

# Whistle - Dec 2020

Good Morning,

Sorry, this is late but I got busy last week and visited the grandkids last weekend. So today is Pearl Harbor, I had the opportunity to visit Pearl Harbor when my son was stationed in Hawaii. Very sobering to see the bullet holes and chipped cement in all the buildings on base.

## NEW EMAIL SYSTEM

So, the yahoo email system that we have used for years in shutting down this Saturday. So as a result, we have a new email system using google groups. Using google groups has allowed us to:

#1 - send emails specifically for one sport to the officials for that sport only. Which everyone has requested for years.

#2 - eliminated the need to "enroll" in the group/membership. I can very easily just add an email address to the membership to the proper group. Therefore, if you want more than one email address to receive our emails or need to switch/change an email address just send me a request of your required changes.

The new system consists of (3) email addresses for you to use to send emails to the appropriate group you need to communicate.

- If you want to communicate with the entire BAOA membership you need to use the email address: [baoagroup@googlegroups.com](mailto:baoagroup@googlegroups.com)
- If you need to communicate with football officials only you need to use the email address: [baoafootballgroup@googlegroups.com](mailto:baoafootballgroup@googlegroups.com)
- If you need to communicate with basketball officials only you need to use the email address: [baoabasketballgroup@googlegroups.com](mailto:baoabasketballgroup@googlegroups.com)

Just a few things to remember, first add those email addresses to your contact list. Second, the BAOA is just one group among all the groups in the google system, therefore, the group in OUR name is singular (no s) whereas the group in Google is plural (add the s in groups). Last, you cannot send an email from an email address which is not a member in that group, in other words, I can't send out an email using my business email address when the membership only includes my personnel email address. As I stated, I can very easily add to our system just let me know.

I am sending this newsletter across both systems so that everyone gets this information so please make any adjustments required as the Yahoo system is done this Saturday.

## BASKETBALL LOCAL RULES MEETINGS

As a result of covid and the weather we have had to cancel the first 2 of our 3 scheduled local rules meetings. The only meeting we have scheduled to date will be Monday 1/11/21 at Norwalk Rec Center starting at 7:00 to 8:15. So please take advantage of the OHSAA online local rules meetings, my understanding there has been 3 to date??? I don't know for sure as I do not receive the OHSAA basketball emails as I no longer officiate basketball.

## Basketball SRI

The basketball State Rules Interpretation meeting is currently no longer available online and a few officials in our membership are missing that credit. If I were you, I would check my profile on MyOHSAA to see if I have received that credit and if not look in to why (if you completed the meeting) or find out what I have to do to

receive the credit. The meeting will be available for a \$50 late fee to receive a link to view. The late fee requirement expires on 1/28/21. Do yourself a favor and complete this requirement ASAP.

### **BAOA FOOTBALL SPRING MECHANICS CLINIC**

Chuck Caskey sent out this email the other day about the upcoming BAOA mechanics clinic:

The BAOA sponsored Mechanics Clinic will take place on Saturday, May 22, 2021. The clinic will run from 9:30 to Noon and will be film based. The location has not yet been determined. Bruce Maurer from OHSAA has accepted an invitation to attend.

As has been the norm, all activities are dependent on the current status of the pandemic. Hopefully it will be in the rear-view mirror by then.

Stay Safe.

Chuck Caskey, Executive Director

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### **FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION VOTE**

The results of our association football vote were published in earlier emails so if anyone has any questions or has missed the results please let me know and I will supply the information.

### **HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. I know this has been a nightmare for everyone and it is getting very difficult and annoying but we have to stay vigilant to stay safe. Please stay safe and protect yourself and your loved ones around you.

### **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, I have updated our website; bayareaofficials.com to have an entire year of 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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