

Whistle - October 2022

So how is everyone doing? So far retirement has been very busy for me, just so everyone hears it from me, Diedre and I have sold our house in Perkins Township and have purchased a house in Ashland, Ohio. Moving near 2 of our grandchildren and closer to both our families. I will finish out this year as BAOA secretary but have not made any final decisions for the next, I will keep everyone posted.

BAOA Basketball Meeting Dates

The following are our scheduled meeting dates to receive basketball educational credits. Once again, we have scheduled 5 face-to-face meetings and OHSAA will schedule 2 online local meetings. Please do not confuse the online State Rules Interpretation (SRI) with the 2 OHSAA online local meetings. Everyone should understand your yearly requirements for you to maintain your officiating license. You must complete/attend an SRI meeting and you must complete/attend a minimum of 4 local rules meetings to achieve 4 educational credits plus the SRI credit. Our 5 meeting dates will be held once again at Perkins High School, room 301, from 7:00-8:15 PM. Our meeting dates are as follows:

10/17/22, 10/24/22, 11/7/22, 11/21/22, 12/19/22 @ Cameo Pizza.

BAOA Football Meeting Dates

The only meeting left for BAOA officials would be the 2nd OHSAA online meeting to receive one of your 4 educational credits. At this time, I have no idea as to the release date for this 2nd meeting, hopefully it will be soon. You can search for meetings held by other associations using your MyOHSAA account if you need to attend more.

BAOA Members and Football Playoff Games

Everyone should be aware of the officiating format for this year's football playoff games. Regular season crews will officiate the games in weeks 11 and 12 then weeks 12 through 16 will be officiated by OHSAA assigned playoff crews. I like to recognize and congratulate those BAOA officials who receive assignments so please let me know if you get selected for a playoff crew this year.

I think Saturday games came out last week and I'm glad to say that the BAOA will be once again represented in a state championship game. Just FYI for everyone, the BAOA has had one or more officials officiating a state championship game in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and now 2022. Not bad for an association with less than 50 officials. Covid blew our streak for 2020....

Educational Credits

It is the responsibility of each official to make sure that you receive the credit you deserve for each event you attend which warrants an educational credit. As long as you are a member in good standing with any association in Ohio you have a right to attend all local rule meetings at any association which you are not a member free of charge. If you do this, you need to make sure the secretary of that association has your OHSAA information that you can receive proper credit. If at any time you feel you did not receive the proper credit you should contact me or the proper secretary ASAP. Do not wait until you receive a suspension letter before questioning a non-credit. Also, you should always follow up with any online meeting you complete to make sure you receive credit but there is usually a grace window before you receive that credit.

Victory Day

I would like to thank Brayden Martin and Paul Sherwood for their help with Victory Day this year. There's not a lot for us to do at this event other than give the appearance of making things look more "official/real" for those attending but it is such a worthwhile event when you see the joy on the faces of those participating. Since I will be moving out of the area next season, I hope someone will volunteer as a contact for Huron and St. Marys to continue to support this event. If anyone has any questions, please let me know. Thanks

BAOA Football Association Vote

I will start the process for our football association vote for 2023 playoff games this week or next. Here are a few things to understand about our association vote.

- First, if you are not eligible for 2023 playoff games and are a class 1 official you must remove yourself from the ballot if you choose, otherwise you will be on the ballot. If this is the case please do so, it doesn't make sense for the association to vote for officials who are ineligible. I will send out a "**PRELIMINARY BALLOT**" for everyone to review and can let me know what you choose to do.
- Second, **EVERY BAOA OFFICIAL** can and **SHOULD** vote, class 1, class 2 or 3, new or old, doesn't matter everyone should participate.
- The vote will be completed using Survey Monkey (hopefully) once again so expect an email from Survey Monkey sometime toward the end of this month by 10/17. Please check your spam for your invite to vote. Survey monkey restricts surveys and changes the rules each year so I will have to do some investigation first, it may cost us a small fee.
- Reminder emails will be sent out on occasion with the vote closing on 10/28. This timetable may change depending on deadline information from OHSAA.
- As written in our By-laws, those who do not participate in the vote and earn points will lose those points and everyone who participates will move up a slot. No exceptions.
- We have 46 football officials in the association $X 25\% = 12$, so when you vote you can vote for a max of 12 officials and I would encourage you to vote for as many of your fellow BAOA officials as possible. This is also subject to change based on information from OHSAA.

If anyone has any questions concerning the association vote please let me know ASAP.

Association News

As always if anyone has any questions, concerns or information concerning the association please contact myself or a member of the Executive Committee. 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.

Thanks,
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