



Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter September 21, 2019

Dear **Awesome** Central Oregon Soccer Referees,

A few notes for everybody:

- We do have a **COSOA Referee Meeting on Wednesday, Sep. 25th @ 6:30 pm** - St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Conference Room D. Our calendar of upcoming Meetings is down below.
- **We will be discussing and voting on the updated and revised COSOA Bylaws at our next meeting. You should review those updated bylaws by clicking on the following link: <http://www.cosoa.net/resources/COSOA%20Bylaws%202019%20-%20Draft.pdf>**
 - Our existing bylaws are over 20+ years old and an ad hoc committee worked very hard this past off-season to bring our bylaws up-to-date.
 - If you have comments, suggestions, issues, problems or improvements to the document ... please bring it to our next COSOA Meeting for discussion
- Please go to Oregon Soccer Central and **update your Availability through the 2nd week of October.**
 - Remember on the Availability page on Oregon Soccer Central, that we would like for you to put something (either Available + times you are available ... or Not Available). Leaving a date blank on the calendar doesn't help the Assignor very much.
 - The Assignor is forced to skip over names who have not wrote anything in for their availability for a particular date and give the assignments to those who have put something down for their availability.
- A few observations from the first weeks of the season:
 - Anytime you see a player make a hard, careless or reckless tackle ... you have to mentally remember (or write it in your book) that players' number and the nature of their foul. You **HAVE** to approach that player and have a brief (public) conversation with him/her, letting them know that their tackle or foul was not acceptable. Coaches, parents, spectators understandably become irate when the same player is allowed to foul time after time, and there is little acknowledgment by the Referee toward that player other than a whistle and a pointing of the direction of the restart. If a foul is reckless, you can give the Yellow Card on the first foul. You

don't have to wait for three reckless fouls to pull out the Yellow. The point here is to not look the other way if one or two players are playing so aggressive that they are endangering the safety of others. If a player persistently fouls throughout the game, you need to deal with that ... because somebody will eventually get hurt or injured if the same few individuals are consistently endangering the safety and enjoyment of the game for others.

- Are you getting enough Assignments? We want to make sure everybody is getting games assigned to them, but if you feel you aren't getting a lot of assignments ... let's see if we can figure out what we need to do to get you more assignments?

- Is your Availability filled out at least 2-3 weeks out?
- Are you available early enough to get those 3:00, 3:30 or 4:00 o'clock assignments?
- Are you consistently accepting assignments that you marked yourself as 'Available', or are you rejecting games that you were assigned after marking yourself as Available on those dates?
- Have you completed all the certification requirements?
- Are you accepting assignments, regardless of their position or location, or are you holding out and waiting for specific assignments and locations?
- Have you reached out by email/text or phone to Nathaniel and asked him to try and get you more assignments; or what you need to do to get more assignments?

- New Officials: Thanks for all your work and help with the games and season so far. Please know that all Senior or Experienced Officials are available just about any time you pick up a phone and contact us with questions or issues you might be experiencing. The best way to learn and improve as Officials is from our experiences on the field. Talking about those experiences (both positive and negative) will help each of us improve our game and performance the next time we're out there.

- Remember that you can always get the phone and email addresses of your fellow referee crew, by clicking on their name on the Oregon Soccer Central assignment page. That opens up another page, where their contact information will be made available to you.

Thank you all for all the work you've been doing for the schools, kids and sport.

As always, email/call/text if you need help with anything. See you guys next 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
Sep. 25, 2019 (Wed.)	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	St. Charles Medical Center (Bend). Conf. Room #D.	4th COSOA Meeting	Training: Game Management	
Oct. 9, 2019 (Wed.)	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	St. Charles Medical Center (Bend). Conf. Room #D.	5th General Meeting	Training: Fouls & Misconduct	
Oct. 30, 2019 (Wed.)	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	St. Charles Medical Center (Bend). Conf. Room #D.	6th General Meeting	Training: Playoff Rules & Procedures	