
Association
Newsletter**

August 21, 2008

- - - THE IMPORTANT STUFF - - -

- Stick the dates marked below on your calendar now, so you know when all the meetings are going to be.
- If you missed our first General Meeting of the Season (yesterday) ... the meeting Agenda is contained later on in this Newsletter.
- The Certification Test for the High School badge will be Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Deschutes County Services Bldg.
- If you are not able to make it to the Certification Test, but still want to referee High School games in the Fall, please contact Claudio at 385-7107 or acmuggia@bendbroadband.com to see if something else can be scheduled.
- Send an email addressed to both Claudio & Pat (acmuggia@bendbroadband.com & coassign@oregontrail.net) and let them know your availability for September. High School games start on September 2nd. 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

- *Date:* **August 27, 2008** (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.

3rd General Meeting

- *Date:* **September 10, 2008** (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 24, 2008** (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.

5th General Meeting

- *Date:* **October 8, 2008** (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.

6th General Meeting (Pizza Party)

- *Date:* **October 22, 2008** (Wednesday)
- *Time:* 7:00 p.m.
- *Where:* Abby's Pizza (1938 S. Hwy. 97 in **REDMOND**)
- *What:* General preparation and review for the High School Playoffs.

- - - MORE STUFF ... - - -

Agenda from our 1st General Meeting (August 20, 2008):

Welcome (new & old) ... always try and keep our meetings to the point and get done quick.

Pass around Roster to update or add your name & information to our list

What COSOA is (veterans please 'pipe in' when needed)

- Central Oregon group of Referees
- All COSOA Referees are *Independent Contractors*
- Handle the High School games, the Men's League, Youth traveling teams
- We don't cover Park & Rec. games
- We have Officers, Commissioners, Assignors & Trainers ... but a lot of us are getting burned out!!!
- We are looking for additional referees to help cover the ever expanding soccer market in CO
- We provide training, guidance & assignments for competitive soccer matches in Central Oregon
- We have a website: cosoa.org ... You can look there ... thank John Aubry

There are three things we deal with in the Fall:

- High School soccer (B, G, V, JV, Frosh)
- Bend United, Deschutes Academy and other Traveling or OYSA Teams
- COPA or Men's League

There are 2 different Certifications:

A) High School Certification (OSAA)

B) USSF Certification

- At this time, we are only conducting testing for High School Certification
- OSAA Certification basically involves taking a written test and learning the finer points on the field
- USSF Certification is much better, more organized, you become a better Referee if you have both
- In the future, OSAA is no longer requiring testing, if you are a current USSF Official

Expenses to You

- \$36 fee to OSAA for a Rule Book, Badge and Liability Insurance
- \$35 Association Fee or Dues to COSOA ... which will be deducted from your first pay
- Between \$70-120 for a couple of Uniforms, flags, whistle
- For new referees, we have some used equipment which you can talk to me about

Expectations from Officials

- Do not Referee purely for the money (it ain't much ... and it ain't quick)
- Pass the Rules Test & Background Check
- Show up on time for the kids and their matches
- Check your email frequently
- Visits the OregonSoccerCentral .com website 2-3 times per week. We do *everything* by computer.
- File game reports online following your game
- Turn in your request for games at least 3-4 weeks in advance
- Look & act professional ... you are not a player ... you are not an acquaintance or friend
- Be respectful of the players, coaches, parents & fans ... good referees do not argue or fight

- Know the rules and work as a team
- Stick some cotton in your ears when you're out there ... don't take everything personally
- Do your best and learn from your mistakes ... cause you're going to have some bad calls
- Hustle and work hard for the kids and teams
- Be responsible & professional about your assignments ... all the games are big for the kids playing

What Referees get:

- First & foremost ... this is a form of Community Service
- Some exercise and a good time watching soccer games from up close
- Get paid for the games that you work (\$30 - \$40). COSOA pays you for High School & Men's League games. OYSA pays for your Youth games.
- Mileage reimbursement (50 cents per miles + a \$5 minimum for working an in-town match)
- A very basic form of Insurance
- Admission into all Regular Season High School events (any sport) with your Referee Badge

High School Certification Test:

- Next Wednesday (August 27th) ... right here at 7:00 p.m.
- Talk to Claudio if you have a conflict with that day & time

Few minutes for Pat Evoy, our USSF Assignor to say what he needs to say

Few minutes for Scottie Johnson to present a brief Treasurer's Report

- Currently approx. \$2,900 in our account

Few minutes for Claudio Muggia, our High School Assignor to discuss the New Rules or Points of Emphasis (Training) for this year:

New Business

- Picking official referee jersey colors for our association
- Gregory Scott Rivers Scholarship donation from our COSOA

Adjourn Meeting

EMAILS & THE INTERNET (OREGONSOCCECENTRAL

L.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.

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, blue or green) 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 (will hopefully decide at our next meeting on what two colors are required for our association ... one of the colors is going to be yellow)
- 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 .

- - - CONTACT / OFFICER INFORMATION - - -

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