

Suffolk County Soccer Officials Association,
Inc.

scsoa.org

Larry Gualtieri, President
8 Woodcrest Drive
East Moriches, N. Y. 11940
Tel. (631) 909-2390 email: lgual398@aol.com

Ken Chojnacki, Secretary
16 Erie St.
Port Jefferson Sta., N. Y. 11776
Tel. (631) 473-7814
email: kenchojnacki@yahoo.com

Richard Gramolini, Vice-President
John Kelsch, Past President
Robert Kersch, Parliamentarian

Charles Weidner, Treasurer
Larry Datz, Interpreter
Tel. (631) 806-1303

May 15, 2010

Dear Fellow Officials:

I would like to welcome you all to the start of the 2010 season. Preparations have been made for the upcoming season. Your Executive Board has met and various topics discussed and decisions made.

First of all, I would like to welcome Rich Gramolini to the Executive Board and my personal thanks to Kevin Wolford for his time that he put in as vice-president. Kevin's contribution to the Board and membership will be missed. I would also like to welcome back Bill Hartill who did not work in 2009 because of health issues.

Congratulations are in order to the following officials who have been promoted: From JV to varsity is Ryan Boccard, Robert Lang and Jim Dawes. From Jr. High to JV are Sal DiTomasso, Bill Haardt, Gil Otano, Rod Alzmann, Tony Oldham, Marty Haack, Jim Selg, Marty Mockler, Keith Chojnacki, Dan McTigue, Anthony Ricci, and Bill Hart.

Availabilities are due to Section XI by June 1st. The form can be found on our web site or sectionxi.org under private access. If you do not have a computer, you must call Carla at 366-0700. When filling out your availability, if you wish to work more than one level please indicate so on the form. Section XI is aware of your primary level. For example, if a JV or varsity official wants to make him or herself available for junior high games, circle junior high on the form along with your primary level.

We will be holding two clinics for new officials this year. The dates are June 7 -11 and August 16 - 19, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. This year's clinics will be held at James Wilson Young Middle School located at 602 Sylvan Avenue, Bayport. The cost is \$100.00. If you know someone who would like to become a member, contact Larry Datz at 806-1303. If you would like to show up and brush up on the rules, feel free to do so.

Also, with respect to new officials, we are continuing our mentoring program. Rich Gramolini and Larry Datz will coordinate this program. Volunteers are asked to contact Rich directly.

We are also working on an improving our web site where it can be made more interactive. For example, if you had an unusual situation in a game or need

a rule clarification, you can ask the interpreter directly. It can also be used for general discussion. If you don't wish to email a request for an interpretation, you can go the old fashion route and call Larry.

Our meeting dates are listed below. Please note that our first meeting will be held at James Wilson Young Middle School in Bayport. You must attend five meetings. Two of which are mandatory. If you do not attend a rules interpretation or take the annual exam, you are not permitted to officiate. The remaining meetings with the exception of the dinner meeting are held at Bayport-Blue Point High School. If you are unable to attend with a valid reason, you should contact Ken Chojnacki prior to the meeting. The meeting dates are:

Mon	Jun 14	5:30 PM	Physical Fitness Test	James Wilson Young MS, Bayport
		6:30 PM	General Meeting	
Wed	July 14	6:00 PM	Physical Fitness Test (No meeting credit)	James Wilson Young MS, Bayport
Thu	Aug 26	7:00 PM	Interpretation Meeting (Mandatory)	Bayport-Blue Pt. High School
Tue	Sep 7	7:00 PM	Mandatory Test Meeting	Bayport-Blue Pt. High School
Mon	Sep 20	7:30 PM	Jr. High Interpretation	Bayport-Blue Pt. High School
Mon	Oct 4	7:30 PM	Rules & Mechanics	Bayport-Blue Pt. High School
Wed	Oct 27	7:30 PM	Rules & Playoff Meeting	Bayport-Blue Pt. High School
Wed	Dec 1	7:00 PM	Annual Dinner Meeting	The Irish Coffee Pub 131 Carleton Ave. East Islip

An alternate meeting for the Rules Interpretation is on August 31, 1:00 PM at Patchogue-Medford High School (coaches meeting). You must sign in with our representative in order to be given credit for attendance. For the physical fitness test you may also qualify at the girls test. They will be at Smithtown East High School on June 21 and July 21 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. Should you attend their fitness test, you will not be given meeting credit. See above meeting dates for our physical fitness test. You must participate in a physical fitness test in order to qualify for state and regional playoff games. This year, we will be hosting all regional matches.

The Suffolk Showcase hosted by America's Future Prospects in cooperation with the Suffolk County Coaches Association will be held on July 17 at the Patchogue/Medford Youth Fields located on Sipp Avenue, East Patchogue. We are asking for volunteer officials to help out from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Please contact Rich Gramolini if you can attend.

In order to update your personal information, a membership form has been attached above. Please fill it out and send it to Ken Chojnacki at 16 Erie St., Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776.

I hope to see you at our first meeting on June 17.

Sincerely,

Larry Gualtieri, President