

CCSOA NEWS

Newsletter for the Central Connecticut Soccer Officials Association

Upcoming Events

Important Dates

CCSOA Meetings for 2024

**August 28 7pm -
Mandatory Interpretation
meeting at Manchester
Country Club**

Season: 1st and 2nd year
officials start at 6:00PM

Business Meetings start at
7:00PM for all officials

**Future Business meeting
to be posted later.**

What we know so far:

**2023 Soccer Season
Practice begins August 19**

**Scrimmages begin -
August 22**

First Games - Sept 4, 2024

Last Games - Oct. 28 2024

**Playoffs Start - Nov. 1,
2023**

CCSOA HOT Topics

Welcome to 2024

We have begun a new year with a new Executive Board, and we are all very honored to be working for you this year. Please note the committees have been updated on the website. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at president@ccsoa.org

We had our first Executive Board meeting on Jan 24th and have several items to share with you.

1) **Uniforms** – The board discussed the situation with uniforms and the need to go to the NCAA yellow or purple this year. We unanimously decided that while we are going to go to the NCAA uniform this year, we are going to allow our members to wear the latest NISOA uniform we used last year. So, for those of you that still have last year's uniform you may wear it this year *as long as you and your partner match*. We are not allowing the previous years uniforms to be worn. These are the only styles allowed for 2024 by CCSOA.



The previous year's uniforms are still available on the market but if you're going to buy uniforms you might as well buy the NCAA yellow or purple.

We are working with Capelli and Official Sport for discount pricing and will roll that out as soon as it becomes available.

Arbiter – Now is a great time to update your profile in Arbiter. We'd ask you to provide your picture in the system so our commissioner has a face to put with the name. Also ensure your email, cell phone and other contact information are updated so you can be contacted without delay when necessary.

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2) **Fitness Test** - We will soon be forwarding dates for our fitness tests the intention is to have 2 dates in June, 2 dates in July these dates will be for those that wish to participate and have the points included in their rating. The Better Officiating Committee will be meeting soon to set those dates and I intend to have them to you before March so you can be prepared.

3) **The NFHS test** – Test will be open online, we are told, June 15th. If you wish to have the test score included in your rating, you will need to have it completed by Aug 1st. This is so we can have the ratings data entered into Arbiter and allow the commissioner to start assigning the first few weeks of the season (scrimmages and regular season).

Everyone should be made aware that if you do not complete the test prior to the beginning of game assigning for scrimmages you will not be allowed to officiate games until you complete the test. ***Per the CIAC handbook:*** Section 7.3.E 6. Provide evidence that all officials have successfully completed yearly in-service training clinics, and an annual examination on the rules.

https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciachandbook_2324.pdf

If you need assistance completing this process it would be best for you to contact Steve Wollins early, so you are not prevented from participating. Steven can be reached at steven_h_wollins@sbcglobal.net

4) **RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT** – This was and is a topic of conversation at every board meeting and business meeting. Please help us grow and grow strong.

That's all we have for now, if you have anything you need to discuss High School officiating related please feel free to contact me or one of our other executive board members.

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