



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 coming fast. 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.

Almost 300 officials have already registered and space is limited. Registration fee is just \$25 which includes lunch. Attendees will receive OCEP Playoff credit and

a complimentary OSAA Gold Card.

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

In addition to preparing for Officiate Oregon Day, the Board continues to oversee the affairs of OAOA, meeting quarterly to discuss issues, making recommendations to the OSAA, OACA and OADA and generally representing our 3500 members. Highlights of the last board meeting in September:

- Received a report from the OAOA Baseball Manual Committee. The final draft has gone to the printer and will be available in the packets.
- Received a request from the

OAOA Football Committee that OSAA consider not releasing names of championship officials to the media.

- Acknowledged the effect of HB2347, the new statute sponsored by OAOA, which exempts associations from unemployment taxation.
- Reviewed an excellent informational PowerPoint summarizing OAOA's accomplishments and the differing roles between OAOA and OSAA. The PowerPoint is designed to be shown to associations by your OAOA Board Regional

Representative upon request.

- Received a report detailing the recent basketball *Train the Trainers Clinic* where representatives from all basketball associations came to Portland for a full day of training to become OAOA Certified Trainers.

All OAOA Board minutes are posted on the website at:

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

Awards & Recognition

Nominations for fall and winter sports Officials of the Year are continuing to come in to the OAOA office. The state Volleyball committee has selected **Alan Ringo** from the South OR Volleyball Officials Association as the 2011 Volleyball Official of the Year.

OAOA continues to seek nominations for the Association of the Year award. This is a self-nominating award and we know some associations are reluctant to “toot their own whistle,” but many associations are active in their commu-

nities, have excellent training and recruiting programs and we would like to recognize these innovative efforts.

Every year, OAOA recognizes a Coach who demonstrates exemplary professional and sportsmanlike behavior and is involved with his/her school and community. OAOA presents this award at the annual Oregon Athletic Coaches Association banquet in the spring. All associations should consider nominating a coach from the schools they service.

For more information on all OAOA awards, go to the OAOA website, www.oreofficials.org and click on the Awards and Recognition link. Help us recognize outstanding officials, associations and coaches.



OCEP

There has been some confusion concerning the specifics of the new OCEP Playoff recertification requirement. The 5 year “clock” was reset. Certification for all officials who were OCEP Playoff certified prior to this school year expires July 2016. You need to be recertified before playoffs in school year 2016-17. We encourage officials not to wait to their last year as clinic venues and capacity is limited.

Reminder – associations should be

providing the OCEP Principles Course to their officials on an annual basis. Those who officiated in the 2005-06 school year and prior are grandfathered into to Principles certification. New officials since 2005-06 must complete this training in their first three years or they will lose their OSAA certification.

We will be posting lists of OCEP certification on the OAOA/OSAA Central Hub by sport. It’s a work in process so if you find any errors, simply con-

tact Clark or Jack via email.

OCEP details can be found at: <http://www.oreofficials.org/ocep.php>.



Football

Good weather prevailed during the 2011 football playoff season. Championship games were played in Cottage Grove (1A, 2A), Hillsboro Stadium (3A, 4A, 5A), and Jeld-Wen Field (6A) in Portland. Congratulations to the OSAA for putting on another successful football season and to the following associations for having crews selected to work the championship games: Douglas County, Lane County, Malheur County, Portland, Salem and SW Oregon.

For those not currently certified,

there are only four more years left to get recertified to work football playoff games. The tentative schedule for the Football OCEP clinics is:

- 2012-13: Eugene (U of O) June, Portland OOD (July 28), Pendleton (Aug)
- 2013-14: Eugene (U of O) June, Coos Bay (Aug), Salem (Aug)
- 2014-15: Eugene (U of O) June, Portland (Aug), Medford (Aug)
- 2015-16: Eugene (U of O) June, Bend (Aug), TBD (Aug)

I would encourage you to attend Officiate Oregon Day (OOD). Attendees will receive OCEP Playoff Certification (qualifying criteria TBD), and complimentary OSAA Gold Cards! Confirmed football speakers are Jerry Markbreit (four time NFL Super Bowl Referee) and Tony Corrente (NFL Super Bowl Referee, Pac-12 Coordinator). **Be sure to register early as space is limited.**

~Ken Woods
Chair OAOA Football Committee

Soccer

The OSAA high school soccer season ended this past November but referee training is a year round commitment. With that in mind, the Big Training Weekend (BTW 2012) will be held at the University of Portland, on May 12 & 13 of this year. Check your calendar and make plans to attend this great event. There are several other training opportunities throughout the year

which are posted online at www.oregonreferee.com

OSAA has scheduled the annual high school soccer commissioner meeting for July 29th, the day following the NASO Summit Officiate Oregon Day. Following this meeting there will be additional announcements concerning the 2012 season.

Congratulations to all officials for your hard work and dedication! See you next season.

~Harry Garabedian
Chair OAOA Soccer Committee



Volleyball

With the 2011 Volleyball season behind us...remember how stressed we were to kick-off three OAOA training clinics, followed by highly-competitive league play and ultimately crowning the state champions. The great news is that we will start the cycle again in just 5 short months!

Speaking of the state championships...I want to take this opportunity to publically THANK Peter Weber, OSAA representative at Lane Community College (3A/4A state tournament). Peter's leadership, commitment, and compassion to ensure the fans, coaches, players and officials had an awesome experi-

ence are evident to all. After multiple years presiding over the tournament, Peter has moved onto Soccer and rotating in as the OSAA event coordinator, is Molly Hays. Molly was introduced to all the coaches, officials, and support staff at Lane and immediately jumped right in like a seasoned professional. Of course the entire championship event ran smoothly and I am looking forward to working with Molly in the future. WELCOME, Molly!

And, of course, a huge thanks to Cindy Simmons (OSAA staff) for all she does for volleyball officials in Oregon.

Take the Next Step...
and register to be a part of the exciting opportunity... July 28th

Officiate Oregon Day - Have you heard about this? Attending this one day event meets the requirement for OCEP playoff certification! There are 700 spots to fill and our state rules interpreter has a goal for VB to grab 100 of them! Joan Powell, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials, and Gloria Cox, NFHS Clinician/Trainer, Texas SRI, will be the featured speakers. Please plan on attending.

~ Leslie Benton
Chair OAOA Volleyball Committee

Basketball

Mechanics: How often have we heard the term 'mechanics' at association meetings or discussions with other officials? What does it mean?

What it should mean is that there are prescribed areas on the floor that refer to the positions of the Trail and Lead officials and if properly used, help officials make the correct call. If officials abide by the mechanics in the Officials Manual, make proper rotations based on the movement of the ball, and make the proper switch after reporting all fouls, any two offi-

cial from Oregon should be able to officiate any game and be on the same page.

Along with mechanics is the proper use of signals. All officials should use appropriate signals when officiating and these signals are listed in the rule book. Don't get caught up in the use of college or NBA signals which are different than high school signals. If you work college games and high school games, remember to use proper NFHS signals when officiating a high school game.

It is important that proper mechanics and signals be applied in every high school game we work. It is important for our experienced officials to lead by example.

REMEMBER:
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One Interpretation -
One Mechanic.



~ 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

UMPIRES WILL LOVE THE EQUIPMENT RULE CHANGES AND OUR NEW UMPIRES MANUAL

No more lists of bats, trudging into dugouts to check bats and helmets before the game, and no pregame equipment checks.

Starting in 2012 the new Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) rules come into effect. Teams have been notified of this change the last three years.

Any non-wood bats must meet the (BBCOR) standard. Bats meeting this standard must have a clear certification mark on them. If not, they

are **not legal**. Bats with this mark plus the former BESR logo are legal.

Starting this year, the UIC must receive a verbal certification from the head coach that all of their equipment is legal. This certification will occur at the pre-game plate meeting.

Umpires should study their rule books to understand what the penalties are if these new rules are not followed.

Also new in your packet is the first edition of the Oregon Baseball Umpires Manual for 2 and 3 person crews. The new manual was authored by veteran Oregon umpires, and will be the standard for ALL um-

pires in the state. When the umpiring crew enters the field on state championship day, all will be on the same page having trained with this manual.

If you have suggestions on how the manual can be improved, you are encouraged to contact Tad Cockerill, the new SRI, through your commissioner. The manual will be published again for the 2014 season. Changes for the 2013 season will be published and distributed through commissioners and on the OSAA Central Hub site prior to the season.

~**John Whitemore**
Chair OAOA Baseball Committee

Softball

The softball committee held a meeting on January 27, 2012, in the OSAA offices. Topics discussed were a 5-year OCEP certification venue schedule, Clinic Manual, Train-the-Trainer certification process, and State Championship assignments. A Softball Umpire Certification Clinic Manual was drafted and submitted for Committee review. Our thanks goes out to Rick Booth, Frank Schofield, Milan Rencken, Larry Har-

wood, Joe Pree, Gregg Fowler, and David Thompson for their work.

I want to thank Larry Harwood, SRI Softball, for all of his efforts in preparing SRI Bulletins. These are excellent tools to address umpire concerns and common issues that arise from around the state.

The Committee is recommending to the OSAA a change in the current as-

signment process for championship games. We hope to gain approval for a 2-year trial period allowing associations to send a 3-person crew. This will make a significant improvement in both individual and crew accountability.

~**John Graham**
Chair OAOA Softball Committee

OSAA

Oregon Officiating Online Resources

Harry S. Truman is credited with the quote "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts" but regardless of who said the words they are true. It is an expectation that officials continue to learn and as a result we are obligated to provide the resources necessary to achieve this. It is our hope that officials are taking advantage of the materials posted to the sites below:

www.osaa.org – The OSAA website has an "Officials" link on the home page that provides OSAA policies

and forms, contact information for OSAA rule interpreters, and links to related professional organizations.

www.oreofficials.org – Your state association website that provides information about association governance and committees, sports specific information, officiating training clinics, SRI bulletins, association awards, and OSAA fee structure.

osaa.arbitersports.com – The "Central Hub" for Oregon officials contains sport specific training and testing information, SRI updates, updated NFHS Rules PowerPoints, and

sport related announcements from the OSAA staff.

www.officiateoregonday.com - The official website of this summer's Officiate Oregon Day – July 28th – Portland Marriott Waterfront.

We encourage you to visit these sites and take advantage of the information posted to each of them. Do not be the official who already knows it all – all of us can continue to learn and grow as professionals.

~Brad Garrett, OSAA
Assistant Executive Director

OACA

As 2012 begins, the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association is busy planning professional development clinics in three sports for our coaches. February 3-4, a Baseball Clinic will be held at Portland University. The three major university baseball programs, OSU, UO & Portland rotate hosting the 2 day clinic. Along with the host school's baseball staff, numerous high school coaches present various topics during the clinic.

March 2-4, the OACA/Nike Football Clinic will be held at the Airport Holiday Inn in Portland. This clinic is the largest on the west coast with over 1000 football coaches attending last year. This year's clinic features, Coaches Jimbo Fisher, Florida State; Rocky Long, San Diego State; Bronco Mendenhall, BYU;

Mark Richt, Georgia and Steve Sarkisian, Univ. of Washington. Twenty-nine college & high school coaches will also make presentations over the three day clinic.

This past October, we had over 280 high school basketball coaches attend our 4th Annual OACA/Nike Basketball Clinic. We had an outstanding list of presenters, including Mark Few, Gonzaga University, Scott Rueck, Oregon State, Mike Petrino, Univ. of Wyoming, Pat Coons, Westview HS; Craig Ellingson, Crescent Valley HS; Tom Johnson, Barlow HS; Nick Robertson, retired Hall of Fame coach; and BJ Dobrovsky, Sprague HS.

As the OAOA is busy planning Officiate Oregon Day in conjunction with the 2012 NASO Summit, we will host

the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors (NOCAD) Conference this month in Portland at the Benson Hotel. The three day conference brings over 34 state association coaches, association directors, and their spouses together. This is the first time the annual conference has been held in the Pacific Northwest.

The Oregon Athletic Coaches Association (OACA) appreciates the working relationship that has been developed over the last eight years with the OAOA. The two associations work hand in hand in the professional development of coaches and officials.

If we can ever be of assistance please contact us: oacarob@gmail.com or at: 503-399-9132

~Rob Younger, OACA
Associate Director

OAOA Leadership

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

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