



# Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter October 03, 2019

Dear **Awesome** Central Oregon Soccer Referees,

Here are a few notes/announcements for everybody.

- Next High School Referee Meeting:
  - Oct. 9, 2019; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
  - St. Charles Medical Center (Conf. Room D ... unless they bump us again to the Heart & Lung Center!)
  - Training Topic: More Fouls & Misconduct – Pat Evoy
- State Championship Finals and COSOA Representatives:
  - This year, our Association gets two assignments to work/referee the State Finals.
  - The State Soccer Finals is on Saturday, November 16<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
    - Shyanna Ashworth
    - Nathaniel Collins
    - Pat Evoy
    - Christine Johnson
    - Steve Kurzer
    - Mike Paul
    - Mike Prochaska
    - John Proud
    - Mehdi Salari
    - Dean Wright
    - John Young
- We will vote at our next Referee Meeting on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and nominate 2 Referees and 1 Alternate from our association to represent COSOA at the State Finals on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

- If you are eligible to go, but are not available or interested in working the State Finals, please email me or let me know ... so I don't put you on the ballot.
- Things are getting more heated with the start of the League season for most teams. 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 by that same players' third hard foul of the game point their (middle) finger at the Referee for not talking with, warning or cautioning that player earlier in the game. We can't wait for someone to be laying hurt on the ground, before publicly addressing repeated offenses by the same player.
- 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 the same player has challenged CARELESSLY more than once and have a public conversation with them.
  - Recognize when a player has committed a RECKLESS foul and issue a caution or yellow card, even if it is their first offense.
- 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.
- 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.

See you next Wednesday,

Mehdi

Commissioner, Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association

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# --- UPCOMING EVENTS ---

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>WHAT'S HAPPENING</b>	<b>AGENDA</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Oct. 9, 2019 (Wed.)	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	St. Charles Medical Center (Bend). Conf. Room #D.	<b>5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting</b>	Training: Fouls & Misconduct	
Oct. 30, 2019 (Wed.)	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	St. Charles Medical Center (Bend). Conf. Room #D.	<b>6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting</b>	Training: Playoff Rules & Procedures	