



Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter

February 21, 2017

Hi Everybody,

I hope all of our awesome Referees are enjoying their break and off-season from soccer. I wanted to touch bases with everybody about a few soccer related things:

- The Spring Youth soccer games are already here! If you haven't done so already, please go to the www.OregonSoccerCentral.com website and updated your **AVAILABILITY** for March and April. Hopefully, all of you with USSF Certifications have registered for 2017 and are good to go. We need all of you!
- **Congratulations to Nathaniel Collins** for obtaining his Official Assignor License and becoming our new COSOA Assignor. Pat is still around to lend a hand when needed, but your assignments will now primarily be coming from Nathaniel. Please make sure you have his contact information on your phone:
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- There is an **Introductory Soccer Referee Training Course coming up on March 25, 2017**. This is a USSF Grade 8 Referee Course and is for aspiring referees ages 14 & older. Grade 8 Referees are eligible to officiate a variety of recreational and competitive soccer matches.
 - I will be sending a **separate email about this upcoming course** immediately following this email. Please forward that email with the information about the course to potential referees or recruits. It would be great if all of us could recruit a few more referees to help cover the games.
- Our calendar of **Fall COSOA Meetings** is already out ... if you want to stick those dates on your calendars ... see the Calendar of Upcoming Events down below.
- A few folks have asked about the **USSF Physical Testing** to maintain their USSF Grades. We do have our usual USSF Physical Test scheduled in August (see Calendar

below). If you need to complete your Physical Test before that date, feel free to contact me and we'll do whatever we can to help figure out a way to get it done.

- As many of you already know, they have come out with a new Soccer Referee Jersey. **If you are buying** new gear ... buy the New Soccer Jerseys and not the old style shirts. The old style shirts are still OK to wear for 2017, but they are being phased out ... so don't buy any of the old style shirts anymore.
 - For Central Oregon, the COSOA Executive Board has decided to go with the following colors: Yellow (Primary), Green (Second Color) and Red (Third Choice). The Yellow & Green should get you through 95% of your matches. Unless you referee a bunch in the valley or simply want more colors, we are not advocating the purchase of the Black or Blue jerseys for Central Oregon.
 - **New USSF Soccer Jerseys** ... currently going for \$27 (Economy) - \$50 (Pro Style) on the OfficialSports.com website. Some sizes & styles are temporarily out of stock.



- **Old USSF Soccer Jerseys** ... going for dirt cheap on the internet, because they are not going to be around for too much longer.



- - - **UPCOMING EVENTS** - - -

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | WHAT'S HAPPENING | AGENDA | NOTES | |
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| Mar. 25, 2017 | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | St. Charles Medical Center (Conf. Room D), Bend, OR. | Grade 8 Referee Training Course | Introductory USSF Grade 8 Referee Course | \$85 Register & More Info. @ www.OregonReferee.com Select Bend, OR on website | |

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| Aug. 9, 2017 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | St. Charles Med. Center | 1 st COSOA Meeting | Introductory and Orientation Meeting for High School Officials | 1 st General Meeting; Rule Changes and preparation for the season | FREE PIZZA! |
| Aug. 11 - 13, 2017 | | Field Throughout Central Oregon | Largest Youth Soccer Tournament in Central Oregon! | Lots and lots of soccer games to referee | Upgrades and Assessments have been possible in the past | |
| Aug. 23, 2017 | 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. | Pilot Butte Middle School TRACK | USSF Physical Testing & Field Training | <u>Mandatory field session for New Officials</u> and Field Testing for USSF Grades 7 | Field Testing (Physical Fitness) required for USSF Grade 7 and recommended for Grade 8 | Bring WATER |
| Aug. 23, 2017 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | St. Charles Med. Center | 2 nd COSOA Meeting | Training, Help with HS Test | USSF Recertification Exam will also be available | |
| Sep. 13, 2017 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | St. Charles Med. Center | 3 rd COSOA Meeting | Training: TBA | | |
| Sep. 27, 2017 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | St. Charles Med. Center | 4 th COSOA Meeting | Training: TBA | | |
| Oct. 11, 2017 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | St. Charles Med. Center | 5 th General Meeting | Training: TBA | | |
| Oct. 25, 2017 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | St. Charles Med. Center | 6 th General Meeting | Training: TBA | | |
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