

## Whistle - December 2019

Well I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Travel safe to all your games and holiday trips.

### **Basketball Meetings**

The remaining basketball meetings are as follows;

12/2/19 at Perkins High School and 1/13/20 at Chet & Matt's. All BAOA meetings are from 7:00 to 8:15 PM.

### **New BAOA Members**

I would like to take this time to congratulate our newest members of the BAOA by obtaining their basketball officiating permits this year;

Kyle Codeluppi, Brayden Creveling, Dante Shipp, Joe Lindenberger, Jordan Fraley, John Sauers and Jarred Hegsted.

I would like to thank our instructors as well; Ryan Bowers, Kurt Leber, Terry Graham and Steve Iwanek (neighboring instructor but a BAOA member)

### **Football Playoffs**

I would like to congratulate all the BAOA officials who were rewarded with playoff assignments. Once again we were well represented and we will be represented this weekend in Canton. Brad Huntley, Chuck Caskey and myself will be working the DI final this Friday at 8:00 PM.

### **Football Finals Hospitality Room**

If you are planning on attending the playoff finals below is the information for the officials hospitality room in the Pro Football HOF.

The following is information needed for entrance into the Football Officials Hospitality Room. Parking information is also included.

### **HOSPITALITY ROOM Dates and Times:**

- The Officials Hospitality Room is located inside the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- The room is **NOT** open on Thursday.
- The Hospitality Room will be open Friday Dec. 6th & Saturday Dec. 7th
- Hours are 9:00 am until 8:00 pm.
- The games will be televised in the Hospitality Room.

## **ADMISSION:**

When entering the Pro Football Hall of Fame, you will need to identify yourself as a football official, and you will be directed to the registration area. Have your ID and know your football permit number.

All football officials are welcome, and Each official may bring one (1) guest at no charge.

Additional guests must pay for entrance into the Hall of Fame. Prices vary by age.

Additional guests will also be charged \$10.00 for entrance into the Hospitality Room. Under 14 years of age will be \$5.00.

Admission into the Hospitality Room does **not** include entrance into the stadium. If you are in the stadium and leave, you may have to purchase another ticket to reenter the game. We do **not** have passes for game reentry.

## **PARKING**

**Where to park?** Official parking for the championship games is located at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. Set your GPS to 1700 Blake Avenue, Canton, OH 44708.

**How much is it to park?** Parking is \$5 for cars.

**What time does parking open?** Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium Parking will open for vehicles at 5:30PM on Thursday and at 8:00AM on Friday and Saturday.

**What time do the gates open to the stadium?** Fans will be able to enter the stadium one (1) hour before game time.

You may direct any questions to Janet Bednarczyk @ 330-807-6847.

See you in Canton!

## **Meeting Awareness**

It is the responsibility of each individual official to know and track your own meeting requirements and wither or not you have received proper credit for meeting which you have completed and/or attended. Know how to access this information through your MyOHSAA profile. If you find an error have it corrected immediately, do not wait until you get a suspension letter from OHSAA. It is much easier to have that corrected prior to that letter. If you ever need assistance with another association and/or secretary please let me know I may be able to help.

### **Recruiting**

We are in dire need of recruiting new football officials. We have a strong basketball class this year but we have not had a strong football class in quite a while. From what I see in our current roster we have a potential of losing a number of officials in the next few years. Rebuilding at 1 or 2 officials while losing more than that isn't a good situation. First, I would like to ask our basketball only officials to seriously think about getting involved in football as well, we need your help and you might find out you like football as well if not better. Second, we as current members need to try and recruit people we know who we feel can handle the job and be of service to the kids on our local teams. We really need help!!!! Therefore, if you might be interested and/or know someone please let me know. If we get enough inquiries we can look at holding a class in the winter and/or spring as well as during the end of summer.

### **Upgrades**

If you are interested in upgrading this year then please make yourself familiar with the application and the process. Applications can be found on our BAOA website [www.bayareaofficials.com](http://www.bayareaofficials.com) on the Association News page.

### **Association News**

As always, if anyone has any questions, concerns or ideas for the good of the association please feel free to talk with me or any Executive Committee member.

*Thanks,*  
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