



Oregon Athletic Officials Association

One Rule—One Interpretation—One Mechanic

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Officiate Oregon Day

Officiate Oregon Day July 28, 2012!

"Take the Next Step"

The biggest day in Oregon high school officiating is just weeks away! On July 28th at the Portland Marriott Waterfront hotel, the largest gathering of high school officials in the northwest will enjoy a fantastic day of nationally recognized officiating leaders and clinicians at Officiate Oregon Day in conjunction with the Annual NASO Summit which kicks off the following evening.

Over 650 officials have already registered and time is running out. Online registration will close on July 15th and is just \$35.

Fee will be \$45 at the door. Attendees will receive OCEP Playoff credit, a complimentary OSAA Gold Card, lunch is also included.

Full details of the conference, including speakers, tentative agenda and registration instructions can be found at www.officiateoregonday.com. Register now to guarantee your spot!



From the OAOA Board

Your OAOA Board is hard at work organizing and preparing for **Officiate Oregon Day – July 28th – Portland Waterfront Marriott**. Lots to do in working with the Marriott folks to secure facilities, food and beverage service, contracting for audio-visual presentations, soliciting national and local presenters, arranging travel accommodations, preparing content for general and breakout sessions, recruiting sponsors, organizing registration functions, etc., etc. Challenging but fun! Hope to see you there!

We have four OAOA Executive

Board Regional Representative positions opening in the fall: Central, Eastern, Salem-Mid Valley and Southern. A sincere thanks to Erick Watson, Randall Goree, JR Lieuallen and Dave White whose terms are expiring. They each made tremendous contributions and well represented their constituency.

These three year term board positions are open to active officials only. If interested in serving contact Jack Folliard at jfolliard@comcast.net or 503-975-4488. The first fall Board meeting is September 26 and selections will be finalized before then.

All OAOA Board minutes are posted on the website at:

http://www.oreofficials.org/oaoa_minutes.php.

Your OAOA Board meets quarterly, in person, and by teleconference as needed. A variety of issues and ideas are covered ranging from training initiatives to OSAA policies, including rules and regulations pertaining to officiating. Feel free to contact any board member with your comments and ideas!

Awards & Recognition

OAOA continues to recognize officiating excellence in Oregon. Officials of the Year for 2011-12 are: Football, **George Gillette**, Blue Mtn. Football; Volleyball, **Alan Ringo**, Southern OR Volleyball; Wrestling, **Milo Meskel**, Metro West Wrestling; Basketball, **Mike Smith**, Central OR Basketball; Soccer, **Desmond Miller**, MISOA; Baseball, **Randall Goree**, Salem Base-

ball and **Tracey Olsen-Oliver**, Rogue Valley Softball.

George Gillette and **Alan Ringo** were also selected as Officials of the Year by the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association. **Coach Chris Arnold**, Varsity Softball Coach at Crater HS is the 2011-12 recipient of the OAOA Meritorious Sportsmanship Award. George, Alan

and Coach Arnold were presented their awards at the OACA annual banquet in May, 2012.

All Officials of the Year will be honored at the **Officiate Oregon Day** luncheon on July 28th. The Association of the Year, selected by the OSAA, will also be recognized at that time.

Football

Officiate Oregon Day featured clinicians/speakers are Jerry Markbreit, 4-time NFL Super Bowl Referee, Jeff Triplette, NFL Crew Chief, Bill LeMonnier, 2010 BCS Championship Referee, and Steve Coury, Head Coach Lake Oswego-2012 6A Champions.

You will never have another opportunity to get OCEP Certified while listening to and learning from some of the best officials in the business. General and breakout sessions will provide you with current thoughts and strategies on officiating football.

The cost is only \$35 (\$45 after July 15th). You will also receive your OCEP Playoff Certification, a complimentary OSAA Gold Card and more.

Outline of 2012 Football Rule Changes

If the player's helmet comes completely off without it being directly attributable to a foul by the opponent, the player will have to leave the game for at least one down.

Another significant rule change is a receiver will now be required to establish possession of the ball and contact the ground inbounds while maintaining possession, regardless of the opponent's action.

The previous interpretation of blocking below the waist was that it was not a foul for a player to block below the waist if the hands of the opponent

were first contacted below the waist. The revision changes that interpretation and stipulates that such action is a foul.

It is now a foul if members of the free kick team initiate contact (blocking) against members of the receiving team before the ball has broken the plane of the receiving team's restraining line, or until the kicking team is eligible to recover the free kick.

See you at **Officiate Oregon Day!**

~Ken Woods
Chair OAOA Football Committee

Soccer

The goal of the thirteen Oregon Soccer Referee Associations is to create and grow qualified and well trained referees. These associations strive to actively recruit, develop, certify and advance referees for all levels of play. These referees are instructed and held to the highest standards with the intent of maintaining a safe and enjoyable playing environment

for all ages and skill levels. Referees must understand and appropriately apply the rules of the game. One of the best USA soccer officials will be at **Officiate Oregon Day**. Come see and visit with Sandy Hunt

~Harry Garabedian
Chair OAOA Soccer Committee



Volleyball

Are you experiencing Volleyball withdrawal? The First Step is to admit you are going through “officiating” withdrawals. The next step is to register for the upcoming **Officiate Oregon Day!** So **Take the Next Step...** and visit the OSAA website www.osaa.org for details on how to register for this July 28th event. Attending ALL sessions will meet OAOA requirements for OCEP playoff certification.

“I am excited to meet your people at this great event. Gloria and I go WAY back - it should be a hoot!” --- Direct quote from Joan Powell when asked to be our guest speaker for **Officiate Oregon Day.** Joan Powell, NCAA Clinician and Evaluator, is referring to Gloria Cox, NFHS Officials Clinician and Trainer. Both women are highly respected for their contributions to and passion for

the sport of Volleyball. A broad range of topics are planned for the morning sessions, as Gloria and Joan will tap into their experience and bring a high-level of energy. The last session will have Joan and Gloria teaming up to discuss “Evaluations,” specifically actively listening to what the evaluator is saying to improve your officiating experience.

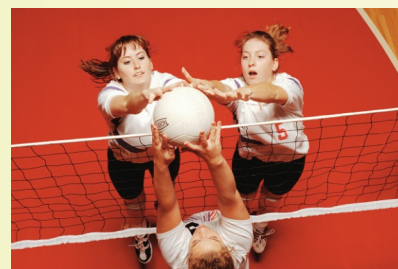
While everyone wants to be #1 (R1), the head official; don’t discount being #2 (R2). Come to **OOD** and learn “The Importance of Being #2 (R2)!”

Maybe you’re a little fuzzy on alignments? Well, that topic will be highlighted along with court management, ball-handling, and a review of the new rules. So my prescription for dealing with withdrawal is to visit www.nfhs.org and read through the

changes and the reasons they are being implemented.

Remember our goal is to have 100 VB officials attend; what are you waiting for? **Take the Next Step...and register today for OOD!**

~ **Leslie Benton**
Chair OAOA Volleyball Committee



Basketball

Now that the 2011-12 season has been completed, officials should begin to prepare themselves for the 2012-13 season.

Officiating Camps: Improve your officiating by attending a quality officiating camp during the summer months. If you cannot attend a camp, but you are officiating ‘summer league’ games, use these game to improve your National Federation mechanics and working on call selection. Be sharp with your signals and floor movement.

Become a better official by studying the rules in the off-season and applying them when the 2012-13 season begins. There is no excuse for an

official not knowing the rules. By doing so, you will have confidence in yourself and your calls. Elevate your professionalism on the court as well as off the court. Work hard on developing good judgment and consistency. Obtain a video of a game that you have officiated, studying it carefully and improve your work for the upcoming season.

Physical Condition: Physical condition is a year-round project. Unless an official is in excellent physical condition, reaction time and the ability to concentrate on fair decisions will be less than satisfactory. Officials must be top condition to “keep up” with the rapid pace of today’s game. Keeping up, a good appear-

ance, and always being in the proper position while ‘making the call’ is an on-going process.

Remember: First impressions are often lasting impressions.

Hope to see you at **Officiate Oregon Day** for what promises to be a great event.

~ **Howard Mayo**
Chair OAOA Basketball Committee



Wrestling

The state wrestling committee has been working on the upcoming **Officiate Oregon Day** and have narrowed the July 28th breakout session topics to stalling, the philosophy of being the best, and coach-official communication.

The stalling session will focus on the more advanced ideas of when wrestlers are stalling and fleeing to avoid

competition. Most officials can recognize stalling fairly easily. This session will focus on details that help identify stalling techniques.

Dave Frisch, nationally recognized NCAA official, will share his philosophy on maintaining his number one ranking on a national level for 15 years and what young and veteran officials can do to reach higher levels.

The committee is inviting some award winning Oregon wrestling coaches (including Steve Thorpe; Sweet Home, Neil Russo; Newberg) to participate in a panel discussion with top officials on ways to improve communication.

~**Ron Haverkost**
Chair OAOA Wrestling Committee

Baseball

Congratulations to those umpires selected to work the 2012 State Championships at Keizer-Volcano Stadium on June 1st and 2nd. By all accounts, the games were well officiated! Congratulations to Randall

State Tournament Umpires

Kevin Rice, LCUA 1A-2A
Craig Storm, SWUA 1A-2A
Jamey Fisher, BMUA 1A-2A
Rob Younger, MVBUA 3A
Tim Barrett, RVUA 3A

Goree of SBUA on being selected as OAOA's Umpire of the Year! The OAOA State Baseball Committee is proud to present this honor to Randall for his many years of outstanding umpiring in Oregon. See you at **Offici-**

Mark Coursey, SBUA 3A
Jude Quilter, COUA 4A
Jim Kotsovos, PBUA 4A
Mike Kyles, BMUA 4A
Todd Wagner, LCUA 5A

ate Oregon Day on July 28th – we're all anxious to hear from our own Dale Scott and the other excellent presenters!

~**Steve Rei**
Chair OAOA Baseball Committee

Eric Gorham, PBUA 5A
CJ Knips, RVUA 5A
Mark Anderegg, PBUA 6A
Roger Castro, PBUA 6A
Dennis Jarvis, SBUA 6A

Softball

The Softball Committee continues to communicate its expectations of all umpires. Larry Harwood, SRI, has posted 16 Bulletins on-line for regular season and post season play. Cindy Simmons, OSAA Assistant Executive Director (Softball) continues to provide the latest expectations for superior performance and most of all consistency in our games.

Now, we want you to kick it up and remind you of **Officiate Oregon Day**. This is the place to be! Great presenters, great learning environment, and YOU! As part of your registration you will receive OCEP Certification. This is likely a once in a lifetime event and we want to see you there. Make your plans to attend today!

We've completed a very successful softball season. Players, coaches, fans, teams, schools, and most of all umpires benefitted from participating. Softball umpires offer a vast range of skills, experience, and rules knowledge for the betterment of the game. There are so many of us who have grown up in umpiring and are now realizing the benefits of our endeavors.

It is now time for all of us to pass along our knowledge, experience, and leadership to the next generation of umpires. It is encouraging to see veteran umpires provide training and guidance that benefit individuals and our state. As each umpire improves, the whole association improves. Better umpiring means a more knowledgeable player, coach, and fan. For my part, the steps for

succession have begun, and I am pleased to announce John Christensen as our new Softball Committee Chair and guiding light. Look at the veterans within your association, identify those who are up and coming, eager to learn and ready to experience today's leadership demands. Let's recruit, retain, and reward those who have a passion for and a desire to become the best umpires they can be.

Your contributions make a difference. Remember our purpose, "One Rule, One Interpretation, and One Mechanic," the Right One.

Thank you for being the best you can be.

~**John Graham**
Chair OAOA Softball Committee

OSAA

The 2011-12 OSAA Association year has passed and the staff is already planning for the new year. With your help the OSAA conducted 47 State Championships in sports requiring certified officials during which it was our pleasure to work with hundreds of officials, representing seven sports, from around the state. You should be proud of the work you do on behalf of your local associa-

tion, the OAOA, and the OSAA – it is appreciated.

We encourage you to continue efforts to become a better official. Use the opportunities that are available to learn, refine, and practice those techniques and strategies that will help you take the next step in improving your skills. One such opportunity is **Officiate Oregon Day** –

we hope that you can make time to attend this one day clinic on July 28, 2012 at the Portland Marriott – Downtown. Leadership within the OAOA has worked extremely hard to structure the day to benefit all those who choose to attend.

See you there!

~**Brad Garrett**, OSAA
Assistant Executive Director

OACA

The Oregon Athletic Coaches Association (OACA) has been an integral partner with Oregon coaches for over 75 years. **The OACA is committed to serve its members by promoting:**

- Education through athletics and coaching which will enhance a positive experience for coaches and athletes.
- Coaching Profession certification.
- Enhancement and support of the Coaching Profession.
- Current and pertinent information regarding the Coaching Profession.
- Affordable liability insurance to coaches
- Recognition of outstanding individuals in coaching and athletics
- Representation of Oregon coaches at the local, state and national levels.

The OACA Executive Board is composed of coaches from all classifications and diverse in the sports they represent. Members of this year's board include:

President: Mark Henderson; Junction City HS

President-Elect: John Beck; Crater HS

Vice President: Kim McLain; Santiam Christian HS

Past President: Tony Koontz; Harrisburg HS

Members at Large:

1A: Jennifer Teeter; Imbler HS

2A: Kyle Cowan; East Linn Christian HS

3A: Pete Potloff; Salem Academy HS

4A: Steve Thorpe; Sweet Home HS

5A: Jeff Stolsig; Lebanon HS

6A: Pat Coons; Westview HS

Joan Kintz; Women's Leadership Network

Craig Rothenberger; OADA Liaison

tives from eighteen different sports make an annual report to the Executive Board concerning their respective sport. Many of the OSAA Policy changes begin from these reports.

The OACA is here to help! The OACA has a purpose to improve the professionalism of coaches. Over the years the OACA has worked hard to provide its members with up to date professional development offerings, a quality membership benefit package, a professional publication, a state and nation-wide awards program and more...

The Oregon Athletic Coaches Association is dedicated to improving the coaching profession in our state and the working relationship between our coaches and the men and women who officiate.

~**Rob Younger**, OACA
Associate Director

Thirty-six Sport Chair Representa-

OAOA Leadership

Contact information for your OAOA Executive Board, State Rules Interpreters, and Sport Committees can be found by following the appropriate link below.

Executive Board

Baseball

Basketball

Football

Soccer

Softball

Volleyball

Wrestling