

September 1, 2009

To My Fellow Officials;

On behalf of the officers and executive committee of Board 40, I would like to welcome you to 2009-2010 season. We have met several times to prepare for the upcoming season.

Last season brought us three-man officiating in the latter rounds of the playoffs and continued it through regional and state finals. At the present time, our Board along with Board 127 is making a joint proposal to Section XI to have three-man officiating expanded.

As for the upcoming season, I would first of all like to congratulate Scott Johnson and Lenny Turano who have been promoted to the varsity level and Bill Burns and Vincent Manchise who have moved to the junior varsity roster. Good luck!

Enclosed, you will find your Board 40 directory. It includes information that should help get you through the season such as game fees, meeting dates, candidate's school and Holiday classic information. If any of your personal information is incorrect, please let Haywood know so that it can be corrected next year.

With regards to meetings, it is imperative that we follow the Five Point Program which includes attending a minimum of five meetings. Three of our meetings are mandatory. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in sanctions against you. Our first meeting will be held on September 23, 7:30 PM at Polish Hall in Riverhead. The remaining meeting dates are listed in the directory. The meeting of December 7 will be held on the court at Center Moriches High School. A three-man clinic will be held immediately afterwards for those chosen to work the Holiday Classic.

Earl Truland will be conducting a candidate's school for prospective officials. It will be held at Center Moriches High School. Registration for the course is on September 22 at 7:00 PM. If you know anyone who would like to officiate, have them contact Earl at 722-3185. The cost for the school is \$125.00. If you would like to stop down and sit in on the sessions to brush up on the rules, feel free to do so.

Our Holiday Classic will be held on December 29 and 30 at St. Joseph's College. Last year's opening round games were "classics". This year's matchups are Riverhead vs. Bellport and Longwood vs. Bayport-Blue Point. The Riverhead – Bellport game will be a League IV contest.

Due to budget cuts, St. Joseph's has found it necessary to charge us for the use of their facility. Naturally, these costs affect our scholarship program. One thought on cutting cost was to move the JV games to a high school. We are making every effort to keep the entire Classic intact at St. Joseph's. We are currently looking for sponsors. If you

know anyone who would like to participate in that fashion, have them contact me. Also, enclosed you will find an ad form for our Classic program. If everyone solicited just one ad, it would help defray our expenses.

The Suffolk Coaches Academy will be held at Suffolk Community – Selden this year. Our Board has been requested to cover the session on September 19 from 5 – 10 PM. A minimum of sixteen volunteer officials are needed for the evening. We have been well represented in the past and I hope we continue. It is a good way to polish off some of the rust for the upcoming season. If you are interested, please contact Earl Truland at 722-3185 or email him at [www.etruland@optonline.net](mailto:www.etruland@optonline.net).

Availability forms are due to Section XI by October 1. Please go to their web site, download the form and return it to them by that date. If you do not have a computer, contact their office and they will mail a form to you.

Don't forget our web site, [www.iaabo40.org](http://www.iaabo40.org). There is plenty of useful information such as policies and links to other organizations. You may also purchase Board 40 apparel in which profits go towards our scholarship fund.

Hope to see you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions prior to that date, feel free to call me at 909-2390.

Sincerely,

Larry Gualtieri, President