

CCSOA NEWS

Weekly Newsletter for the Central Connecticut Soccer Officials Association

CCSOA Events

Business Meeting

October 15, 2019 - SMSA

- 6:00PM First & Second year members
- 7:00PM All Members

State Tournament Boys and Girls 11/9 - 11/23

Annual Banquet Dec 5th - The Gallery Restaurant

Annual Meeting November 7th

Robert Tedford Memorial Park Dedication

The Robert Tedford Memorial Park Dedication is scheduled for October 26, 2019. Please note that the tribute will commence at approximately 11:30 a.m.



Warning Ahead - Warnings done correctly can be very useful, but if they are used in the wrong situation, they can hurt more than they help game control. The reason that a referee may want to talk to a player is that showing cards too often diminishes the value of the caution, so a warning can save you from cautioning. The line between where you would show a card and just give a warning depends a great deal on the temperature of the game. If the game is well under control with few fouls and no or only a few cards, you would be more likely to warn rather than card. If fouls are coming quickly at a rate faster than they should and/or are overly hard and you have already shown three or four or more cards, the game is heating up too much and it is too late for a warning. And if the foul was hard or tactical, a warning is not going to be seen as adequate for the victims. If the game is having serious control problems and the yellow card is not getting respect, you may want to up the ante. A comment loud enough to be heard, saying something like, "You guys are not paying attention to the yellow card but I have a red one too" may get them to become more attentive. There are some different ways to give warnings. The "quiet word" is just a brief, private conversation, perhaps as you go by the player, letting him know that what he did was more than you want and he needs to calm down. If the game has not gotten too hot, this can be very effective. If the foul was harder and/or things have heated up, you may want to take a few moments and talk to the player more publicly to let both sides know something is being done. If what is being said is quiet, it allows you to say things you would not want to say publicly. Perhaps something like, "That was not as bad as it looked, but let's tone it down". Some referees like to use firm gestures along with a conversation when they feel a public warning is the better way to handle the incident. You must make it clear to everyone that better behavior is needed.

P2P Evaluations

The Peer to Peer Evaluations are up in the Arbiter system, please go in and help each other by evaluating your partners performance during the match that you work together. Remember, that if you are working alone there is no need to fill out an evaluation on yourself.

Pink Whistles!

The month of October brings with it an increased awareness around cancer and particularly **Breast Cancer**. Many of our schools will be hosting pregame activities as well as wearing pink socks, shirts or something else, please support the schools and players during these activities. If you have a pink whistle you may use it, or you can purchase pink whistles at many online stores that will ship overnight. Thank you for your support.

Game Reports

The CCSOA website has a Game Reporting tab that captures information from your match. Please utilize this tab and send me a report if something out of the ordinary happens at your match: an injury, a coach not behaving, field or uniform issues or spectator situations are examples of just a few.

Meet your Members

Igor Stambuck - If you first think Igor Stambuck is our only Russian official, you would be wrong ... Igor is of Peruvian birth (like several of our officials) and his parents were both Peruvian nationals - he gets the name Igor from the fact he is 3/8 Croatian. This "meet you member" section may also appear in the newsletters of Girls Lacrosse, Field Hockey and Football as Igor officiates in all three as well as soccer. Igor has been in the US for 15 years and lives in Vernon where he enjoys Rock music (U-2, Depeche Mode), biking and trivia where he is a wiz in History and Geography. The one thing Igor wanted to tell all other officials is that he is now OUT of the uniform supply business and he will be the most irreverent funny official you will ever work with!

Bob O'Dea- If we are gonna meet our members it is only appropriate we meet perhaps our longest serving official. Also for those of you who have not received a match confirmation from Bob, be prepared for seeing an email from "Casketman". Bob is a funeral director in Plainville and along with Bob Hall, who we will meet next week, Bob O'Dea has been reffing for us since 1975, 44 years. But we aren't his most recent officials' organization - he has been doing basketball for 50 years! While he is busy planting (and I don't mean the garden) he is kept busy also officiating 3 grandchildren but luckily for us he has no plans to retire and says he just loves working for CCSOA for the relationships and friends NOT soliciting future business.

Bob, is also the current CSOA Vice President serving the state for a second year.

Commissioners Corner - JO

We have some weather coming in the next couple of days, please keep your phones on and keep checking as there may be some last minute changes.

If you are able to open any blocked dates please do so immediately, we need your help, especially on the below dates:

Oct. 11, 15, 16, 18, 23 and 25th. These are sold out dates with games that still need officials.

Double check the CIAC website for game information!