



Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter September 26, 2018

Dear Awesome High School Soccer Referees,

I had a few notes/announcements for everybody:

- Everyone has already been emailed and texted about our Referee Meeting tonight being moved to Summit High School:
 - 6:30 pm @ Summit High School Stadium / meet near the press box in the stands
 - We're going to watch the Summit vs Bend Boys Varsity match under the lights together for our Training.
 - Remember to bring your Referee Badge, in order to get into the game for free.
 - Bring warm clothes ... it gets chilly when the sun goes down!
- I believe you're all going to be getting paid before the end of this week (yeah!!!). Double check everything on OregonSoccerCentral and send either Nathaniel or me an email if you have any questions or concerns about your checks.
- Please try and remember to not make comments about your games in front or within ear-shot of non-referees before or after your games. Whenever non-referees hear a referee say anything about a game ... they tend to turn it around on us and use it as basis for something completely unrelated. We'll talk a little more about this at our meeting tonight.
- Remember that we are a crew and a team. If one referee sees something important and relevant, they need to relay that information to the rest of the crew. We all need to pay attention to our Assistant Referees and make sure we're gathering all the information they are presenting to us. Four or six eyes and ears and a lot better than just two J.
- If any of our newer Referees need any additional Referee Uniforms/colors/items, please shoot me an email and I can check and see if we have any donated items left in my box of referee gear.
- Somebody in Referee crew needs to make sure you are at the field or your game at least 15 minutes before Kickoff. I've had a few nervous Athletic Directors calling me 10 minutes before kickoff asking if we forgot to send a referee to their game! It

doesn't look very professional when the Referees show up late and everybody is watching and waiting for the crew to get the game started on time.

- If you have stacked or back-to-back games ... make sure get that first game started on time. It's getting dark sooner and you want to make sure we don't run out of daylight on the games where there are no lights on the field.
- Remember to fill out your Game Reports within 24 hours of your games.
- For the awesome referees who have taken and worked the games in Paisley ... we sort of decided last year to share the mileage equally between the crew that covered the game (like we do for ALL of our games), because everybody is making a bigger time commitment going and covering those games. The hope is that folks who aren't doing the driving ... should probably pitch in a treat (buy some food/drink) or help a bit with the gas money to the person who does end up doing the driving. We can talk more about this at our meeting tonight as well, if there are any questions; or if the group feels that we should do something different moving forward.
- Remember, it's better to call fouls earlier in the game and avoid letting things escalate later in the match. Remember to caution or card the players who are reckless or persistently fouling others.

See you tonight,

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

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	WHAT'S HAPPENING	AGENDA	NOTES
Oct. 10, 2018	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	St. Charles Medical Center (Bend) East Dining Room	5 th General Training Meeting	Training: TBA	
Oct. 24, 2018	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	St. Charles Medical Center (Bend) East Dining Room	6 th General Training Meeting	Training: TBA	