

Whistle - January 2021

Good-Bye 2020, is there anything more to say then that?????

BASKETBALL RULES MEETING 1/11/21

Due to the covid situation and OSU playing in the National Championship game, the rules meeting scheduled for Monday 1/11/21 is cancelled. I hope everyone is taking advantage of the online OHSAA local rules meetings.

NEW EMAIL SYSTEM

So far, I think things have gone well with the new system with a few exceptions, so as a result here are a few things that have come up that I would like to address.

#1 - You can only send an email to the association from the email address which is a member of our group therefore if you need to utilize more than one email address just let me know that address and I can add it to our membership.

#2 - If you are not seeing all the emails then they are probably going to your spam. My advice would be to add the following addresses to your contact list.

baogroup@googlegroups

baobasketballgroup@googlegroups.com

baoafootballgroup@googlegroups.com

Obviously if you're a football official you only need the 2 addresses and the same with basketball only officials. BTW football guys are you glad you're not getting the basketball emails????? LOL

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/deadlines for the application and test;

Basketball

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

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

BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION VOTE

At the end of next month, we will want to complete our association vote for 2021-22 Basketball tournament officials. Our goal as an association is to have as many BAOA officials working the tournament as possible. The way we accomplish that goal is by having an accurate ballot so people aren't voting for officials who are ineligible to officiate the tournament. So, the first step in the process is for any class 1 official who is not ineligible or not interested in officiating tournament games for the 2021-22 basketball tournament to send me an email voluntarily removing themselves from the ballot.

Remember the association vote this year is for next year's tournaments, so to determine your eligibility requirements 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 as not everyone is eligible for both boys and girls.
- 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 in the past 2 years, I will put both votes on the one Survey, this should remove the confusion of having two votes but you need to complete both votes.

BAOA FOOTBALL SPRING MECHANICS CLINIC

Chuck Caskey sent out this email last month about an 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.
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ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

Our website can always use updating with current photos of our members officiating, so if anyone has any good action photos please email so I can update our website with additional pictures.

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, our website; bayareaofficials.com has a year of past 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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