



Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association Newsletter

November 8, 2010

--- UPCOMING EVENTS ---

Please stick these dates and times on your calendar.

Physical Test, CE Opportunity & Written Exam for Current USSF Grade 7's seeking to maintain their grade

- **Date: November 14, 2010 (Sunday)**
- **Time: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** Physical Test at Pilot Butte Middle School
- **Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Continuing Education / Training at Pat Evoy's Office (2408 NE Division St. in Bend)
- **Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Written Exam at Pat Evoy's Office (2408 NE Division St. in Bend)
- **Where:** Pilot Butte Middle School for the Physical Test and Pat Evoy's Office for the Training & Written Test
- **What:** Opportunity to complete the majority of the requirements for maintenance of the USSF Grade 7 Certification for 2010. This testing and training is not required for current Grade 8 officials and is only intended for those who already have their Grade 7 or are very close to completing the upgrade process.

--- MORE STUFF ... ---

High School Playoffs: Please make sure to check the Oregon Soccer Central website and your emails/messages frequently these next two weeks. The playoff teams and game locations/times are often times determined with only a few days advance notice and it's important to accept your assignments when they become available. Remember that it is the Center Referees responsibility to contact the Athletic Director of the host school to confirm the time and location of the match. You should also confirm that a school representative will be available to meet our crew when we arrive at the facility (at least one hour prior to game time) and that

the school official will be present throughout the match to deal with spectators or other issues that may come up.

Remember to look sharp, hustle, be professional and represent Central Oregon Soccer Officials Association in the best light possible when you are covering games on the road.

As always, BE SAFE, DRIVE CAREFULLY and in the car best equipped to handle bad weather on the road. Give yourself plenty of time to travel, stop for treats or food along the way and do not rush or hurry to the games. Playoff road trips are a lot of fun and should be enjoyed.

A Big Thank you to Scottie Johnson, Pat Evoy & Leslie Evoy:

There are always ups & downs during the High School soccer season ... but now that we're into the playoffs and nearly done with our season; I think it's important to recognize the hard work that Scottie, Pat & Leslie did to cover all the games and get everybody paid on a timely manner. There were very few issues or problems through the season and it was primarily due to the organizational skills and leadership of the individuals I noted above. Assigning all the games, keeping everybody happy, assuring proper coverage, ... covering the last minute cancellations and problems ... it's a thankless job and I thought we did very good under Leslie, Pat & Scottie.

A Big Thank you to Keith Erickson & Tymon Emch: Keith & Tymon both stepped up big time this season, by providing much needed assessments and mentoring of our members during their games. This took time away from officiating and other things, but we all owe these guys a big thank you for the additional training and help that they provided all of us. Tymon also was kind enough to prepare and present training material at a couple of our COSOA meetings ... all of which required extra preparation and time on his part.

Tymon also should be congratulated for being selected not just by our Commissioner to represent Central Oregon in the State Finals, but by a vote of the senior Members of the Association to represent Central Oregon in the Finals.

MINUTES FROM THE October 20, 2010 COSOA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING *(Thank you to Steve Kurzer for supplying the minutes)* **COSOA General Meeting** **October 20, 2010, 7 pm** **Bend High School, Room C 08**

I. Welcome :

Attendance: Mehdi Salari, Steve Kurzer, Leslie Evoy, Pat Evoy, Del Abbott, Marko Alexander, Cesario Alonso, Salvador Alonso, Mike Cleavenger, Nathaniel Collins, Alberto Deanda, Tymon Emch, Donnie Emerson, Bob Foster, John Proud, Dan Secor, Ric Secor, Rich Willman, Mike Ficher

II. Any interesting events/occurrences in the last couple of weeks?

A. Bend High School & Summit High Athletic Directors were both informed of Unsportsmanlike behavior by two players during the Bend – Summit Boys game: upon receiving a second caution and being sent off

made the remark to the AR "that's horsesh__ and you __cking know it."

The involved player has since written an email/letter of apology. Also, a Summit player from the same match approached the center ref as if to congratulate him, smiled and (approximately) said "you should never ref again . . . you really should do something else. . ." immediately following the game and then again as the teams came over to shake hands after the game. According to Patrick Duffy, once a player has received a Soft Red and is leaving the field, their card cannot be upgraded or changed to a Straight Red because of further action/words or things that they say or do.

B. Summit jv field goals have not been anchored in recent matches. Also, there is a sprinkler panel/cover on the players' side at midfield on the turf field approximately one yard off the touch line which could be dangerous.

C. Upon encountering profanity from fans: (a) stop the game (b) contact the host administrator who should be identified by the coach or athletic director before the match (c) empower the ARs, especially AR2 on the fan side, as to protocol for dealing with fan abuse during the pregame

III. Rivers Sportsmanship Award

- Discuss nominees and either vote for a winner or do an email vote as we have in the past. We decided on email vote by November 7. A list of nominees and nominating statements will be circulated via email:
- Sam Groshong, goalkeeper, Bend HS
- Alisha Hamilton, defender/goalkeeper, Redmond HS
- Molly McCool, midfielder/striker/captain, Mountain View HS
- Jeffrey Villalobos, sweeper/captain, Redmond HS

IV. Assignor Reports / Requests (Pat)

Youth games are assigned through the end of the fall season for OYSA; Mike Ficher still has games through Nov. 6 and 7 for COSL

V. Commissioners Report (Leslie)

- Discussion of Playoff format and assignments
- Email requesting availability is circulating; please respond
- distinction between play-in games and play-off games is noted on OSAA website, but KNOW PROCEDURES FOR OVERTIME AND KICKS FROM THE MARK as these games will require a winner for seeding or to advance
- play in and first round playoff games (through approximately Nov. 9) will be covered by local officiating crews; later rounds will require travel (unless of course you live in Portland or Salem in which case you can

- enjoy the luxury of officiating playoffs throughout the postseason in your own backyard - this is an editorial comment and COSOA is not responsible for its inclusion in the official minutes)
- 12 nominees for COSOA's one (really - one?! - come on, OSAA) representative out of the 28 required for the state championship games: Tymon Emch will be our representative, Mehdi Salari is the alternate; congrats to all nominees

VI. Treasurer's Report

A written treasurer's report was circulated and can be provided or otherwise reviewed by members certified for high school officiating who are in good standing upon reasonable request

VII. New Business

- Election of Officers for Next Year, upon motions duly made and seconded:
 - President: Mehdi Salari
 - Vice President: Marko Alexander
 - Secretary: Steve Kurzer
 - Treasurer: Scottie Johnson
 - Bend Area Rep: Donnie Emerson
 - Rdm/Sisters/Culver/Madras Rep: Nathaniel Collins

Special thanks are due to Mehdi and Scottie for the extra volunteer effort which is required to keep COSOA ticking, especially during the very busy high school season

VII. Training

- **Improved Communication amongst Officials (Tymon)**
- Establish communications signs and cues pregame: tell ARs what you want called and how you want it called, e.g., hand across stomach, out to side, wide eye stare, pointing, moving and signaling together, subs, pks, ball in and out of play . . .
- need to communicate with each other: hand over patch
- establish presence before match: polite, professional, competent, confident
- verbally recognize crucial AR calls AND lots of eye contact
- *with players:*
- please and thank you
- avoid problematic situations with preventative comments, e.g., "I saw the contact but there was an advantage . . ."
- Use "Advantage!" and "Play on!" for fouls not being called; use "Continue!" or "Nothing there!" or "No foul!" when there was no foul to call
- keep explanations brief

- publicly acknowledge fouls, but privately communicate with players where appropriate and proportionate to what you are observing
- *with coaches* be professional and firm: ask, tell and remove
- "Selling the Call" (Pat)
- Fitness is a priority - being in close proximity to the foul so you can virtually point down to the spot of the restart/free kick; also prevents dissent by being close to the play
- Hustle for hard fouls, cards, injuries, penalty kicks and areas of mass confrontation
- mechanics: your intensity and body language should be equal and proportional to what you are observing, be it a hard whistle for a hard foul, administering cards, or public signals; the same goes for voice and tone, inflection, volume
- announce "advantage" or "no call"
- any public explanations should be small and concise
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Adjourn Meeting

REQUEST FROM THE INDOOR SOCCER CENTER FOR USSF REFEREES HELP REFEREE THEIR GAMES:

*Come referee Soccer at
Cascade Indoor Sports*

- All referees are required to be USSF certified.
- Referees are all independent contractors and not employed by CIS.
- Each referee is paid per game.



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EMAILS & THE INTERNET (OREGONSOCCECENTRAL.com and COSOA.org): Please check your emails regularly to stay informed of upcoming meetings and or possible assignment changes. Please remember that **all** of the Referee Assignments come through the **Oregon Soccer Central website**. If your email address or contact information is not updated, or if you are not regularly checking the website; you will not be informed of your assignments. If you are a new Referee to our Association, you need to get registered on this website, so that you can have games assigned to you.

GENERAL MEETINGS: OSAA requires a certain number of hours for training purposes, in order for each referee to maintain their certification to referee High School matches. Our Association requires attendance at least 4 of our General Meetings, in order for an Official to receive Playoff or Post-Season assignments.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS: If you have any items of interest or relevance that you would like inserted into future COSOA Newsletters, please email that material to me in a format that I can copy and paste ... and I will make sure to pass the information onto everybody else.

--- EXECUTIVE BOARD ---

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>		
Leslie Evoy	High School Commissioner		
Mehdi Salari	COSOA Pres.		
Marko Alexander	COSOA V.P.		
Steve Kurzer	COSOA Sec.		
Scottie Johnson	COSOA Treasurer		
Pat Evoy	USSF Assignor /Instructor		
Ric Secor	USSF Instructor		
Tymon Emch	CASA/Youth Liaison & USSF Assignor & Assessor		
Keith Erickson	Mentor & Assessor		
Donnie Emerson	Bend Regional Rep.		
Nathaniel Collins	Redmond Regional Rep.		
Bob Foster	Technical Support		