



27th September 2026

Panhandle Soccer Referee Association (PSRA)

Website: <https://panhandlesoccerrefereesassociation.org/>

PSRA General Meeting Notes

Date: September 27, 2026

Meeting: PSRA General Meeting

Time: 6:00 PM – 6:41 PM (GMT-5)

Attendance: 26 Members

Season: 2026–2027

Meeting Overview

The PSRA officially opened the 2026–2027 season with an emphasis on **professionalism, punctuality, accountability, mentorship, and continued referee development.**

The meeting was attended by **26 members** and covered updates on association dues, registration requirements, operational expectations, evaluation procedures, rule changes, committee assignments, and upcoming training and examination dates.

1. Administrative & Financial Updates

Dues

- Annual PSRA dues have increased to **\$100**.
- Dues are assessed after the referee's **second match**.
- The first **\$35** is waived for senior referees with **20 or more years of service**.
- **\$65 of the dues is refundable** after attending four qualifying PSRA meetings or training sessions. Qualifying events may include:
 - Zoom meetings
 - In-person meetings
 - Field training sessions

Bylaws

- USSF-related language has been removed from the PSRA bylaws, as the association is not affiliated with USSF.

Registration

- Referees who have not completed registration or uploaded their JLA badge photo should complete the process.
- Approximately **28 officials** still need to complete the registration or badge-photo process in order to receive the **soccer-ball profile indicator**.

2. Operational Guidelines

Punctuality

Referees are expected to arrive **at least 30 minutes before the scheduled match** to allow sufficient time for field inspection and the pregame conference.

Professionalism

- Referees should be **fully dressed in the appropriate uniform before entering the field area through the gate**.
- Professional appearance and conduct are expected throughout the match day.

Match Assignments

- Games typically begin at approximately **5:30 PM**.
- A minimum **20-minute break** is required between JV and Varsity matches.

Arbiter

- Referees are responsible for checking **Arbiter regularly** for assignments and updates.
- Games may be automatically returned approximately **five days after publication** if they have not been accepted.

3. Evaluation & Training

Mentorship Approach

The evaluation process will emphasize **mentorship and development** rather than simply grading referee performance. Evaluators will focus on identifying **challenges and opportunities for improvement**, with the goal of helping officials continue to develop their skills.

Evaluation Scoring

- **8.0** is considered a satisfactory evaluation score.
- **9.0** is the highest possible evaluation score.

Evaluation Schedule

Evaluations will primarily be scheduled from the **second week of November through early January**.

Open-Book Exam

- **Exam window:** October 19 through November 13
- A dedicated exam-related meeting is scheduled for **October 25**.

4. Rule Changes & Field Application

Goalkeeper Possession

The goalkeeper possession limit has increased to **8 seconds**.

Referees will:

1. Use a silent count through the first three seconds.
2. Begin a visible countdown from **5** through **8 seconds**.

Penalty Kicks

- Encroachment should only be penalized when it **clearly affects the outcome of the penalty kick**.
- Stutter steps during the penalty-kick run-up are permitted.
- Faking after the plant foot has been placed is not permitted.

Red Card Reports

- Red card reports must be submitted to **FHSAA within 24 hours**.
- Referees are encouraged to send draft reports to **Logan, Demo, or Michael** for review before submitting the final report.

Equipment

- Home teams are required to wear **dark socks**.
- Socks may be any color that clearly contrasts with white.

5. Committee Structure

The following committees will be established by **November 2**:

Assignment Committee

Responsible for reviewing referee assignments for accuracy, consistency, and fairness.

Training Committee

- **Chair:** Al Padilla
- Focused on developing and expanding referee training exercises and opportunities.

Recommendations Committee

Responsible for developing regional and state series referee crews, primarily during **late November and December**.

Grievance Committee

Responsible for reviewing specific disputes, concerns, or other matters brought before the committee.

Evaluation Committee

Responsible for evaluation-related matters and reporting to **Demo and Doc**.

6. Action Items

Michael

- Distribute the PSRA meeting schedule by email.
- Post instructions on Arbiter regarding how referees can order high school jerseys.

All Referees

- Complete JLA registration.
- Upload required badge photos.
- Review Arbiter regularly for assignments and updates.
- Follow the updated operational and professional expectations.

Santa Rosa County

- Referees should contact the designated individual listed on the PSRA website regarding Santa Rosa County assignments or related questions.

Key Dates

Date

October 19, 2026

Event

Open-Book Exam Window Begins

Date	Event
October 25, 2026	PSRA Meeting / Exam-Related Meeting
November 2, 2026	Committee Formation Deadline
November 13, 2026	Open-Book Exam Window Ends
2nd Week of November–Early January	Primary Evaluation Period
Late November–December	Regional & State Series Crew Recommendations

Reminder to Officials

All PSRA officials are encouraged to stay current with Arbiter assignments, registration requirements, training opportunities, evaluation expectations, and rule changes throughout the 2026–2027 season.

The PSRA's goal for the new season is to support officials through professionalism, accountability, mentorship, and continued development.