

COSOA General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday October 11, 2017 7pm  
St Charles Med. Center, Heart Center Conf Rm.

Welcome.

*In attendance (alphabetical): Del Abbott, Cesario Alonso, Mike Armstrong, Neil Carlson, Nathaniel Collins, Alberto DeAnda, Keith Erickson, Pat Evoy, Christine Johnson, Steve Kurzer, David Omori, Derek Pacheco, Mike Paul, Mike Prochaska, Mehdi Salari, Sarah Stacy.*

- 1) "Non-High School Related" updates and comments.
  - a) IFAB Laws of the Game with commentary is available for download and/or purchase of hard copy;
  - b) New version of USSF Report Codes for Cautionable and Sending Off Offenses is available: Mike A. has 4 hard-copies tonight and Mike P. will post to the website;
  - c) Current coach-mentoring program for youth games (TTPL/Kidsports/etc.) discussed, relative to high school development and feedback (see New Business).
  
- 2) Treasurer's Report:
  - a) Next pay date is scheduled for 10/27, for games worked through 10/22;
  - b) All high schools are current in terms of AR due;
  
- 3) Commissioner's Report:
  - a) Please fill out game reports within a day (24hr or less). Be sure to note any field condition issues, red cards, etc. Also, echoing the latest OSAA Bulletin #5 from the state rules interpreter, Pat Duffy: note in your game reports the nature of a reckless foul and when YC is shown. Simply writing 'player committed reckless foul' is not enough: need to include the location on the foul, the nature of the reckless foul (trip, push, etc.), and that you physically showed the YC.
  - b) Please don't get hurt – take care of yourselves and bodies, especially with the workload that everyone is doing.
  - c) Recent Parent Complaint: there is an angry, local parent (father of a high school girl player) that has submitted a letter direct to OSAA, regarding the player suffering a broken leg, and opinions on poor refereeing state-wide. The schools have not complained, nor the ADs, just this one parent who bypassed communicating with any local ADs, schools, or COSOA, and went direct to the state association level. Please read and re-read the latest OSAA Bulletin #5 (e.g. in general, call JV and JV2 games tighter than Varsity, call girls games tighter than boys, etc.).
  - d) Central Christian vs. Oregon School for the Deaf: recognizing the ref crew (Neil C., Ramon C., Mike A.) that stayed an additional 1 to 1.5 hrs to work the game after the School for the Deaf arrival was delayed by over an hour.
  - e) Crook County: recognizing Steve K. for gracious and professional handling of belligerent parent where the belligerent behavior was towards players, not the ref crew.
  - f) Voting tonight for COSOA representatives to this year's state finals. Candidates have at least 3yrs experience in high school and scored 90% or above on the test. Vote for 3 (top 2 and 1 alternate). Mehdi S. will tally the results and send out notice via email.
  
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Previous meeting's minutes approved;
  - b) No comments or updates on Old Business from previous meeting;

- c) Current Gregory Scott Rivers award will be voted on during the next COSOA meeting, so send in your nominations. Current nominations: Kylee Roath (Bend); Sierra Cassaro (Ridgeview); Rylee Webber (sp?) (Sisters).

**5) New Business:**

- a) Always looking for more officials, and extended invitation to all for involvement in the COSOA board;
- b) Referee Development and Formal Feedback: COSOA is moving forward with more formal method of referee development, with formal and consistent feedback structure. A form, or tier of forms, is currently in the works. Thanks to Mehdi S. for moving the association in this direction. Goal is to create the feedback mechanism for roll-out next year (2018 fall season);
- c) Oregon State HS Realignment: for 2018-19 school year, proposal has been finalized and is in front of the state board to approve. The realignment proposal would move Summit, Bend, Mtn View up to 6A in a league with several Salem schools; move Crook County to the 5A level in a conference with Hood River, Redmond, Ridgeview, and other schools; and keeps Madras at 4A in the Tri-Valley conference.

**6) Training Topics:**

- a) COSOA Dissent: training topic presented by Pat E on the finer points of dissent, what constitutes dissent, and with tips and pointers on how to handle the different types.
- b) Coach Dissent:
  - i) Coach should be admonished on the 1<sup>st</sup> incidence of dissent.
  - ii) It is your (the ref's) judgment on what qualifies as dissent. When evaluating dissent, consider: how public was the outburst or action? How loud was it? How 'colorful' or demonstrative? How many outbursts? How frequent?
  - iii) The preferred method for dealing with coaches: Ask (admonish), Tell (Caution-YC), Remove (Dismiss-RC).
  - iv) An AR cannot issue a caution, but can raise flag to stop the game and call Center over to issue a card to a coach, player, or substitute.
- c) Fan Misbehavior:
  - i) In high school, the site administrator controls the fans.
  - ii) Any fan misbehavior directed at player(s) should not be tolerated.
  - iii) Persistent fan misbehavior directed at official(s) should be managed by stopping the game and getting the site admin to deal with the fans.
- d) Crew Department:
  - i) If you are unsure what the call is, consult with your fellow referee(s);
  - ii) Always back up your partner(s)! Never disagree with the call publicly (don't throw a crew member 'under the bus').
  - iii) Similarly, if you are Center and AR calls you over to issue a card – issue the card.
  - iv) Phraseology tip: to explain a call (of another official), say "The call is/was ...". Do not say "She/He called ...".

**7) Confirmed next meeting time and date (10/25/17, 7pm).**

**8) Executive Session: none held.**

**9) Adjourn.**