

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

Meet your Members

This new section will become a way for all of our members to become more familiar with each other. On a weekly basis we will feature someone from our board so that all members will have the chance to meet each other. Stay tuned for our first member next week.



Can Touching Be Pushing

In the large majority of cases, merely putting a hand (or even both hands) on the back of an opponent would not constitute a foul. After all, the foul is called "pushing" for a reason — if there is no push, there is no foul ... usually.

The critical question is, why did an opponent put her hand (or hands) on the player's back? What was the player doing at the time?

Consider the following scenario. A15 is at a location where she judges a ball struck high in the air is likely to descend and believes she is in a good position to gain control of that ball. Unexpectedly, she feels a hand (or hands) on her back with just the smallest amount of pressure. She was not aware of anyone there, much less close enough to have touched her, and no opponent had touched her on the back so far in the normal course of play. She briefly turned her head to see who it was and, as a result, was distracted enough that, in fact, an opponent coming in from the side was able to get a foot on the ball before she could.

Now, was the touch on the back innocent ... or was it deliberate? While not exactly an example of the usual pushing foul, was it done for an unfair and otherwise unsporting purpose? Did all this occur under circumstances in which it would be an entirely normal, though unwelcome, response to be distracted ... and particularly at a critical moment? What was her reaction to the event and its consequences?

The older and more experienced the players, the less likely it is that events occur by accident. If you judge the contact was innocent, ordinary and performed with no unfair intent (and particularly if it did not have the result of distracting the player who was touched), a simple comment in passing to the toucher to keep her hands off opponents would be sufficient. If you judge otherwise, and particularly if it had what you believe was the intended result (with advantage not being an option), call a pushing foul — it was not strictly "careless" but it was certainly intentional and unfair. And players are not supposed to touch opponents in general anyway.

As you move up the competitive ladder, your sense of what is a foul (and even whether it should be whistled or not) has to become more complex. It will need to take into account a number of questions that may not have occurred to you when you started officiating. Mastering this

change will get you recognized as capable of more challenging games. It also means that you will need to recognize when there is a potential for the above game situation and will have moved into a position to see what most needs to be seen at that moment. ☐

P2P Evaluations

The Peer to Peer Evaluations should be up in the Arbiter system by the end of the day today. Please go in and start to help each other by evaluating their performance during the match that you work together, if you are working alone there is no need to fill out an evaluation on yourself.

Jackets are in!

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.

Meeting Attendance

The CCSOA Constitution states under Article VIII Section 5 - "Members who miss more than one non-mandatory meeting during the year will be fined and/or suspended." This is a \$25 fine, we should be making every attempt to make meetings.

Arbiter Pay

All the information that you need to be successful with Arbiter Pay is located on our website at ccsoa.org, or you can use the attached link: https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/5ae08acf-113e-4a88-af60-5a81a1b96830/downloads/ICMIUIV2e_646898.pdf?ver=1569426044350

What should you do if you don't get paid for a game:

- 1) Contact your partner to see if they have been paid for the match
- 2) Contact the school Athletic Director by phone and by email(starts a documentation process) to inform them of the details.
- 3) IF you do not get a response after following 1 and 2 above please email commissioner@ccsoa.org and president@ccsoa.org with the email chain from above and we will be happy to assist with contacting the school on your behalf.

Please follow the steps above to ensure proper communication in your efforts to get paid for matches that you are working.

Commissioners Corner - JO

Gotta hit submit - when accepting games for it to be captured.

Gotta check email every day. AOL is not that reliable with Arbiter.

Gotta check CIAC & Prep school web sites for every game to double check.

Gotta contact your partner by email or phone before every game.

We still need a ref or two on 10/4 and 10/7 for an afternoon game. Help!!

Stay Healthy and hydrated!