

# Whistle - December 2021

Sorry, this is a week late, I had my entire family home this past weekend so time was at a premium. December already, Christmas time is upon us where does the time go. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, joyous and safe Holiday season. Enjoy this time of the year with your family and friends.

## BAOA Football Playoff Officials

I would like to take the time to congratulate the BAOA football officials who received playoff assignments this year. Congratulations to your hard work and dedication. That hard work and dedication allowed the BAOA to have 4 officials officiate State championship games.

## Association Votes

The Association vote for 2022 football playoff officials was complete and the results published to the association on Monday 11/8/21. If you did not see the results and would like a copy, please let me know and I can email you another copy.

Survey Monkey changed the collection terms on us again this year without a paid subscription. The cost of a subscription does not justify our use so I may investigate alternative methods to conduct our association votes. Right now, Survey Monkey will allow us to vote via forwarding a link to everyone but then it doesn't track who has voted and who has not. If everyone in the association would vote this would not be a problem but, in the circumstances of a tie, I need to request participation from votes outstanding to allow the vote to be in the hands of the membership rather than using our tie-breaker system. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know so we can discuss other options.

## BAOA 2021-22 Local Rules Meetings for Basketball

The date for our remaining basketball local rules meeting is Wednesday 12/15/21. The dates for the (2) OHSAA online meetings are not available at this time, as far as I know. I don't receive all information concerning basketball since I no longer have a license, so if anyone knows something different, please let me know.

The meeting next Wednesday will be held at Chet & Matt's, it is our pizza meeting so please come if you are able as your dues cover this cost. The meeting will start like any other at 7:00 PM, the food should be out at 7:30 and it should end by the normal 8:15.

If you plan to attend, please bring some cash so we can tip our server. Thanks.

## Upgrades for Basketball

Anyone interested in upgrading this year needs to make themselves familiar with the process. You have to complete the application and have 2 Class 1 officials observe you. I no longer have to sign the application and submit to OHSAA, you now do that yourself. Below are your deadline dates to complete the process. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

## Change Classification

- Basketball, Wrestling
  - Application Period: Mar. 1-15
  - Testing Available: Mar. 15-30

## Upgrades for Football

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mike and Joe Lindenberger for successfully passing their football upgrade and joining the ranks of Class 1 football officials. Great Job!!

## Association Issues

As always if anyone has any questions, concerns or information concerning the association or OHSAA, please contact myself or a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is committed to our BAOA members and would appreciate the opportunity to help or support any BAOA member with any number of issues concerned with high school officiating.

Also, just an FYI, our website; bayareaofficials.com has a year of past Whistle's posted so if anyone needs to look something up which was posted a few months ago, you now have that ability. Pictures of BAOA officials in action are always welcome as well to update the website.

*Thanks,*  
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