

COSOA General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 13, 2017 7pm
St Charles Med. Ctr., Conf. Rm. D

1. Welcome.
In attendance: Mehdi Salari, Steve Kurzer, Nathaniel Collins, Del Abbott, Mike Paul, Keith Erickson, Pat Evoy, Jeff Sloan, Mike Prochaska, Sarah Stacy, Mike Armstrong, Alberto DeAnda, John Young, Christine Johnson, David Omori, Marko Alexander, Mike Sipila, Shyanna Ashworth, Leona Steel, Bob McKay
2. “Non-High School Related” updates and comments.
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3. Commissioner’s Report:
 1. Field conditions – check them and note them in game report; game may continue to be played, unless goals are unsecured;
 2. 1st red card to of the season – reminder to manage the game as required, fill out your game reports accurately and completely (to echo OSAA SR Bulletin #2);
 3. Stacked games are helping, and AD’s are doing what they can (all sports need officials, not just soccer).
4. Old Business:
 1. No comments or updates on Old Business from previous meeting.
5. New Business:
 1. Welcome new official – David Omori
 2. Always looking for more officials, and extended invitation to all for involvement in the COSOA board
6. Training Topics:
 1. Air quality information (AQI): Oregon DEQ website (www.deq.state.or.us) for latest information; website is refreshed every 15min; per OSAA game can continue until AQI goes above 100 (climbs out of the Moderate zone);
 2. Conclusion of match tools and potential confrontational situations:
 - go straight to bags, collect stuff – this is an Oregon state high school recommendation
 - leave the hand shake line to the teams, if possible
 - address any situations, as needed, if still on the field, as referee official jurisdiction continues until referee crew leaves the field
 - referee presence can diffuse a situation from escalating
 - observe and report, even if the information is post-incident and 2nd-hand
 - sometimes the situations can be addressed by coaches, and doesn’t need to be reported in detail; simple report info such as “reported name-calling by opposing players was reported to coaches at half-time, and handled by coach talking to players”
 - ask coaches for help, if they are willing
 - remind players and coaches that high school sports is an extension of the

classroom

- one alternate suggestion: email the commissioner post-game about a potential situation if not sure whether to put information in a game report
3. Injury stoppages, the finer points:
 - in the high school, err in the direction of safety; ask yourself: “what’s more important than safety?”
 - pre-game: steer away from too detailed comments to captains or coaches
 - stop play immediately for head or potential concussion injuries
 - when to stop play for all other types of injuries is a judgment call, and consider the safety of the athletes as a top priority
 4. Offside Refresher – what to look for in offside ruling (Pat Evoy):
 - IFAB vs NFHS laws comparison and review
 - NFHS (see 2017-18 NFHS rules book, page 74 and 75 definitions):
 - o Interfering with Play: playing or touching the ball passed or touched by a teammate;
 - o Interfering with an Opponent: preventing an opponent from playing or being able to play the ball by clearly obstructing
 - o Gaining an Advantage by Being in that Position: rebounds off goalpost/ crossbar/opponent; off opponent is canceled out if opponent makes deliberate play
 - As an AR, wait and see is a recommended approach – it can be tempting to rush the flag raise, but letting the play develop more often leads to the correct call, or can then allow the whistle to be blown and a discussion between CTR and AR to occur in order to get game-changing and/or game-critical calls correct.
 - Review of 7 video examples: Not Offside vs. Interfering with Play vs. Interfering with Opponent
7. Confirm action plans, including next meeting time and date (9/27/17, 7pm).
 8. Executive Session: discussed referee professionalism and performance, developed near-term action plan.
 9. Adjourn.