

Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter

August 26, 2014

Hi Everybody,

Looking forward to seeing everybody at our Wednesday night meeting (Aug. 27th) and at the Summit High Jamboree (Aug. 28th).

Included in this Newsletter are:

- Our calendar of Upcoming Events
- The Meeting Minutes from our August 6th General Meeting

As always, if you have items that you would like included in future Newsletters, please email them to me.

Thanks,

Mehdi Salari
COSOA Secretary

--- UPCOMING EVENTS --- Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WHAT'S HAPPENING	AGENDA	NOTES	
Aug. 27, 2014	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	St. Charles Med. Center (Conf. Room A)	2 nd General Meeting	Training: Offside and other Topics		
Aug. 28, 2014	4:30 – 6:30	Summit HS	High School Jamboree	Officiate pre-season HS Soccer games	Work with and mentor new and incoming High School Officials	
Sep. 10, 2014	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	St. Charles Med. Center (Conf. Room C)	3 rd General Meeting	Training: TBA		
Sep. 24, 2014	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	St. Charles Med.	4 th General Meeting	Training: TBA		

		Center(Conf. Room A)				
Oct. 15, 2014	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	St. Charles Med. Center(East Dining Room)	5 th General Meeting	Training: TBA		
Oct. 29, 2014	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	St. Charles Med. Center(East Dining Room)	6 th General Meeting	Training: Playoff Preparations		

--- MORE STUFF ... ---

Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2014 General Meeting

**COSOA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Charles Medical Center – Bend**

Present: Leslie Evoy, Pat Evoy, Steve Kurzer, John Proud, Ken Marshall, Austin Fletcher, Mike Ficher, Mike Armstrong, Leah Stoker, Mehdi Salari, Del Abbott, Nathaniel Collins, Jordan Hunt, Marko Alexander, Alberto DeAnda, Keith Erickson, Mike Prochaska, Ricardo Rivera, Ricardo Rivera Jr., Nathaniel 'Inti' Morgan, Megan Heinrich

Agenda

1. Welcome.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes, if necessary. Minutes of last year's last meeting were emailed to the membership.

3. "Non High School related" updates and comments.

- a. **USSF entry level referee class notice and info** Info. in Newsletter & website
- b. **Men's League** Currently going on, more adult Referees needed

4. Treasurer's report, if available. Approx. \$4,200 in account currently

5. Commissioner's Report

- a. **OSAA registration, testing** members encouraged to complete registration process online
- b. **Mileage budget and reimbursement** to remain the same as last year. Flat fee & 20 cents per mile

c. Oregon Soccer Central utilization, direct deposit for payroll, 1099s, etc. Discussion of whether the group wishes to enroll in OSC direct deposit, instead of current paper check was held. The group was in favor of moving to a Direct Deposit method of payment through the website. The costs, advantages and disadvantages were discussed.

d. Gregory Scott Rivers Discussion of whether we continue to deduct \$1 (or 2% of game fees) per Referee game fee to fund the Sportmanship Award was held. A few other discussions followed, including deducting \$2 per game and possibly increasing the award money or awarding both a Boys & a Girls winner each year. No consensus on a format change took place, so things will remain the same as in previous years until further discussion.

e. Mentoring Pat Evoy & Keith Erickson will continue to provide mentoring services

6. New Business

a. Thanks to Mike Ficher for salvaging website!! Our website is at www.cosoa.net and looking great, thanks to Mike's work

b. Concussion training information Is becoming an annual requirement. More information on the Arbiter website on online training

c. Training topic: new high school rules and most commonly missed questions on the test Pat led a presentation on the upcoming Rule Changes and commonly missed test questions from previous years.

d. Availability Members were encouraged to fill out their Availability on the OSC website to facilitate the assigning process

e. Recruiting new officials We are once again low on numbers and members were encouraged to recruit friends or other prospective referees

7. Old Business.

8. Confirm action plans, including next meeting time and date. Aug. 20th will be our USSF Physical Test at 6:00 p.m. at Pilot Butte Middle School. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a COSOA meeting where members can take their Written High School test at St. Charles Med. Center Heart Center

9. Adjourn.

COSOA Website

The COSOA website is now at: www.cosoa.net

A big THANK YOU to Mike Ficher for his computer skills in updating the website and maintaining it for all of us. The website has a lot of information and resources available, such as:

- Past Newsletters & Meeting Minutes

- Rules for the various leagues in Central Oregon
- Information on how to become a Referee (please tell potential new Referees or recruits about this website tab)
- By-Laws
- Links to other related websites and organizations
- Various other resources

Need for Additional High School Soccer Referees

We're starting the soccer season this coming week, but we could still use additional Referees to successfully cover all the High School games that are on the schedule.

If you are a Referee from the past that is still receiving this Newsletter and on our email list ... please consider registering online and returning to officiating. You would be a big help, even if you're only available a few times a month.

If you haven't officiated High School soccer matches before, there is still time to get registered online, take the online test and get trained to work some games.

Instructions on how to get registered and started with the process are listed below:

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Leslie Evoy! Or ... feel free to direct any questions to Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) or Roni Illias (ronii@osaa.org), OSAA Staff.

Registration for 2014 High School Soccer is now open on the OSAA/OAOA Officiating Central Hub. You can access the registration page at the following link: <http://osaa.arbitersports.com>. (click on the "Register Now" icon in center of page; click "Oregon Officials"; click "Soccer Registration" and follow the prompts)

As a reminder, if your email address has changed since last year, be sure to log in and register under your old email address! Once you have completed the registration process, you can log back in and edit your email address to reflect your new email address.

Packet fee for Soccer: \$51.50 (paid by credit or debit card)

Packet includes:

NFHS Soccer Rules Book 2014	\$ 7.00
NFHS Insurance	\$17.00
2014-15 OAOA Dues	\$15.00
Criminal History Check	\$ 3.00
OSAA Certification Patch	\$ 1.50
Pre-Season Guide	\$ 1.50

Leadership Officiating Guide \$ 1.50
Shipping/Handling (all packets are mailed) \$ 5.00

Packets will be mailed directly to each official using the information you provide during the registration process. It is imperative that you verify the address listed in Arbiter as your correct mailing address before submitting payment.

OSAA Registration and NFHS Testing timelines are summarized in the chart below:

Registration Opens	Monday, June 23, 2014
Mailing of Packets Begins	Monday, July 7, 2014
Testing Opens	Monday, June 23, 2014
Test Review Opens	Monday, August 18, 2014
Testing/Registration Closes	Friday, October 24, 2014

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who might be interested in officiating high school soccer!! As you know, we always seem to be challenged each year recruiting new officials.