



June 2008 Newsletter

High School registration

Please remember to renew your high school (OHSAA) license. You have until June 30 to renew. The cost is \$43 online or \$50 if you mail it in. All high school officials were sent a post card reminder by OHSAA.

If you have any questions, please call the Ohio High School Athletic Association in Columbus.

The high school license is separate from the USSF license that was renewed earlier in the year.

2008 High School Meeting dates

Monday – July 28	State Rules meeting	CCC East	7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Monday – July 28	local rules meeting	CCC East	8:30 PM – 9:45 PM
Sunday – August 3	local rules meeting	CCC West	7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Sunday – August 10	local rules meeting	CCC West	7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Sunday – August 17	local rules meeting	CCC West	7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Sunday – August 24	local rules meeting	CCC West	7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Sunday – September 7	local rules meeting	CCC West	7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Sunday – September 14	local rules meeting	CCC West	7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Sunday – October 5	local rules meeting	CCC West	7:00 PM - 8:15 Pm

CCC East address is 4250 Richmond Road, Highland Hills Village, Ohio 44122-6195
 CCC West address is 11000 Pleasant Valley Road, Parma, Ohio 44130-5199

The 2008 High School assigning fees are \$30.
 Adult GCSOA membership dues for 2008 are \$30

If you have fees due, please make the check payable to GCSOA.
 Al Wesolowski will collect fees at the July 28th meeting



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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER REFEREE CLASS

Dates: July 15th, 16th, 17th, – 22nd, 23rd, 24th.

Week night classes from 6:30 PM to 9 PM.

Saturdays: July 19 and 26th – 9 to 5 PM. (The 26th is the Test Date)

Where: Cuyahoga Community College – West

11000 Pleasant Valley Rd – Parma (Look for room signs posted inside)

Cost: \$95.00; includes OHSAA Enrollment Fee

Venue: This course is the only one offered in the Greater Cleveland area and is sponsored by The Greater Cleveland Soccer Officials Association. It meets OHSAA requirements to become a Certified High School Soccer Official. You will be trained on the Rules and Mechanics from experienced officials.

Contact: John Kipp – OHSAA Certified Instructor

(216) 401-1333 or email to: kipster10@roadrunner.com for any additional information or if you have any questions about the course. Day contact can also be made at: 330-220-0558.



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New Referee class – Aug 2 and 3

GCSOA will be sponsoring a **new referee class** on **August 2nd** (Saturday) and **Aug 3rd** (Sunday) at the **Tri C West campus in Parma.**

The class will run from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm both days in Room A-223.
Student fees are \$50.00 per student with USSF fees of 30.00.

To register, please fill out the [2008 GCSOA Membership form](#) and send the completed form and a check for \$ 50.00 to Al Wesolowski (address on the form).

Each of us knows someone who has expressed an interest in becoming a referee. I urge each of you to call people that you know and make them aware of this opportunity

Students over 18 must complete the [risk management process](#).

For additional information, please e-mail [Steve Sheehy](#)

Continental Cup

The Continental Cup is being played at Lost Nation on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (July 3 - 6).

Assignors - [Wayne Wilson](#) and [Brian Miller](#)

NOSO Cup

The NOSO Cup is being played at North Olmsted on Saturday and Sunday (July 5 and 6).

Assignors - [Wayne Wilson](#) and [Jerry Bahnij](#)



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How to get games

I get two or three calls / e-mails per week from young referees or mothers of young referees. One question is consistent. My son/daughter just got his/her license, how does he/she get games. While not the only way, here is the advice I give them.

1. **Call the local parks and recreation department.**

Ask the local parks and recreation department who assigns the local recreational games in your community or a surrounding community that you are willing to commute to. These recreational assigners are frequently looking for additional referee and can be a good source for local games.

2. **Go to specific web sites**

www.gcsoa.com
www.aasl.com
www.nogsl.com
www.oasl.com

All of these web sites will list contact information for assigners. Many will divide the assigning into suburbs. Call the assigners in your area and let them know of your interest. Be prepared to talk about what kinds of experience you have. Follow up the call with an e-mail and check your e-mail regularly. Make it easy for the assigner to contact you and assign you games. GCSOA will post a link to send an e-mail to the assigners the week of many upcoming tournaments.

3. **Develop a relationship with an assigner.**

Make consistent contact with an assigner that you like to work with. Get to your games on time, and do the best job possible. Assigners are likely to continue to give you assignments if you make their job easier. Let the assigners know of issues or problems.



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How to get games – continued

4. Be proactive

Assigning is a tough job and many do not have the time to return every call. Always leave your phone number on the message. Check your e-mail daily and return calls and e-mails from assigners. Getting the license was the 1st step, getting the games assigned to you is also your job.



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2008 Dates to remember

July / August	OHSAA State Rules meeting
July 5-6	NOSO Cup
July 15 – 26	High School Soccer Referee class
July 18-20	Girls ADIDAS National Showcase
July 25-27	Boys ADIDAS National Showcase
July 28	OHSAA State Rules Interpretation meeting
Aug 2/3	New Referee class – TRI C West
August / September	OHSAA local rules meeting – 4 are required
October	OYSAN Bothwell Cup
November 8-9	Brunswick Fall Classic
	Madison Invitational
December 7 th	GCSOA Annual business meeting
December / Jan / Feb	USFF recertification process



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New Uniforms – questions asked and answered

Do I have to throw out all of my referee jerseys and buy new ones?

No. The previous jersey design is perfectly acceptable. You should not feel obligated to discard these still-approved referee jerseys in order to purchase the new design. Purchases of the new uniform may be made when you need a new jersey or you want to add an additional color. This is also true for the socks.

What if I show up to a game and I have a referee jersey that is the previous design and the referee, or referees, I am working with has a referee jersey that is the new design?

You may all work the game in the jerseys you have. It is acceptable if one or two referees have the previous design and the others have the new design. It is more important that they be the same color. A referee assessor may not deduct points for a crew that has mismatched uniform designs, provided that the uniforms feature approved designs and are the same color.

Will there come a time when the new jersey design will be the only design that will be recognized by U.S. Soccer?

There is no date set, and no plans to set a date, by which the old jerseys will be “phased out.” To be clear, both the old and new designs comply with the “Standards of Dress and Appearance” listed in the referee administrative handbook – the only differences are aesthetic. For the old jerseys to be phased out, it would require a change to these Standards, and U.S. Soccer would not make such a change without providing a fair amount of lead time to the entire referee community. It should be noted, however, that OSI has ceased manufacturing the previous design.