



# **Central Oregon**

# **Soccer Officials Association**

## **Newsletter**

October 7, 2018

Dear Awesome High School Soccer Referees,

I have also included a very short video clip along with this Newsletter and a few questions about the video at the end of this Newsletter (to keep you reading).

Here are a few notes/announcements for everybody.

- Next High School Referee Meeting:
  - Oct. 10, 2018 (this coming Wednesday); 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
  - St. Charles Medical Center (East Dining Room ... our usual spot)
  - Training Topic: Offside (presented by the trio of Mike Prochaska, Steve Kurzer & Mehdi Salari)
  
- State Championship Matches:
  - This year, our Association gets two assignments to work/referee the State Finals.
  - The State Soccer Finals is on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> this year.
  - Because they scored 90 or higher on the online test, the following referees from our Association are currently eligible for a State Championship assignment: Del Abbott, Cesario Alonso, Nathaniel Collins, Alberto DeAnda, Keith Erickson, Pat Evoy, Jordan Hunt, Christine Johnson, Steve Kurzer, Mardy Madison, Mike Prochaska and Mehdi Salari.
  - We will vote at our next Referee Meeting on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> and nominate 2 Referees and 1 Alternate from our association to represent us at the State Finals on November 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - If you are eligible to go, but are not available or wanting to work the State Finals, please email me or let me know ... so I don't put you on the ballot.
  
- Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Please check your calendars if you don't currently have an assignment on Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - We somehow ended up with 7 matches ... all starting at 4:00 pm
  - Please email Nathaniel and let him know if you are available and able to take a 4:00 o'clock game on that day. All the games in Bend that day.

- Things are getting heated out there with the Parents/Coaches/Players. Some of the things to keep in mind in order to maintain the peace are:
  - Because Coaches/Parents/Fans do not want their players injured or hurt ... they want us to call games tighter and hold the players who are playing recklessly or persistently committing fouls accountable earlier in the match.
  - § When we fail to address the kid who has committed two hard fouls in the first half, the Coach & Parent of the kid who gets fouled on that same players third hard foul of the game point their (middle) finger at the Referee for not talking with, warning and cautioning that same player earlier in the game and only addressing the situation with a card or verbal warning after somebody is laying hurt on the field.
  - Remember we need to do our best to address Persistent Fouls by one player, Persistent Fouls against one player (usually a star player), reckless challenges and tackles, late hits or challenges, running into other players or Keeper ... basically all that stuff that leads to injuries, fights and altercations. You will not get in trouble for calling things too tight, but your games will get chippy and sloppy if you're calling it too loose.
  - Top level Referees:
    - § Recognize when a player has challenged CARELESSLY more than once; have a public conversation with them.
    - § Recognize when a player has committed a RECKLESS foul and issue a caution or yellow card on their first offense (if it was reckless).
    - § Recognize that when a player pushes another player down with their hands or elbow ... that this is reckless and deserves a caution as well. Simply calling the foul and allowing that same player to continue their pattern of using their hands to push or shove others leads to further escalation and deterioration of the game.
    - Sometimes, even though it may not have been a foul ... it might be in the best interest of the game to blow the whistle and tend to a player that went down hard from a challenge or tackle.
    - It's better to call fouls earlier in the game and avoid letting things escalate later in the match.
    - Parents, Spectators, Coaches or Fans **HAVE NO RIGHT** to question, stop or interrogate you after your matches in your technical areas, in the parking lot or at the grocery store! Let them know that you have tried your best, and that they should contact their school Athletic Director if they have an issue or concern.
  
- Pay
  - I believe everybody was paid for their *High School* games through Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> or so. If you need help checking Oregon Soccer Central, and seeing what and how you were paid ... let me or Nathaniel know and we can check together at the Referee Meeting.
  
- 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.
  
- Keep an eye out for Senior players exhibiting good sportsmanship and deserving of our Gregory Scott Rivers Sportsmanship Scholarship. We need names of these players, if we are to put them on a ballot and vote on them.

Attached Video Clip from a recent Game:

- As part of our training, we are going to go over this short (7 sec.) video clip at our next meeting.
- What are your thoughts about the collision between the keeper and the forward in this video clip?
- Shoot me an email and tell me if you think it's a:
  - § Foul on the Keeper? § Foul on the Forward?
  - § No foul at all ... 50-50 ball? § Caution / Yellow Card? § Verbal warning?
  - § What are the steps that you would take as the Referee is you have two player laying on the ground following a collision?

See you all Wednesday,  
Mehdi  
Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association

## Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association **--- UPCOMING EVENTS ---**

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

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.