



**Central Oregon
Soccer Officials Association
Newsletter**

August 2, 2009

--- THE IMPORTANT STUFF (Review/
Summary of the Stuff Below) ---

- Stick the dates marked below on your calendar now, so you know when all the meetings are going to be.
- If you know of folks who might be interested in officiating High School games this Fall, please invite (drag) them to our first meeting. New Officials are always welcome.
- The Certification Test for the High School badge can be taken online this year! You will be able to take the test from the comfort of your home or office.
- There is a **USSF Certification class coming up** (a few details below) and more information and a registration form coming from Pat Evoy.
- Go to the Oregon Soccer Central website (www.oregonsoccercentral.com) and update your contact information.
- 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.

USSF Grade 8 (Entry Level) Certification Clinic (Sponsored by Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association and the Oregon Rush Soccer Club)

- **Date:** August 14-16, 2009 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)
- **Time:** August 14 (Friday): 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. + August 15 (Saturday): 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. + August 16 (Sunday): 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Deschutes County Services Building (1300 NW Wall Street in BEND). Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building).
- **What:** Entry level United States Soccer Federation training course for Referees and Assistant Referees. Limited to the first 35 students. Class fees include: \$35 Class Fee due at the first session + \$40 USSF Registration fee due after passing the exam.
- **Additional Information and Registration:** Contact Pat Evoy (541-389-5314 or soccer@cascadefoot.com) or Claudio Muggia (541-526-0731 or acmuggia@bendbroadband.com)

1st COSOA General Meeting

- **Date:** August 19, 2009 (Wednesday)
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Deschutes County Services Building (1300 NW Wall Street in BEND). Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building).
- **What:** Initial informational meeting in preparation for the upcoming High School season. Review of rule changes and points of emphasis for the coming High School season and preparation for taking the online test for High School Certification.

2nd General Meeting

- **Date:** August 26, 2009 (Wednesday)
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Deschutes County Services Building (1300 NW Wall Street in BEND). Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building).
- **What:** Additional training and preparation for the upcoming High School season. The High School (OSAA) test will be available in Spanish or English for those not able to access it online. Whether you take the test online or in the classroom, in order to referee High School soccer matches, it is required that you take and pass the exam by this date.

3rd General Meeting

- **Date:** September 16, 2009 (Wednesday)
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Deschutes County Services Building (1300 NW Wall Street in BEND). Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building).
- **What:** General training and preparation for the High School season.

4th General Meeting

- **Date:** September 30, 2009 (Wednesday)
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Deschutes County Services Building (1300 NW Wall Street in BEND). Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building).
- **What:** General training and preparation for the High School season.

5th General Meeting

- **Date:** **October 14, 2009** (Wednesday)
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Deschutes County Services Building (1300 NW Wall Street in BEND). Lewis & Clark Room (1st floor ... NE corner of building).
- **What:** General training and preparation for the High School season. Nominations for the Sportsmanship Award.

6th General Meeting (Pizza Party)

- **Date:** **October 28, 2009** (Wednesday)
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Pappy's Pizza in Redmond (1655 N. Hwy. 97 in **REDMOND**)
- **What:** General preparation and review for the High School Playoffs. End of the year pizza party. Vote for the winner of our Sportsmanship Scholarship.

- - - **MORE STUFF ...** - - -

UPCOMING USSF GRADE 8 CERTIFICATION CLASS: If you are not currently USSF Certified or know of individuals who want to start officiating ... then mark your calendars and plan to attend the upcoming training clinic here in Bend (information listed above). Please contact Pat Evoy or Claudio Muggia for more information about this class.

USSF Certification is required to referee Men's League, Tournaments, Youth Traveling Teams and will soon become the required for working High School games. If you don't have your USSF Certification, you are limiting yourself exclusively to High School matches and in a year or two ... even the High Schools are going to require it. The training and certification for USSF are better and prepare you to do a better job officiating soccer ... at any level.

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 **Oregon Soccer Central 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:

www.cosoa.org .

GENERAL MEETINGS: OSAA requires a certain number of hours for training purposes, in order for each referee to maintain their certification to referee High School matches. Our Association requires attendance at least 4 out of 6 General Meetings, in order for an Official to receive any Playoff or Post-Season assignments.

USSF Intermediate Referee Clinic: We had a great turnout and an awesome training clinic on August 1 & 2 here in Bend. Dick Horner, USSF State Director of Instructor and Patrick Duffy, State Soccer Referee Administrator both traveled to Bend to host this great clinic. Everybody who attended benefitted and will be seeing improvements in their skills, game mechanics and management. This clinic is a requirement for Grade 8 referees who wish to upgrade to a Grade 7 at some point.

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 decent 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:

- o Referee Jerseys (long sleeve black and yellow)
- o Referee Black shorts

- o Black socks (with three white stripes)
- o Predominantly Black Shoes
- o Stop Watch
- o Whistle
- o Referee Wallet or Book containing a red & yellow card and paper to write on.
- o 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: List the seven (7) Cautionable (Yellow Card) Offenses?

- - - CONTACT INFORMATION - - -

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