

## Whistle - March 2022

I always enjoy when March rolls around. The days are getting longer and warmer, we turn the clocks ahead and hopefully we can mothball the snow shovels and snow blowers.

### BAOA ASSOCIATION VOTE - BASKETBALL

The association vote for 2022-23 Basketball tournament officials is complete. I'm currently working with the secretaries from neighboring associations to determine our final point earnings. Per the rules of the vote, those who belong to other association are eligible for their vote as well but an official will only earn points from one association. So it is up to the secretaries to communicate with one another about common officials and the association where that official earned the most points claims them. This allows us to then apply points to officials not in our top 25%. Some secretaries are easier to work with than others.

### BAOA TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS - BASKETBALL

I would like to take this time to identify and congratulate those BAOA officials who have received 2022 Girls and Boys tournament assignments. Tom Priesman published an excellent email a couple weeks ago to identify those officials and he supplied us with some statistical information pointing out the fantastic representation of the BAOA in this year's tournament. Remember Tom could only publish those who actually responded to his email request. Below is a copy of Tom's email:

The girls regular season has concluded and the boys season is in its last week. Congratulations to those officials who have received tournament assignments.

Below is a list of those officials who responded to my prior emails and also some tournament statistics for officials.

The following officials (in alphabetical order) received girls tournament assignments: Shane Alexander, Ryan Bowers, Marilyn DeWalt, Sam DeWalt, Tom Goodsite, Terry Graham, Don Grieves, Kurt Leber, Dan Moncher, Bill Nasonti, Mark Novak, Jim Priesman, Dan Rambo, Charlie Ridenour, Tom Rini, Joe Roth, Allyn Schnellenger, Lee Shaffer, Jeff Todd, David Whinnery.

The following officials (in alphabetical order) received boys tournament assignments: Shane Alexander, Ryan Bowers, Tom Goodsite, Terry Graham, Don Grieves, Kurt Leber, Dan Moncher, Troy Newsome, Ty Newsome, Mark Novak, Jim Priesman, Tom Priesman, Charlie Ridenour, Tom Rini, Joe Roth, Allyn Schnellenger, Lee Shaffer, Jeff Todd, David Whinnery.

We have 20 officials working the girls tournament and 19 officials working the boys tournament. When we sent the voting results to Columbus last year we were able to vote for 26 officials (30% of

association members).

The Northwest District has 460 official slots to fill to work each of the tournaments. Our association received at least 51 assignments for the girls tournament and at least 68 assignments for the boys tournament. The reason I say at least is I'm not sure if I heard from everyone. There are 11 associations in the Northwest District, so you can see we are well represented.

I hope everyone had a fun and healthy year!

Tom Priesman  
Bay Area Officials Association, Rules Interpreter

### **BAOA REGIONAL/STATE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS - BASKETBALL**

I would like to expand a little more on the tournament assignment and congratulate those BAOA officials who have received Regional and State tournament assignments.

Regionals - Marilyn DeWalt, Kurt Leber, Troy Newsome, Charlie Ridenour and Ryan Bowers

State - Ryan Bowers

Congratulations to those officials for your hard work.

### **BASKETBALL UPGRADES**

If you are interested in upgrading from a Class 2 to a Class 1 in basketball, hopefully you have completed your application and have sent it in to OHSAA by now. If not you have until the 15<sup>th</sup> to get your application to OHSAA. Your required dates for the process are listed below. Please make sure you receive your link for your test, if not do not wait until the 30<sup>th</sup> to contact OHSAA. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

#### Basketball

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

### **BAOA FOOTBALL MECHANICS CLINIC**

Chuck Caskey, our BAOA Mechanics Interpreter, has scheduled our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Football Mechanics Clinic for Saturday June 11th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The clinic will be held once again at Huron High School. Bruce Maurer, OHSAA Football DOD, will once again be in attendance. Those who attend will earn 1 educational credit toward their required 4 credits for 2022. **THERE ARE ONLY 5 SPOTS LEFT FOR THE CLINIC SO CONTACT CHUCK ASAP.** Contact Chuck at [styxdweller01@yahoo.com](mailto:styxdweller01@yahoo.com) ASAP please.

## **FOOTBALL CLASS**

I would like to have a football class either this spring or in July. We already have 2 people interested in the class. As I've said in the past "WE ALL NEED TO RECRUIT" so please talk to friends, family, coaches and/or AD's, to see if anyone might be interested, if anyone knows someone who is interested or if they can influence someone.

If any basketball only officials are interested, please let me know so we can answer all your questions. As always if anyone has any questions, please let me know.

## **BAOA ANNUAL MEETING**

This is the time of year when I have to start working on our annual meeting. So, I want to put it out to the association, if anyone has any ideas for our annual meeting send me an email and let me know or contact anyone on the Executive Committee.

## **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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