

Whistle - January 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! 2020 WOW, so is this the year of hindsight or clear vision. Being officials let's say clear vision. Hopefully everyone had a fun and safe Holiday Season with your families and loved ones.

Basketball Meetings

We have one basketball meeting left for this season. It will be our pizza meeting Monday 1/13/20 at Chet & Matt's beginning at 7:00 PM and ending at 8:15. Please bring a few dollars to tip our server, they do a great job for us year in and year out.

Meeting Requirements

As a licensed official it is your responsibility to complete an State Rules Interpretation online meeting and attend a minimum of (4) local association meetings annually beginning with your 2nd year of officiating. As long as you are a member in good standing with any association does allow you to attend a meeting at any OHSAA association and receive credit. If you are having difficulty receiving the proper credit for any meeting attended please let me know as I can assist with you receiving your proper credit. It is also your responsibility to monitor your own meeting credits and to address non-credits ASAP, do not wait until you receive a suspension letter before you say something.

Basketball Upgrades

If you are planning to upgrade this year in basketball, from a class 2 to a class 1, please understand your process and your requirements. If you have any questions about the process or application please let me know. These are your dates for the application and test;

Basketball

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

So I need the applications by Feb. 28th, that allows me the time to have them signed and sent to OHSAA. You will then receive your email to complete your upgrade test. You can scan and email your completed application to me if you have that capability.

Basketball Association Vote

Please remember to send me an email if you are a class 1 official and are ineligible or not interested to officiate tournament games for the 2020-21 basketball season. Remember the association vote this year is for next year's tournaments, so determine your eligibility on that requirement. If you need to review the rules for eligibility please refer to the Officials Handbook (try page 41).

Here are our rules, guidelines and a reminder about our voting process:

- 1) All Class 1 officials are on our ballot unless you choose to remove yourself.
- 2) All BAOA basketball members can and **should** vote - class 1 or 2, first year or 40th year, does not matter.
- 3) The vote will be accomplished using Survey Monkey but prior to the "email from Survey Monkey", I will email everyone a "preliminary ballot" for your approval/adjustment.
- 4) In basketball we **ALWAYS** have 2 votes, one for BOYS and one for GIRLS, each with their own ballots, please vote for both ballots when you complete your votes.
- 5) As last year I will put both votes on the one Survey, this should remove the confusion of having two votes.

Spring Football Class

The decision to hold a spring football officiating class will be discussed at our next Executive Committee meeting. So, if you know someone who is interested please let me know and if the numbers are promising then it will take place for sure. Currently I have emails stating 2 or 3 people are interested. Again, we all need to get involved in recruiting new officials. Those who only officiate basketball also should think about getting involved in football as well (personally I think football is more fun but that's me).

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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