

# Suffolk County Soccer Officials Association, Inc.

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Dear SCSOA Members:

Yes, believe it or not, it's time to prepare for the upcoming season. Enclosed, for your convenience, is a Section XI availability form. It is due back to Section XI by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please comply with this date. Information from the form must be entered in their system prior to the coordinators departing for the summer. Our coordinator for the 2011 season will be Margaret. She can be reached at 366-0700x1.

As you know, schools are going through severe budget cuts. Extra-curricular activities are the first to suffer. Soccer is no different. One school district is seriously thinking about cutting its entire athletic program. Programs that use to fund two junior high teams, will now only field one team. We'll have to wait and see.

As of this date, movement has not been decided. Promotions will be announced at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

If you have not paid your dues for the 2011 season, you must submit them immediately. Your cost is \$165.00 (\$115.00 + \$50.00 late fee). Please send a check or money order payable to SCSOA and mail it to Charlie Weidner, 200 Seaman Ave., Bayport, NY 11705. If you are having some financial difficulty, contact Charlie ASAP at 472-0594 and discuss your situation with him.

Our candidate's school will be held on June 6, 7, 8 and 9, 7 – 9 PM, at James Wilson Young Middle School, 602 Sylvan Ave., Bayport. The cost is \$100.00. If you know anyone who would like to officiate, have them contact Larry Datz at 631-806-1303. No determination for a second school has been made at this time. If you would like to brush up on the rules, feel free to attend the classes.

Listed below are our meeting dates for the season. All meetings with the exception of our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place at Bayport-Blue Point High School. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at the James Wilson Young Middle School, Bayport. On that date, we will hold the physical fitness test(PT) at 6:00 PM with the regular meeting starting at 7:30 in the gymnasium. The PT will be held on the athletic field. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the gym. Varsity officials – if you would like to qualify to work regional and state playoff games, you must take the PT. This will be the only opportunity that you can take the PT with our organization. College officials may submit proof of PT from your board secretary. You can also take the PT at the Suffolk County Girls Soccer Officials meeting on either June 20 or July 20, 4:30-6:00 PM at Smithtown East HS. You must sign in with their representative to qualify. Also, confirm their dates ahead of time if you plan on attending their PT test. The girl's web site can be accessed through sectionxi.org. Attending the girl's PT does not give you meeting credit for our organization. You must attend five meetings some of which are mandatory. Meetings at the high school are pending approval of the school district.

Meeting dates:

Monday	June 13	6:00	Physical Fitness Test	James Wilson Young MS
		7:30	General Meeting	
Tuesday	Aug 23	7:00	Rules Interpretation – <b>MANDATORY</b>	Bayport-BP HS
Thursday	Sept 8	7:30	Test Meeting – <b>MANDATORY</b>	Bayport-BP HS
Tuesday	Sept 13	7:30	Jr. High Rules Interpretation	Bayport-BP HS
Monday	Sept 26	7:30	Rules & Mechanics	Bayport-BP HS
Tuesday	Oct 4	7:30	Special – Jr. High Officials	Bayport-BP HS
Thursday	Oct 13	7:30	Rules & Mechanics	Bayport-BP HS
Wednesday	Oct 26	7:30	Rules & Playoff Meeting	Bayport-BP HS
Wednesday	Nov 30	6:30	Annual Dinner Meeting	Irish Coffee Pub, East Islip

The October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting is geared for junior high officials. However, any member may attend. Remember, if you do not attend an interpretation meeting or take the annual test, you are not qualified to officiate. Alternate interpretation meetings are:

Tuesday Aug 30	1:00	*Coaches Interpretation	Patchogue-Medford HS
	7:30	*Nassau County Interpretation	Island Trees HS
Tuesday Sept 6	7:30	*Suffolk Girl's Interpretation	Smithtown East HS
Wed. Sept 7	7:30	*Coaches Jr. High Interpretation	Sachem North HS

\*Make sure you sign in with that organization's secretary.

For those of you who work the Brookhaven Town Summer League, Al Ellis and Lou Hanner will attend our first meeting to complete the appropriate paperwork. Unfortunately, the Town of Babylon will not have a summer program this year.

America's Future Prospects along with the Suffolk County Soccer Coaches Association will once again be sponsoring the Suffolk Showcase. It will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Patchogue-Medford Youth Soccer Fields in East Patchogue. We will be looking for volunteers to officiate that morning.

Also, America's Future Prospects will be taking over the coordination of the Nassau-Suffolk Exceptional Senior games. They will be using SCSOA officials along with guest officials from Nassau. There will be two Nassau-Suffolk games along with a game between the New York City Police and Suffolk County Police on November 26 at Dowling College.

Please update your personal information (address, phone #, email) with our secretary, Ken Chojnacki. His email address is listed above.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Paul Yonick who was selected Referee of the Year by the coaches association.

I hope to see you all at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sincerely,

Larry Gualtieri, President

