

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

October 26 - Robert Tedford Memorial - Ellington

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

Annual Banquet Dec 5th - The Gallery Restaurant

Hartford Athletic

The Hartford Athletic are wrapping up their inaugural season this week with a home match on Wednesday Oct.9. We have 2 of our members working that game so come out to cheer on, or give a hard time to **Tom Felice and Jeremy Scheer**. Kick is 8:00PM at Dillon Stadium.



Shielding as a Tactic

Shielding is a perfectly acceptable tactic for either team. It can be used by attackers as a means to hold a ball position that simultaneously keeps defenders away while the attacker waits for a teammate to move to a more advantageous position to receive the ball and continue the attack. It can also be used by defenders to keep attackers away from the ball as it is in motion to leave the field for a goal kick restart. If the shielding defender makes a mistake, not only does the goal kick restart disappear but the opposing team now has control of the ball deep in the defenders end of the field. The rules allow the blocking of the opponent because the team in possession is within playing distance of the ball. NFHS suggests this would “seldom exceed two steps (six feet)” Rule 18.1h. The official should be watching for three things:

First, is the player following the ball within the legal playing distance?

Second, is the player preventing the opponent from getting around him/her?

Third, is the offensive player trying to destabilize, push or move, the defending player into the ball to get around them? These are at least three of the issues that must be watched when shielding occurs, and the official should move closer to the area in order to be a presence which may prevent any infraction or to sell the correct decision if an offense happens.

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.

CCSOA Jackets

The CCSOA jackets are in and ready for pick up. If you are a 3rd or a 4th year member we have your jackets. We also have jackets for those members that have transferred to our board over the last 2 years, please connect with Todd Stigliano at: tstigs13@hotmail.com to coordinate a pick up

Meet your Members

Karissa Seltzer - Contrary to popular belief that accountants are office-bound nerds, Karissa is not only a referee but a soccer player. She comes to us after playing soccer all five years during her actuarial degree at UCONN and she was officiating in her native Maine even before moving to Connecticut and UCONN. She was introduced to CCSOA by Greg McRae and now loves to referee to make herself more communicative and assertive. While she has a house and cat in West Hartford her desire is to get out west to do hiking in Colorado.

What is the one thing members would not know about Karissa? She is a champion Monopoly player having toured all of New England competing, she has even won Monopoly state championships ... must come from her love of numbers as an actuary!

Ben Gedraitis - If any of you have had dealings with the Department of Revenue services in the past and was in the business of pleading for a sales tax rebate, chances are Ben Gedraitis was reading your (truthful?) tax submission. Ben worked for Revenue Services in Hartford for 35 years before retiring two years ago but he has been on our board for 11 years and did 15 years as a FIFA ref before coming to us... And as our answer to whether CCSOA refs are in shape ... Ben still plays ice hockey once a week and tennis everyday before he comes to work for us!

His ref pay this year will go to pay for a European cruise, but he is intent on going out west as he has never seen the west coast. **NO free tax consultations at half-time!**

Commissioners Corner - JO

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, we have had some games added, cancelled or moved and it is not getting updated in Arbiter as the schools are not loading the changes. Stay Healthy, we are heading into the second half of the season and need everyone on board to make it to the finish line together.