



**Central Oregon  
Soccer Officials  
Association  
Newsletter**

August 31, 2008

## - - - THE IMPORTANT STUFF - - -

- If you haven't already done so, stick the dates marked below on your calendar now, so you know when all the meetings are going to be.
- Send an email addressed to both Claudio & Pat ([acmuggia@bendbroadband.com](mailto:acmuggia@bendbroadband.com) & [coassign@oregontrail.net](mailto:coassign@oregontrail.net)) and let them know your availability for September. High School games start on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your email should contain your **name**, **dates** you are available, **times** you are available and **locations** for which you would be available for.
- Check [www.OregonSoccerCentral.com](http://www.OregonSoccerCentral.com) regularly for assignments and update your contact information and availability.
- Stretch, exercise & train throughout the season ... you will pull a muscle or get hurt if you make a habit out of getting out of your car and running with High School kids without some preparation ... and I'm not talking about Preparation- H ☺.

## - - - UPCOMING EVENTS - - -

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting

- *Date:* **September 10, 2008** (Wednesday)
- *Time:* 7:00 p.m. [We'll be done by 8:15 p.m.]
- *Where:* Deschutes County Services Building . Lewis & Clark Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor ... NE corner of building). 1300 NW Wall Street in BEND .
- *What:* General training and preparation for the High School season.

### 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

- *Date:* **September 24, 2008** (Wednesday)
- *Time:* 7:00 p.m.
- *Where:* Deschutes County Services Building . Lewis & Clark Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor ... NE corner of building). 1300 NW Wall Street in BEND .
- *What:* General training and preparation for the High School season.

## **5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting**

- *Date:* **October 8, 2008** (Wednesday)
- *Time:* 7:00 p.m.
- *Where:* Deschutes County Services Building . Lewis & Clark Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor ... NE corner of building). 1300 NW Wall Street in BEND .
- *What:* General training and preparation for the High School season.

## **6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**- - - STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW ...**  
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**AGENDA FROM OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL MEETING (August 27, 2008):**

- Welcome
- Pass around Roster to update or add your name & information to the back
  - Somehow portions of the roster were lost during this process!!!
- Reviewed minutes from last meeting
- Review Code of Ethics for our Association
  - Made the motion to print the Code of Ethics in our Newsletter for the members to review
- Reminder of Independent Contractor status of all the Referees within the Association
- Our Association's Protocol for working High School games
  - Check the OregonSoccerCentral .com website 2-3 times per week for assignments or updates
  - The Assignor needs to assign games at least 2 weeks in advance
  - You should 'accept' or 'decline' your assignments at least 2 weeks in advance
  - The Center or lead Referee for each match needs to email his/her crew at least 2 days in advance to confirm and verify game time, location, jersey & possible ride or meeting spot location. The crew needs to respond back by email, otherwise ... a phone call is necessary the night before the game to confirm details.
  - Officials meet at their designated location and go to the game as a crew
  - COSOA expects its Referees to wear black shorts, black socks with three stripes, predominantly black shoes, a current badge, stopwatch, a pen, book and a minimum of two jersey colors. Your uniform needs to be clean, neat and professional in appearance.

- You work the game together and leave the field as a crew whenever possible.
- Discussion of the choice of uniforms for our Association for the season
- The decision was made to stick with the Yellow & Black jerseys as our Association's required uniforms. Those who wish to obtain additional colors may do so, but the newer officials would not be required to purchase additional colors at this time.
- Few minutes for Pat Evoy, our USSF Assignor to say what he needs to say
- New Business?
- After finishing the test, you need to go over the exam and review the questions that you missed. You can leave after you are finished.
- Few minutes for Claudio Muggia, our High School Assignor & Commissioner to discuss any pertinent items prior to the taking of the High School Certification test.
- Assignments for the upcoming Jamborees
- High School Certification Test
- Adjourn Meeting

## **CODE OF ETHICS FOR OUR ASSOCIATION:**

- COSOA members shall not officiate Varsity or JV matches involving a team from a school that their child currently attends.
- COSOA members shall not officiate Varsity or JV matches involving a team from a school where they are employed or which employs an immediate family member (spouse/significant other, child, parent, sibling, in-law).

- COSOA members shall not officiate Varsity or JV matches involving a team on which an immediate family member or relative (cousin, uncle/aunt, niece/nephew, etc.) plays or coaches.
- COSOA members shall avoid potential conflicts of interest such as officiating for coaches/athletic directors with which have close personal associations, friendships or business interests.
- Any official who is scheduled for a game which may create a conflict of interest as described above should notify the Assignor to request a reassignment.
- During the season, COSOA members shall not fraternize or socialize with coaches or athletic directors and should avoid or minimize any direct contact with coaches & athletic directors when possible.
- During the off-season, COSOA members should avoid or minimize socialization with coaches or athletic directors of schools they intend to officiate in the coming season.
- COSOA officials shall never disparage or otherwise criticize their fellow officials to other officials, coaches, athletic directors, media or any member of the public.
- COSOA officials shall base their end of the season State Tournament voting solely on the qualifications of an official and never on friendships, gender, race or any other factor not in the best interest of the sport and student athletes.

**OFFICIALS CODE OF ETHICS (Found in the back pages of your High School Rules Book):**

Officials at an interscholastic athletic event are participants in the educational development of high school students. As such, they must exercise a high level of self-discipline, independence and responsibility. The purpose of this Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all interscholastic officials.

- Officials shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
- Officials shall work with each other and their state associations in a constructive and cooperative manner.
- Officials shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interaction with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues and the public.
- Officials shall prepare themselves physically and mentally, shall dress neatly and appropriately, and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
- Officials shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations.
- Officials shall remain mindful that their conduct influences the respect that student-athletes, coaches and the public hold for the profession.
- Officials shall, while enforcing the rules of play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes. Where appropriate, they shall inform event management of conditions or situations that appear unreasonably hazardous.
- Officials shall take reasonable steps to educate themselves in the recognition of emergency conditions that might arise during the course of competition.

## **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. Attendance may be excused from a meeting with prior (24-hour advance notice) communication with the Commissioner or President.

## **FEEDBACK OR EVALUATIONS FOR REFEREES:**

Unfortunately, at this time our Association does not have a certified or State level Assessor. The hope is that with time ... our Association will acquire one or two Assessors, in order for new and experienced Referees to improve their skills and mechanics more efficiently and on a consistent basis.

The best we can do at this time, for members of our Association to continue improving and for the purpose of standardizing our officials so we are all as close and consistent to the proper interpretation of the Laws of the Game as possible, is the following:

- The Center Official should do a pre-game conference with his/her fellow officials. This is a great opportunity to standardize the expectations of the match.
- At half-time, all officials should engage in an evaluation of each other. Good calls and communication, along with things that went smoothly should be commended and recognized. Things that were missed or improved upon should also be discussed.
- At the end of the game, take a few minutes to do the same thing you did at halftime. Without talking about your performance ... good and bad ... we can't improve our skills.
- Ask experienced officials within our Association (who are not working your game with you) to do an informal Assessment of your game (if they would be available for that match). Experienced officials should provide this service at no charge to the newer & less experienced officials. It is customary for experienced officials who wish to obtain a formal assessment of their game (for upgrading purposes), to transfer their fee for their game to the person who is doing their assessment.
- Experienced officials should take it upon themselves to work with newer officials and provide feedback whenever possible. There are some great Referee Evaluation forms for both the Center and Assistant Referees at the NISOA website ([www.nisoa.com](http://www.nisoa.com)). The forms are easy to fill out and provide invaluable assistance in the fine-tuning and improving of referee skills and mechanics. Even though these forms are intended to be used by certified assessors, those who have officiated for a long time and been

through their share of formal assessments, should be able to use these forms to help improve the newer and younger officials within our association.

- The form for the Center Referee can be obtained at: [www.peprgraphics.com/NISOA/forms/Assessment TemplateREF.pdf](http://www.peprgraphics.com/NISOA/forms/Assessment%20TemplateREF.pdf)
- The form for the Assistant Referee can be obtained at: [www.peprgraphics.com/NISOA/forms/Assessment TemplateAR.pdf](http://www.peprgraphics.com/NISOA/forms/Assessment%20TemplateAR.pdf)

## **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
- 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](http://www.officialsports.com) and [www.epicsoccer.com](http://www.epicsoccer.com) .

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