**BCAASO Minutes**

Cooper City HS, Cafeteria

Monday, August 14, 2023

BOARD Meeting, 6:30 PM

 All members present; no agenda items; no decisions made.

**GENERAL MEETING, 7:10 PM**

1. **Introduction** of Board members (President Va):
* Ruben Franzese, Vice President (Recommendations Committee, for post-regular season games)
* Rick Torres, Treasurer
* John David McGee, Secretary (johndavidmcgee@gmail.com)
* Don McCans, Director-at-Large #1 (Assignment Committee; works with Booking Commissioner regarding game assignments)
* Mike Jarvis, Director-at-Large #2 (Evaluations Committee; works with Booking Commissioner to identify members who are most in need of “training” evaluations)
* Randy Cook, Director-at-Large #3 (Grievance Committee )
* Al Grimaldi, Booking Commissioner (hired by BCAA)
* Greg Watson, Clinician (not a Board member; appointed by the Board)
* NOTE: **(Emails for Board officials and member referees, may be found on ARBITER; under “BCAASO;” under “List” of officials).**
1. **Announcements/Reminders**:
* **The (FHSAA) “Aqua” referee jersey WILL BE the “uniform” for this season (no exceptions)!**
* **DO NOT USE the “aqua,” for MIDDLE SCHOOLS (not part of FHSAA). However, use the USSF uniforms, as last season; do NOT use a (FHSAA) patch for Middle Schools.**
* **Use the 3-stripe socks (regular), for both Middle and High School games**
* **Members may purchase a new, “aqua” jersey (short or long-sleeve), for $25 (the Association pays the balance). To order at this price, contact/pay Treasurer, Rick Torres, immediately!!**
* **The BCAASO web site: (bcaa-so.org) This is managed by Neil Bardach; and various useful documents are available there (e.g., lists of coaches and ADs; which will be posted later, when those lists are available from BCAA).**
* **The BCAASO “drop box:” Please see Al Grimaldi’s email of July 30th, for a list of important documents [e.g., application to officiate; how to get the JLA Badge (required); how to set up your account for payments of game fees from BCAA, etc., etc.]**
* **REGISTRATION**
* **Members MUST be registered BOTH with FHSAA and BCAASO.**
* **All registration information is included in Al Grimaldi’s email of July 30th.**
* **New NFHS Rule books (2023-24) were distributed to members WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES; and WHOSE PRIMARY ASSOCIATION is BCAASO. Referees with OTHER “primary” associations will get their rule books THERE.**
* **Referees MUST follow the written protocols for “lightning” (see Rule book, page 95).**
* **REFEREE TRAINING**
* **Secretary McGee, who attended the FHSAA Leadership Conference (July 28th), reported about news from that meeting (please see Al Grimaldi’s email of August 6th or 7th), which includes the following:**
1. **RED CARD reports MUST include “clear details” in the referees’ reports, in order for FHSAA to give appropriate “corrective action;”**
2. **Do NOT stop the “stadium clock,” but have it reduce to zero.**
3. **The major rule change allows the referee to stop the clock to evaluate a player injury, WITHOUT requiring the player to leave the field.**
* **MIDDLE SCHOOL rules:**

**Please review these rules which have been sent out already, which includes:**

1. **Two 30 minute halves (unless adjusted for facilities which have time restrictions; or other reasons for delay from weather or transportation delays, etc.)**
2. **Game terminated at HALF-TIME, if there is an 8-goal, score differential (must play at least a half); and game is ended whenever “differential” occurs in the second half.**
3. **Tied games for PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS must be settled by “Kicks from the Mark,” with players who are on the field at game’s end. For PRIVATE middle schools, games may end in a tie.**
4. **Required player equipment is described (please be LENIENT, regarding player uniforms, but NOT LENIENT regarding safety issues).**
5. **“Casts/splints” are allowed IF properly “wrapped,” AND IF a medical release, signed by a physician, is given to the referee.**
6. **Players may not wear jewelry; use face/body paint; colored hair spray; or “metal hair accessories.”**
7. **NOTE: Any “red card” reports MUST go ONLY to Al Grimaldi, Booking Commissioner**
8. **Next (future) MEETINGS:**
* **Monday, August 28th (same time, 7 PM; same location, Cooper City High School) This will be an important training session (further review of Middle School rules; new high school rule changes and points of emphasis; preparation for the FHSAA written test (October); other training regarding proper use of “cards,” etc.**
* **Monday, September 18th (review of MS games; more prep for high school FHSAA exam)**
* **Monday, October 9th (LAST meeting prior to beginning of high school season)**
* **TUESDAY, January 9, 2024 (Preparation for District—which begins Jan. 24th, & Regional games)**
* **Monday, February 26, 2024 (AGM, including election of officers)**
1. For further training materials, go to:
* ARBITER; click on **FHSAA “Hub**;” select “Soccer;” see various training items
* ARBITER; click on FHSAA ‘Hub;” locate ***FHSAA “Officials Guide***,” and look for soccer-specific FHSAA “rules,” which are different from what is presented in the NFHS Rules book.
* In the ***2023-24 NFHS Rules book*** [STUDY “Rule 12, Fouls and Misconduct” (pages 59-69)]. NOTE: Using the correct card (e.g., yellow; red; blue) is ESSENTIAL!

Minutes taken by John David McGee, BCAASO Secretary, and distributed, 8/15/2023.