

## Whistle - November 2019

Wow, November 1st, Turkey Day is around the corner which means basketball is about to start, where has the year gone. All I know, the older you get the faster they get.....

### Basketball Meetings

**ATTENTION - Hopefully everyone is aware but if not, the location of our basketball meetings has changed this year to Perkins High School, same place as our football meetings.**

**The entrance door for our meetings is located in the southwest corner of the school. All meetings will be from 7:00 PM until 8:15 PM**

The remaining schedule for our 2019-20 basketball local rules meetings is as follows;

Monday 11/4/19 - Perkins High School  
Monday 11/11/19 - Perkins High School

Monday 12/2/19 - Perkins High School  
Monday 1/13/20 - Chet & Matt's

### Meeting Credit

Remember it is the responsibility of each and every official to monitor their own meeting status and whether or not they receive proper credit. You need to understand how and where to view this information on your own MyOHSAA profile. If you do not receive proper credit you need to contact the responsible secretary ASAP, do not wait until the season is over and you have received a suspension letter. It is much easier to resolve these issues while secretaries still have the ability to update the meeting records. If you are not familiar with your MyOHSAA profile let me know we can help with those problems.

### OHSAA State Rules Interpretation Meeting

Below is the listed deadline for completing the online SRI without a penalty. My advice is to not wait for the last minute to get this accomplished.

### Basketball Officials and Coaches Online Rules Meeting

The online rules interpretation meeting will be offered from Oct. 16 at 9 AM through Thursday, November 21 at 11:59 PM without penalty. After Nov. 21, there will be a \$50.00

late fee to complete the rules meeting and receive credit. The deadline *with* penalty is Monday, Jan. 27 at 11:59 PM.

### **Basketball Class**

Please join me in welcoming our 2019-20 Basketball Class to the BAOA:

Terry Baldrige, Kyle Codelupia, Brandon Creveling, Jordan Fraley, Julian Gonzalez, Dan Jackson III, Joe Lindenberger, Kenneth Reed, John Sauers, Dante Shipp, Rob Wilkerson.

If you are a current member of the BAOA and you know any of the above class members, reach out to them, answer their questions and find out if you can be of service in helping them get started.

### **Football Tournament Officials**

Once again the BAOA will be well represented in this year's OHSAA football playoffs. Chuck Caskey and Brad Huntley will be working their second state championship game and I will have the pleasure of joining them this year. The BAOA has 50 active members with 12 of our officials receiving playoff assignments, 24% that is very strong for our association. Great Job!!

### **Football Finals Hospitality Room**

Below is a screen shot with some information concerning the officials hospitality room at the State football games. It's a great deal, free to get in, get something to eat and visit the Pro Football HOF. Can't beat that!! Also, the money to put this together is very tight so if you would like to send your own donation that information is also listed below, the Association does make a \$100 donation to both the football and basketball Hospitality Rooms at the state games.

This is our 20th year of having the room for all Ohio football officials, at no charge to them, and we hope to keep going for years to come.

Our room once again will be at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. **The room will be open on Friday Dec. 6th and Saturday Dec. 7th from 9am to 8pm.**

Once again this will include **Free** entrance to the Hospitality Room and the Pro Football Hall of Fame for each official and one(1) guest. All games will be on a live feed to be viewed on a big screen in the room.

100% of your donations go to cover this cost.

Ohio Football Officials Hospitality Committee (OFOHC)  
P.O. Box 392  
Willoughby, OH 44096-0392

If any questions arise, please reply to this email. Or you can reach Janet Bednarczyk @330-807-6847

### **Basketball and Football Upgrades**

Football upgrade applications need to be submitted to me ASAP as they are due to OHSAA no later than Nov. 15th. Testing for that upgrade will be available from Nov 15-30.

Basketball upgrades are due to OHSAA by March 1st 2020 with the testing period being March 15-30. So if you want to upgrade in basketball this season, print the application form from OHSAA or BAOA websites, arrange time for your observers and make sure they complete the form correctly. Both observations should be on the same sheet/application. In other words, learn the process and your requirements to have this accomplished.

### **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 fall.

*Thanks,*  
**Greg Bartemes**  
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