



## **Pensacola Soccer Referee Association (PSRA) PENSACOLA FLORIDA**

**20 August 2023**

### **PSRA 5:30PM BOD & 6:00PM Membership Training Meeting at Beef O'Brady's & via Zoom**

**5:35-6:00 PM– BOD Members Demo, Mike, Scott, John, David, Doc & Warren (via Zoom) met to plan pre-season actions & this evening's membership/training meeting.**

**6:12-6:47 PM membership/training meeting led by PSRA Pres. Adolfo "Demo" DeMontalvo with 22 members attending (including 2 via Zoom).**

#### **Minutes:**

- 1) There are 2023-2024 NFHS rules changes & points of emphasis to learn and apply to games. Demo handed out rule books to attendees.
- 2) To smooth the backlog of required biennial evaluations of each referee, PSRA nominated 3 new senior referee evaluators to FHSAA for certification. Once certified, we will have 5 evaluators.
- 3) We need to hear ASAP from past PSRA referees if they are returning to referee games this season. Best way to do this (besides an email to Demo) is to do your FHSAA registration as early as possible (open now), and NLT Oct. 23.
- 4) So far we have recruited 4-5 new referees and WELCOME them. We will mentor and train them.
- 5) Required exams will be available starting Oct. 16 thru Nov. 27. Since our first matches are Nov. 6, let's all take them before Nov. 6! We strive to score a minimum of 80 (to ensure eligibility to ref Varsity games) and our PSRA annual exam member average is always in the high 90's—exemplifying PSRA excellence.
- 6) Demo will coordinate and lead Escambia and Santa Rosa County FHSAA rules coach's clinics.
- 7) Referee game fees will remain the same this year. FHSAA is meeting in Sept. to evaluate possible game fee increases and possible travel reimbursement starting with the 2024-2025 season.
- 8) Demo and VP Mike did training overviews for: handling irresponsible coach behavior, red and yellow card mechanics, red card reporting requirements, professional referee uniform requirements, and effective game management/referee crew communication scenarios.
- 9) Like previously, we are looking to have an October (date TBD) field training as area teams do their pre-season practice games. This training is for new referees, mentored by seasoned senior referees.
- 10) Demo and Secretary Warren reminded that it is an FHSAA requirement to attend at least 3 membership/training meetings per season to be eligible to officiate post-season games. Warren will keep track of everyone's meeting attendance and periodically report it to the PSRA BOD.
- 11) Treasurer Dave summarized the PSRA budget status. Current bank balance is enough to cover all usual recurring expenses and still net about \$1K to cover unexpected and/or discretionary expenses. All were reminded of the \$35 PSRA membership and \$5 per PSRA t-shirt fees (for those who didn't get theirs last year or want another this year) to be deducted from first games' pay.
- 12) Demo provided FHSAA service recognition certificates to Luca Roseano for 3 years, Jennifer Fischer for 10 years, and John Brockman for 15 years. *Congratulations* Luca, Jennifer and John!
- 13) Our next meeting is targeted for Sunday, Sept. 24 at Beef O'Brady's at 6pm.

**Represent PSRA and The Art of FHSAA Soccer Refereeing Well on the Pitch This Season!!**

**We celebrate the USA referee crew assigned to officiate the final match of the 2023 Women's World Cup!!**

**Warren Pfister  
Secretary**

*For the Love of the Game!*