



Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter

August 20, 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.
- Send an email to Claudio (acmuggia@bendbroadband.com) and Pat (soccer@cascadefoot.com) and let them know your September availability.
- If you know of folks who might be interested in officiating High School games this Fall, they need to take the High School Certification test by next week. Forward this Newsletter over to them and they can contact Claudio for taking the written test.

- The Certification Test for the High School badge can be taken online this year! You can take this test by going to <http://www.osaa.org/officials/> . You will need to register and the full set of instructions if the website is not making sense is available from Claudio.
- Go to the Oregon Soccer Central website (www.oregonsoccercentral.com) and update your contact information & 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 J.

--- UPCOMING EVENTS ---

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

2nd General Meeting (If you attended the Aug. 19th meeting and are taking the Certification Test online, then you are excused from this 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 ... ---

THANKS TO CLAUDIO & PAT FOR THE RECENT USSF GRADE 8

CERTIFICATION CLASS: Claudio Muggia and Pat Evoy recently spent a full weekend teaching the USSF Grade 8 Certification Class to ~25 new officials. We had a great crop of new officials, most of them youth and many that were getting certified for the Indoor Soccer Center, which is now requiring USSF Certification from all of their referees. We're lucky to have USSF Instructors in Central Oregon, because before Ric Secor, Claudio & Pat ... we didn't have any local instructors and were not able to train and certify Official locally.

EMAILS & THE INTERNET (OREGONSOCCECENTRAL.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. This year you will need to log your attendance at meetings on your Game Assignment sheet. These sheets will need to be turned into Claudio at the end of the season.

CONFIRMING GAMES WITH FELLOW REFEREES: We all need to do a better job of confirming games 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.

SUMMARY OF AUGUST 19TH 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
- Updated our roster of members
- Went over what COSOA does in Central Oregon
- Discussed the specific list of expenses to new and past Referees

- Discussed the List of Expectations from our Referees
- Explained that all Referees are Independent Contractors
- 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 compensate our Association Treasurer an hourly stipend with a set maximum to complete the bookkeeping responsibilities of our Association. If the bookkeeping services are not completed within the required time frame, then compensation would not be due.
- We reminded everybody to be on the lookout for nominees for the Gregory Rivers Sportsmanship Award throughout the season.
- Claudio went over the updated changes to the High School Rule Book for the upcoming season.
- We read the OSAA Soccer Rules specific to Oregon, which were not different than in previous years. The only updated rule which seemed new to many of us was the use of the Overtime procedures to break a tie in Sisters and La Pine matches; as their conferences have opted to have a tie-breaking procedure in place at the end of regulation Varsity matches.

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:

- Referee Jerseys (long sleeve black and 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 .

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