



Central Oregon

Soccer Officials Association

Newsletter

October 22, 2018

Dear Awesome High School Soccer Referees,

Fantastic Job Everybody!!! Seriously!!! We're in our last week of the Regular Season ... and I don't know how you guys all pulled together and covered over 300 High School games in between your family obligations, kids, careers, homes, injuries and other responsibilities ... but you DID IT and we are about to conclude another successful High School soccer season because of you!

NEXT MEETING:

We have our last COSOA Referee Meeting of the Year this coming Wednesday. Please try and make the meeting, we have a lot on our agenda:

- Wednesday, October 24, 2018
- 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- St. Charles Medical Center East Dining Room
- Items on our Agenda: Review of Playoff Rules & Procedures, Voting for Gregory Scott Rivers Sportsmanship Award, Election of Officers and Representatives for next year

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Speaking of Election of Officers and Representatives for next year ... please consider becoming involved in a leadership role in our Association if you've been with us for 3+ seasons. Diversity, new ideas, new energy and new leadership will grow and improve our Association; and it will also make you a better referee and leader in the process. The current Leadership and Board Positions within our Association are: President, Vice President, Secretary (Website Coordinator) , Treasurer, Bend Area Representative, Outside of Bend Area Representative, Mentors, USSF Instructor. Our Commissioner and Assignor positions are both currently in their 2nd year of a 3-year term and will be up for re-election next year.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

In regards to our nominees so far for the Gregory Scott Rivers Sportsmanship Award & Scholarship, here is some information submitted so far on behalf of our nominees so far. If you have a new nominee that we had not previously listed, please bring some information about him/her to the next meeting, so we can include them on our ballot and tell others about them.

▪ **Josh Bruce (#4 from Central Christian)**

- Josh, academically has carried an above 3.5 GPA the three years here at Central Christian. He is part of "Resonate" a performing arts outreach team here at Central Christian. As his Varsity Basketball coach, he has played now for me going on three years. He is on our leadership team here at Central Christian. Josh has been an exemplary student and young man of God and a great leader here at our school. *Submitted by Brian Delamarter, Central Christian Athletic Director*
- Josh has been playing varsity soccer with Central Christian for the past three seasons. Last year he was elected MVP by his teammates, and this year he was elected co-captain of the team. He has also been a member of the Central Christian Varsity basketball team for the past two seasons, and is planning on playing a third season during his senior year. This spring, he is optimistic that Central Christian will field its first varsity golf team, which he plans to be a part of as well. Josh has not yet committed to a specific college, but currently has George Fox University and Grand Canyon University at the top of his list. He is planning on majoring in Theology, but is keeping his career plans "wide open for now." *Submitted by Mark Hughes, Central Christian Soccer Coach*

· **Isaac Grusy (#4 Ridgeview)**

- I have known and coached Isaac since he was in 4th grade. He has always been a great and hardworking kid. I definitely think he exemplifies what a Sportsmanship award is all about. He plays hard and is a very clean player. He never argues calls, never has confrontation with opponents or teammates. He is always respectful, whether he agrees or not. He just plays the game. I don't have access to his GPA but we have never had an issue with his eligibility. He maintains good attendance and standing in school while working many hours. He has held the same job for 2 years now and has been promoted to assistant manager. His future plans are to go to college and try to continue playing at the next level. We will sit down at the conclusion of our season and figure out the best fit. In closing, he is one of the nicest young men I know. He is always positive and never shows any frustration or anger, even in the most difficult situations. I can honestly say that he has been this way the whole 8 years that I have had the privilege of coaching him. Thank you for considering him. *Submitted by Ridgeview Boys Varsity Coach Jimmy Kim*
- Isaac has been a calm voice and leader on a vocal and emotional Ridgeview team. On the games that I have watched him, he has been positive and patient with the younger players on the team and been encouraging and supportive of the veteran players on the team. He has been appreciative of the Referees and their work, especially since he himself has been a USSF and Youth Soccer Referee for a few years. He's been of those leaders who is the first to congratulate a teammate on a good play, and also the first to console or give a hand to a player who has fallen or committed an error. He seems to get along well with the kids on the opposing team and seems well liked by his teammates and the kids on the other team. He has been a varsity player for at least three years and been consistent in his sportsmanship all those years. *Submitted by Mehdi Salari*

· **Emma Hehn (#12 Crook County)**

- Emma first came to my attention last year when I was doing a Crook Co. Girls Varsity match. Despite being totally outplayed by the visitors, Emma, playing sweeper, never gave up on herself or her team. She kept hustling and playing hard well after the outcome was no longer in doubt. More impressively, she displayed a very high soccer IQ: not only being supportive and encouraging of her teammates but trying to instruct them and get them into position to be as successful as possible - even at one time switching around teammates as to who should mark which opponents to better match skill sets. After the game she was congratulatory to the other team, courteous to myself and even gathered the game balls. I immediately checked the roster and saw she was a junior. So, I kept my eye out for her this year and was able to do a line on a Crook Co. at Redmond game a few weeks ago. She was exactly the same - played sweeper, organized and instructed her back line, and led by example. This was a competitive game - ultimately a 3 - 3 tie - and Emma played with grace and spirit the entire time. After the game, exactly the same as last time - congratulatory, big smile, positive, classy. *Submitted by Steve Kurzer*

· **Alexa Martin (#12 Redmond)**

o Alexa Martin is a national honors society student at Redmond Proficiency Academy in her senior year taking almost all advanced placement classes, she particularly excels in the maths and sciences. Alexa has been a club and high school soccer player for eight years earning many accolades along the way and honing her competitive spirit along the way. She's also playing high school softball. She has thoroughly enjoyed donating her time to Brightside animal shelter in Redmond which has been very fulfilling. Alexa has worked for many restaurants developing other maturation skills as well. An avid horsewoman for many barns, she also helps with kids trail rides, tacking and saddling up. She's also in advanced ap Spanish and Spanish club and enjoys the language having traveled many times to small fishing villages in Mexico and to Europe multiple times. An avid snowboarder and skier, she's always appreciated the call of the mountains. She's played the flute for near ten years for various bands and wind ensembles, enjoying the camaraderie and math elements to music. Alexa hopes to follow in the footsteps of her grandmothers and step grandmothers in interior design and architecture, all four having influenced her and been involved in the fields themselves. She's leaning towards attending Portland State, Washington State for their programs in the fields, Southern Oregon and University of Arizona being possibilities as well. Most of all, Lexi is a happy and fun loving kid having survived a serious health scare as a baby, sports were never supposed to be an option, she chose differently. Lucky to have her on our team. *Submitted by Redmond Girls Varsity Coach Martha Segura*

FINALS REFEREES:

Congratulations once again to our **2018 COSOA Representatives to the State Soccer Finals** on November 10th.

- o **Nathaniel Collins & Mike Prochaska**
- o Mehdi Salari will serve as our Alternate.

MIKE ARMSTRONG NOTE:

90% of you also remember one of our fine referees Mike Armstrong, who accepted a new job and moved to Hong Kong early this year. He send a note saying 'hi' to everyone which I have included down below, along with a recent picture from a game.

We are doing well. Doing lots of travelling, just got back from family trip to Thailand, I'm busy with work and ref'ing. Aiden is playing for the Kowloon Cricket Club U-15 Soccer team, one of only a few non All Chinese teams in HK. Kids on his team from UK, India, NZ, Australia, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong.

Yes, please tell everyone hello and share my photo with the COSOA team. HKFA is big and very strict/ by the book. I have now ref'ed 9 matches and have had an assessor for every match. They are watching me like a hawk but thanks to COSOA, I am performing well and they keep giving me better games. The last two assessors I had 1 is a current FIFA REFEREE and the other a former FIFA referee. There are over 250 referees in the association! The style of play is different here with lots of drama, diving, and they don't play through any fouls. They are quite skilled and technical, however.

USSF RECERTIFICATION:

I have also attached along with this Newsletter the re-registration information for all of you USSF Referees. We'll follow-up on USSF stuff a little more when the High School Season and Playoffs are all done, but I wanted everybody to have all the paperwork, in case they had the time to take care of it now. Attached with this Newsletter are:

- Link to the Oregon Referee Committee website for Recertification:
<https://www.oregonreferee.com/recertification/>
- Annual USSF Re-Certification Form for Grades 7 and above

WORK AS A TEAM:

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.

See you all Wednesday.

Mehdi

Commissioner, Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association

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--- UPCOMING EVENTS ---

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

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