

Whistle - February 2022

Well, we got January out of the way on to groundhog day. Hopefully everyone is having an enjoyable and safe winter. Stay safe in this upcoming storm Wednesday and Thursday.

What are your requirements as an OHSAA licensed official

I'm going to be totally honest here, I don't know if it's because this is the age of covid but it seems to me, we have too many officials who don't understand what their requirements are as an OHSAA licensed official. So, to help everyone understand, as the association secretary, I'm going to create a bullet point list of your responsibilities:

- **Pay/Renew your license/permit annually - recent changes to OHSAA requires fall sport to be renewed by June 30th and winter sport by Oct 31st**
- **Attend or view an annual SRI meeting (state rules interpretation) - this is not part of your minimum 4 educational credits**
- **Obtain a minimum of 4 educational credits by either attending meetings, clinics and/or events authorized by OHSAA to achieve an educational credit and/or view OHSAA local rules meetings (these meetings are different than an SRI meeting)**
- **Maintain/update your personnel information on your MyOHSAA profile so you will continue to receive up-to-date communication from OHSAA**
- **Track your SRI and educational credits to ensure you are receiving proper credit, don't wait until you receive a suspension letter to address an issue with your credits. I have made mistakes when recording attendance so your help is greatly appreciated.**

Association Responsibilities

- **Pay your dues on time - all dues for all members are due by June 30th annually - this allows me to put together an accurate roster which I can then update our website**
- **Participate in our association votes - everyone should vote for the BAOA officials which you think are worthy of officiating tournament/playoff games**

Covid has changed a few of our requirements in the past 2 years but the basics remain the same, hopefully this helps anyone who may be confused and as always any questions please let me know.

Basketball Association Vote

The basketball association vote will be released via survey monkey Friday Feb 25th. On Monday Feb 14th I will email two "**PRELIMINARY**" ballots (one for boys and one for girls) which will allow the class 1 officials who are not eligible for tournament games to remove themselves prior to the official release.

The schedule for the vote will be as follows: Feb. 25th the link for the one survey monkey ballot with two association votes within, will be emailed to **ALL** BAOA officials to complete the

vote. Reminder ballots cannot be re-emailed to those who have yet to participate, so please EVERYONE vote ASAP. The vote will then be closed Monday March 14th.

Here are a few facts/rules to keep in mind about the basketball vote.

- The "Preliminary **Ballot**" will come first via regular email, this is not for voting purposes but for ballot accuracy.
- The ballots will come to you via a link from Survey Monkey to click on and complete the vote.
- One survey link will be emailed but the link will contain two votes - one for boys and one for girls. Each vote has their own unique ballot. Please complete both ballots/votes.
- All BAOA basketball officials are eligible to vote - class 1 or 2, new or old.
- You will be allowed to vote for a max. of 21 officials for EACH ballot/vote.
- Participation is highly encouraged and if you want to receive your points, if earned, participation is mandatory. If you earn points and do not participate the By-Laws of the BAOA allow you to be eliminated with everyone moving up a slot.

Basketball Upgrades

If you are interested in upgrading from a Class 2 to a Class 1 in basketball, your required dates are listed below. The first step in the process after you have a properly completed application is to have the Secretary approve the application and forward on to OHSAA. Therefore I would like to receive your application no later than Feb. 28th. If anyone has any questions please let me know.

Basketball

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

Football Mechanics Clinic

Chuck Caskey, our BAOA Mechanics Interpreter, has scheduled our 3rd 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. Spots will be limited to the first 30 officials, first come/first serve basis. If you would like to reserve your spot, please contact Chuck at 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 you know and/or AD's you know, to see if anyone might be interested, if anyone knows someone who is interested or if they can influence someone. It's in all of our interest to do so, officials, coaches and AD's.

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.

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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