

# TRI-CITY SOCCER REFEREE ASSOCIATION 2012 WOA FALL KICKOFF MEETING

August 12, 2012

## Points of Interest

1. 2012-2013 Clinic and Test to be taken online at WOA-Officials.com (not currently available). Both are required to be completed in order for an official to be certified to do high school matches. There is also concussion training which must be completed to be a certified WOA Official.
2. All goals are to be checked prior to the start of the match for being secured to the ground or weighted with bags. Match cannot be started unless goals are secured or weighted to the satisfaction of the center referee. All field conditions needing to be addressed by the school should be reported to the Assigning Secretary via email.
3. Coaches are not issued a second yellow card for illegal player equipment. There are two classifications for invalid player equipment: Improper (no card) and Illegal (yellow card).
4. The center official will discuss with the captains and head coach of both teams at the coin toss the subject of good sportsmanship and the use of appropriate language on the field.
5. If at all possible during the weeknights, arrive at the match sight at least 15 minutes prior to the match. On Weekends every official should arrive at the match sight no later than 30 minutes prior to the match
6. Car Pooling – All out of town matches (including Kiona-Benton) to use carpooling during the week if at all possible. All out of town matches on the weekend must use a carpool by the referee crew when all are coming from the same local, which is usually the Tri-Cities or Walla Walla. One travel fee paid regardless of the number of cars that drive to the out-of-town site which is based on round trip mileage.

Payment of travel fee is determined by the Assigning Secretary and Treasurer during or at the end of the season based on the 2009-2011 WIAA/WOA Statewide Agreement, Appendix A and Appendix B. **Please do not assume that the travel fee calculated by the ArbiterSports website prior to the match is the fee that will be paid out after the match.**

7. Tri-City officials should do equal number of matches within the Tri-Cities proper versus out of town (Sunnyside, Grandview, Prosser, Connell, Othello, Kiona-Benton).
8. Certain High School match pairs during the fall season have been set aside for manual assignment by the Assigning Secretary. (Top Matches/Senior Officials)
9. All self assigned match positions are approved by the Assigning Secretary through the website review process. Those self assignments that are not deemed prudent will be removed and assigned to other match positions by the Assigning Secretary.
10. Will need help in covering Middle School matches in the Lower Yakima Valley starting in September. Matches start at 4:00 pm weekdays. Now paying \$36.00/match plus travel fee for thirty minute halves. Lower Valley Middle School Match length is 35 minute halves with a pay schedule of \$42.00 per match.
11. Coed and Men's matches will be played on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this fall. Women will be playing matches on Sunday. Your help would be most appreciated for the fall adult leagues.

# 2012 Fall Season Expectations

1. Check the Arbiter website daily during the season for assignments or changes to assignments.
2. **Keep up your calendar up to date on the arbiter website by blocking out the dates and/or times you are not available.**
3. Misconduct Sendoff Reports to be submitted on the WOA-Officials.com website by the end of the day of issuance.
4. All match reports to be submitted by the night of the match. Match reports to be submitted by the Varsity Center and the JV AR2, which is usually the same. For Prosser and Walla Walla side-by-sides the Varsity Center and the JV Center submit match reports.
5. Record all issued misconducts (cautions and sendoffs) in the comment section of the match report.
  - #10 Team ABC, Caution – Dissent, 33<sup>rd</sup> minute
  - #23 Team FGH, Caution – USB Reckless Foul, 56<sup>th</sup> minute
  - #15 Team FGH, Hard Red – Taunting, 75<sup>th</sup> minute
  - #18 Team ABC, Soft Red – Delay Restart, 7<sup>th</sup> minute/USB Reckless Foul, 78<sup>th</sup> minute
6. Identify who drove from the referee crew to the site of the matches for out-of-town matches. If not specified in the match report it will be assumed that the Varsity Center drove to the match site. When more than one car is taken to the out-of-town matches the travel fee will be divided between the two drivers.
7. Identify and meet with venue manager before the first match. Ask him/her to deal with issues in the stands so you don't have to. Have him/her deal with the spectator issues so you can focus on the match. Any foul or abusive language coming from the stands directed at a player, coaching staff, and/or official should be handled by the venue manager.
8. Introduce yourself to the home and visiting coach. See if you can get his/her support before the match in dealing with any of his/her players during the match you might have trouble with. If not you and your referee crew have to forge ahead alone.
9. Stopping the match to talk to the coach of the offending player to elicit his/her help is allowed and is recommended if you have done your homework in Item 7. Ask the coach(es) to sub out the player(s) is one tactic to defuse a situation brewing on the field.
10. Control the match from the very beginning. Call the cheap stuff early even if you take away from the flow of the game. Don't let the one or two players dictate how the match is going to be played. You control the match. They won't play by your rules then don't let them play. Break the match up into a series of foul calls until the players get the message.
11. This is high school ball with a wide range of player skill level. Identify the match ups you must watch out for early in the match. Deal with the issues early in the match. Talk to the players. Let them know what you want them to do and not to do.
12. Final Expectation for the WOA Officiating Crews – A goal of “0” Red Cards during the Fall Season and the Post Season.