

On Mon, Sep 3, 2018 at 9:12 AM Charles Jabbour <c.jabbour11@gmail.com> wrote:

To All DSOA Officials:

A few reminders and as always you can find this information on our website:

1. Meeting 3 is Tuesday 9/4 at State Troop 2 at 7:00PM. This is our last pre-season meeting.
2. Rules test will close on 9/5, so please make every effort to take it before then and send me your results. Thank you to all who sent me their results.
3. The **DIAA Clinic is now available online**. If you have not attended the clinic in person, please make sure that you take the clinic by 9/22. Go over the material and then take the quiz and submit. Link can be found on our website bottom of home page.
4. With the season starting next week, please remember that each official needs to file a game report for every game they work. The report has to be filed the night of the. Game report link can be found on our website. <http://www.desoa.com/report.html>. I would suggest that new officials try to fill one out to make sure all is working and let me know if you have any issues.
5. If you are planning on working the tournament, Rich has sent two events for the Physical Test in Arbiter. Please accept or decline so we know how many will be attending. The test days are both on Sunday at Tally MS at 9:00AM, one is on 9/23 and the other is on 10/14. You need to test only on one of those days.

6. Please read below regarding Hydration policy from DIAA.

DIAA Water Break Stoppage Policy for Game Competition

In continuous play sports such as soccer, field hockey, and girls' lacrosse, when the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature [WBGT] reaches 89.6 degrees, or the combination of temperature and humidity equals 160* when added together, a water break shall be given, at the midway point of each half {20 minutes for soccer, 15 minutes for field hockey and 12.5 minutes for Girls' Lacrosse}. These breaks shall be a minimum of a 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes. Referees will retain the right to enact the policy as they feel conditions may warrant.

***when play is on artificial turf add 5 points to the combination of temperature and humidity. So if the temperature is 90 and the humidity is 70% and you are playing on Turf (+5) the combination of the numbers is now 165.**

Stoppages shall be called using the following procedure:

- **The Policy will be announced in the Pre-Game Meeting to Coaches so they know to expect the stoppage.**
- **The stoppage will be called as close to the midway point in time as possible.**
- **The ball must be in the attacking team's defensive half.**
- **The team in possession must not be in an attack/scoring situation.**
- **After a goal would be the optimum time.**

Strongly Suggested stoppage points are as follows: Soccer

- **After a goal**
- **A throw in from the attacking team's defensive half**
- **Before a goal kick**

7. Per Nino, Please send your nomination for our upcoming elections. Elections will be held during our last meeting on 10/24. More information to come on absentee voting. You can also nominate yourself if you wish.

Positions:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Assignor (who is not a board member but will be elected by members)

Two At large positions

Good luck this season and hope to see you tomorrow

Charles Jabbour

DSOA Secretary

On Mon, Jul 23, 2018 at 9:08 AM Charles Jabbour <c.jabbour11@gmail.com> wrote:

To all DSOA Officials,

Hope that your summer is going well and you are looking forward to the Fall season.

Please read this message in its entirety, mark your calendars and take action.

As a reminder you can always visit our website www.desoa.com to view the latest events, all requirements, and other pertaining information.

****DIAA Rule Clinic:** Monday Aug 13 Dover High School at 7:00PM with registration at 6:30.

Clinic is required by DIAA. You can attend in person or take it online once the online version becomes available after Aug 13. When attending in person please make sure to sign the registration sheet and pick up a NFHS rules book. You can also get a rule book version on your smart phone.

The new rule changes can be found on the NFHS and our website. Here is the link to the NFHS site:

<http://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/soccer-rules-changes-2018-19/>

****NFHS Concussion Course: Due by August 25th 2018.**

DIAA Requires each official to take it before they can referee any HS games. Once done please forward your certificate to me. Below is the link to the course. You will need to order the course (which is free) before you can take it. It will take you roughly 25 minutes to finish it.

Link is our website, bottom of home page: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61064/concussion-in-sports>

DSOA Membership meetings: (Info on desoa.com/calendar)

You are required to attend all 4 meetings, and If you cannot make a particular meeting you have to let Nino DiRienzo and myself know ahead of time.

Members are required to attend the entire meeting and members are not to come late and leave early and expect to get credit for the meeting.

You have to attend a minimum of 50% of scheduled meetings in order to be in good standing and be considered for the Fall tournament. Please make a note of the time and location of each meeting. As usual we are alternating between DE State Police Troop 2 and the Brandywine Library locations. Meeting schedule and Physical address can be found on our website (<http://www.desoa.com/calendar.html>).

Fall 2018 meetings:

Meeting 1: Tue Aug 21 Troop 2 at 7:00PM

Meeting 2: Tue or Wed Aug 29 Brandywine Library at 7:00PM

Meeting 3: Tue Sep 4 Troop 2 at 7:00PM

Meeting 4: Tue or Wed Oct 23 or 24 Brandywine @ 7:00PM & Tournament Meeting

****NFHS Rules Test:** (link to test on desoa.com bottom of home page - once available after the DIAA Clinic)

You need to take Test Part II in order to be able to referee. Part I is the practice test and will not count.

You can take Part I up to 25 times to practice. Test can be found in Arbiter under NFHS Central Hub – Testing Tab.

****DSOA Physical Test Dates:**

The test is required to those who wish to be considered for the Fall tournament. You only need to attend one, and if you cannot make either of those dates, let us know and we will work on setting one more test date that is convenient to you.

Fall 2018 PT:

Sunday Sept 23 at 9:00AM at Talley Middle School

Sunday Oct 14 at 9:00AM at Talley Middle School

****Uniform Requirements:**

Fall 2018 uniforms and thereafter:

All officials need to use the new USSF uniform style and colors. All officials need to have yellow, green and blue jerseys and 3-stripped socks.

****Arbiter Blocks/Assignments:**

Rich Robertson have started assigning games based on your standing and your response back to him. Please make sure that you keep up with your blocks, act on your assignments, and stay in touch with him regarding assignments.

****New Officials:**

Welcome to all new officials. Please make sure that you keep communication with Rich Robertson and that you are up to date with your dues and Arbiter account. You will not be assigned games until you have paid your dues and have started working towards the above mentioned requirements.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting.

Charles Jabbour

DSOA Secretary