

GCSOA Newsletter

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New Referee Clinic / recertification

GCSOA is happy to announce a new referee clinic. The clinic will be held at TRIC West in Parma on August 4 and 5, 2007. The class will meet from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days and the cost for the clinic will be 50.00. Students that attend both days will be Grade 8 officials and member of GCSOA.

Students that graduate from this class will be certified for the remainder of 2007 and all of 2008. Please contact [Steve Sheehy](#) to reserve your spot.

Referees who fail to recertify this year, may attend the entire second day and become recertified with USSF. The recertification class cost is 50.00.

Students will also be responsible for USSF fees.

Congratulations to Brian Miller

Brian A Miller has been selected to participate in US Youth Soccer National Championship Series in Frisco Texas the week of July 24 - 30. Brian recently attended the Regional Championships in Iowa and worked the middle to the Girls 18 finals and the Boys 18 finals. His hard work, dedication and commitment continue to pay dividends. Please join me in congratulating Brian.

High School renewal

All OHSAA officials should have completed their license renewal process on or before June 29th. As of July 1st, a 50.00 late fee has been added to the renewal process.

If you have not completed your registration, [click here](#) to get to the appropriate web site. You will not be able to work OHSAA matches without the process being completed.

Renewal with \$50.00 late fee added

FALL SPORTS - July 1 - July 31. No renewal for fall sports will be accepted after July 31.

GCSOA tee shirts

Based on input from our members, GCSOA will again make available to its members tee shirts. Shirt will be available in Yellow, Red, Black and Blue and will have GCSOA printed on them.

All sizes will be available. The cost per shirt is 5.00 dollars. Shirts can be ordered and paid for at the state rules meeting on Wednesday, August 1st at TRI C East (Highland Heights). Cash or a separate check will be appreciated.

Upcoming Tournaments

Sometime in July Got Milk Tournament - held at Barton Bradley

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

July 14 and 15 - Girls soccer tournament at Kent State University

Assignor: [Wayne Wilson](#)

July 20, 21 and 22 - Adidas National Soccer Showcase - boys - Strongsville

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

July 27, 28 and 29 - Adidas National Soccer Showcase - girls - Strongsville

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

High School mandatory state rules meeting

Our local mandatory high school state rules meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 1st at TRI C East (Highland Heights) at 8:00 pm.

A local rules meeting will be held immediately after the state rules meeting.

Jerry Bahnij is working on having a college meeting after the local high school rules meeting.

The high school surcharge fees for the 2007 - 2008 season will be 25.00. Those high school referees who have not joined GCSOA will be requested to join at this time. Please bring separate checks for each organization.

If you are unable to attend this rules meeting, please visit <http://www.ohsaa.org/> to see dates and locations for other meetings

Change in USSF registration process

All referees over the age of 18 will be required to go through the Risk Management process on the OYSAN web site for 2008 registration.

Neither the badge nor pink copy of the registration form will be given to the referee until it is verified that he went through the Risk Management Process.

. A \$10.00 State Administrative Fee will be added to all 2008 referee registrations. A person will only have one fee added each year even if they are registered in different categories. Any instructor, assessor, or assignor that is not a referee will have the \$10.00 administration fee added to that registration. The 2008 registration fee for a grade 7 or 8 referee will be \$35.

Eight to Seven upgrade clinic

The 8 to 7 upgrade clinic will be held on August 11-12. The fitness test will be run with the State referees with the written test and clinic hours to follow.

Starting time both days will be 9:00am.

All questions should be directed first to Tom Lewis, the ASRA for the Cleveland District.

Fitness test

The fitness test for State referees and Grade 7 referees will be given on Saturday, August 11 at 9:00 am.

Annual business meeting

The 2007 GCSOA annual business meeting will be held at TRI C West in Parma on **Sunday, December 9th, 2007** from 10:30 am until noon. This once a year meeting to talk about the way that your organization is run is poorly attended. Your input, ideas and opinions are encouraged and welcomed. Door prizes will be awarded

Please mark this date on your calendar and consider attending. Following the annual business meeting, a recertification clinic and test will be given from 12:30 pm until 5:00pm.

2008 Referee clinics

2007 was a membership disaster for GCSOA. Our membership count was down more than 15 %, costing us over 1,000 dollars in lost income. We have reviewed the reasons for this decline and have formulated a plan to insure this condition does not occur again.

Beginning in 2008, GCSOA will aggressive sponsor and promote new referee clinics. We are happy to partner with local communities to sponsor new clinics to develop Grade 8 referees. All of our neighboring referee associations have worked this model for years and we believe following their best practices will resolve the issues that plagued us on 2007. We will use our web site to promote our clinics and those clinics that we partner with local communities. We have previously left the important task of new referee clinics to others and encountered unacceptable results. Please watch the GCSOA web site for dates for new referee clinics and referee re-certification clinics.

July birthdays

Not enough space to print ALL the July birthdays. Here is a small subset.

Frank Bago
Shirley Jeung
Andy Nokes

Ray Binney
Dick Leland
Gary Ostkar

Steve Gantt
Greg May
Rob Spies