

New York State Certified Officials of Soccer (NYSCOS)

Annual Meeting – Saturday, July 31, 2021

Call to Order (President)

Roll Call of Local Boards *(TK) .. representation for all thirty-one (31) Local Boards present*

President .. Welcome to all .. Good of the order

Reports ..

Secretary

1. 2020 (VIRTUAL) Annual Meeting Minutes .. *approved as read*
2. NYSCOS Local Boards Registration Report .. ***Final*** *Local Board's membership rosters are to be submitted by that **Local Board's Secretary** by 09/30/2021.*

**There are no exceptions of any NYSCOS member not participating in the National Federation "on line" soccer rules testing procedure. No test score means non-compliance to the OCF "FIVE POINT PROGRAM". Meaning, the member will not be listed with NYSPHSAA and cannot participate in NYSPHSAA sanctioned soccer program matches. Start and Closing dates have been set. (Part 1, June 1 to August 13, 2020 Part 2, August 14 to September 30, 2020) .*

Treasury

1. 2020-2021 Expenditures and Balances .. *reviewed and approved*
2. 2021-2022 Budget and 2021 Dues .. *2021 membership dues will be seven dollars (\$7.00) per Local Board member to comply with designated Budget Line Items .. reviewed discussed and approved*

NYSCOS OCF Representative (McLaughlin) .. *OCF "Five Point Program"*

re:Soccer Rules Interpretations ... Any NYSCOS Local Board member, can attend a yearly current NFHS soccer rules interpretation meeting other than your/their Local Board. This is probably for their convenience. Conditions are: 1). It was given by a qualified NYSCOS Local Board Soccer Rules Interpreter; and, 2). That Rules Interpreter or that Local Board's secretary, should in turn notify that member's Local Board of their attendance/presence at that meeting.*

This now makes the NYSCOS Local Board member having completed one (1) part of the NYSPHSAA-OCF Five Point Program (rules interpretation) for that current year.

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2021 NFHS Soccer Rules (Reynolds) .. *2021 Soccer Rule/Changes are brought to the attention of representatives at today's Annual Meeting. Any further questions, please approach/contact.*

NYSPHSAA Soccer Coordinator (Mike Andrew) .. *COVID Guidelines at match sites was discussed. Each Section and their school district within, may have different guidelines for all match attendees in these districts. Pre-season, during the season, Local Board Administrators should contact Athletic Directors and be aware of the guidelines and pass them on to their membership for possible compliance. A very trying year with both fall and spring hybrid seasons occurring. Thank you to all who accomplished this feat.*

NYSCOS COVID19 Position Statement @ nysoccerofficials.com

NYSPHSAA Championship Tournaments .. *no soccer championships for 2020. Looking forward to a continuance in the Fall of 2021.*

BOYS (Reynolds)

GIRLS (G. Lesmes)

New Business ..

Elections (J. LaBarge) ... (odd year), Member at Large .. *nominations for Member at Large ... only one (1) nomination was received, incumbent W. Pasnak. No other nomination(s) was heard from the floor. Secretary cast one (1) ballot for W. Pasnak .. appv'd and second*

Points of Interest (Jeff Zimring)

Referee Assignments “conflict of interest” ..

Officials should strive to avoid even the appearance of impropriety. The mere suggestion of a “conflict of interest” results in a question regarding the integrity of the official.

*“Officials shall be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of sports competitions ... Officials shall recognize that anything which may lead to a “conflict of interest”, either real or apparent, must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with a school or team which can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.”
National Association of Soccer Officials (“NASO”) Code of Conduct*

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Potential Conflicts

- *Relationship (family or otherwise) with Athletic Director, Coach, or a Player on a team.*
- *Family members attending a school.*
- *Business ties with school or school district.*
- *Game involving “alma mater”.*
- *Affiliation with club team compromised largely of students from a school.*
- *Free food or refreshments from the home school.*
- *Previous problems with a school or team.*

Avoiding conflicts of interest and perceived conflicts of interest

- *Professionalism*
- *Addressing coaches appropriately*
- *Ensure coaches address officials appropriately*
- *Avoid communication with one coach without the other*
- *Avoid non-game interactions with players*
- *Avoid interactions with spectators*
- *Disclosure - preferably prior to game day*
- *Reassignment to a different game*

Each Local Board should have a “policy and procedure” for avoiding conflicts of interest:

- *Blocking schools.*
- *Disclosure to Athletic Directors and Coaches.*
- *Reassignment to a comparable game, if possible.*

Certificate/Proof of Insurance .. *a brief explanation of “liabilities” was explained to representatives as to the reason for the collection of “proof of Insurance” certificates.*

Anything for the “good of the cause”

*Recommendation from the floor was that the ExComm seek another location for the NYSCOS Annual Meeting to centralize travel for representatives. **ACTION ITEM:** The ExComm secretary/treasurer will research other locations*

2022 Meeting Information @ website .. nysoccerofficials.com