

Whistle - January 2022

Wow 2022 already. I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. Sorry this is late but the first week of the year got very busy for me. I may change the timing of the Whistle from the 1st of every month to the first week of the month.

Basketball Meetings - Educational Credits

We have no basketball meetings left on our schedule for this season and there are no more OHSAA online meetings scheduled. You have the option of attending a meeting(s) scheduled by other associations. If you fail to complete the minimum of 4 educational credits, then you will be suspended at the end of the year and you will have to retest next year (October timeframe) to become an active official. If anyone has any questions, please let me know ASAP. Hopefully you have a plan to achieve your 4 educational credits.

Meeting Requirements

As a licensed official it is your responsibility to complete a State Rules Interpretation online meeting and attend a minimum of (4) local association meetings annually beginning with your 2nd year of officiating. As long as you are a member in good standing with an association, any of the Ohio associations must allow you to attend a meeting any of their meetings and receive an educational credit. If you ever have difficulty receiving the proper credit for any meeting attended, please let me know as I can assist with you receiving your proper credit. It is also your responsibility to monitor your own meeting credits and to address non-credits ASAP, do not wait until you receive a suspension letter before you say something.

Basketball Upgrades

If you are planning to upgrade this year in basketball, from a class 2 to a class 1, please understand your process and your requirements. If you have any questions about the process or application, please let me know. Here are your dates for the application and test;

Basketball

- Application Period: Mar. 1-15
- Testing Available: Mar. 15-30

FYI, I no longer need to be a part of this process. Once your application is complete you can send the application directly to OHSAA, attn. Charles Anderson.

Basketball Association Vote

Please remember to send me an email if you are a class 1 official and are ineligible or not interested to officiate tournament games for the 2022-23 basketball season. Remember our association votes are always for the next year's tournaments, so you should always determine your eligibility based on that requirement. If you need to review the rules for eligibility, please refer to the Officials Handbook (try page 44 and 45).

Here are our rules, guidelines and a reminder about our voting process:

- 1) All Class 1 officials are on our ballot unless you choose to remove yourself.
- 2) All BAOA basketball members can and **should** vote - class 1 or 2, first year or 40th year, does not matter.
- 3) The vote will be accomplished using an online survey service (probably profpros.com) but prior to the "email from profpros", I will email everyone a "preliminary ballot" for your approval/adjustment.
- 4) In basketball we **ALWAYS** have 2 votes, one for BOYS and one for GIRLS, each with their own ballots, please vote for both ballots when you complete your votes.
- 5) I will try to put both votes on the one Survey, but this will be my first time using this system.

Spring Football

The decision has been made to hold a spring football mechanics clinic. The details have not been ironed out just yet but the timing will be similar to our past clinics. We are going to ask OHSAA if we can achieve an educational credit for attending the clinic so we will keep you posted on what we will be allowed to do.

Also, if you know someone who is interested in becoming a football official please let me know and if the numbers are promising then we will arrange for a class. Currently I have 1 young man interested but we all need to get involved in recruiting new officials. Those who only officiate basketball also should think about getting involved in football as well (personally I think football is more fun but that's me).

Association News

As always if anyone has any ideas, concerns or questions about the association and/or high school officiating please let me or a member of our Executive Committee know. Thanks and have a safe and fun winter.

Thanks,
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