

TRI-CITY SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION
2016 WOA FALL KICKOFF MEETING

August 29, 2016

Points of Interest

1. 2016-2017 Clinic embedded Tests are taken online at the WOA Central HUB. Both are required to be completed in order for an official to be certified to do high school matches. There is also concussion training which must be completed to be a certified WOA Official along with a background check.
2. The Mid-Columbia Conference has moved the majority of their matches that were on Saturday to Thursday. There are still several Saturday matches. Some coaches are happy with this and some are not.
3. If at all possible during the weeknights, arrive at the match sight at least 15 minutes prior to the match. On Weekends every official should arrive at the match sight no later than 30 minutes prior to the match.
4. All goals are to be checked prior to the start of the match for being secured to the ground or weighted with bags. Match cannot be started unless goals are secured or weighted to the satisfaction of the center referee. All field conditions needing to be addressed by the school should be reported to the Assigning Secretary via email.
5. Prior to the start of the match the center referee will review the head injury protocol described on the next page, Item 3.
6. The center official will mention to the captains and head coach of both teams at the coin toss the subject of good sportsmanship and the use of appropriate language on the field.
7. Coaches are not issued a second yellow card for illegal player equipment. There are two classifications for invalid player equipment: Improper (no card, shin guard, too high, too small) and Illegal (yellow card, jewelry).
8. Car Pooling – All out of town matches to use carpooling during the week if at all possible. All out of town matches on the weekend must use a carpool by the referee crew when all are coming from the same local, which is usually the Tri-Cities or Walla Walla. One travel fee paid regardless of the number of cars that drive to the out-of-town site which is based on round trip mileage.
9. Payment of travel fee is determined by the Treasurer during or at the end of the season based on the 2016-2018 WIAA/WOA Statewide Agreement, Appendix A and Appendix B. **Please do not assume that the travel fee calculated by the ArbiterSports website prior to the match is the fee that will be paid out for the match.**
10. Tri-City officials should try to balance out the number of matches between in the Tri-Cities versus out of town (Connell, Dayton, Grandview, Kiona-Benton, Mabton, Prescott, Prosser, Sunnyside).
11. All self assigned match positions are approved by the Assigning Secretary through the website review process. Those self assignments that are not deemed prudent will be removed and assigned to other match positions by the Assignor.
12. Help will be needed in covering Middle School matches in the Lower Yakima Valley starting in September. Matches start at 4:00 pm weekdays. Paying \$36.00/match plus travel fee for thirty minute halves. Lower Valley Middle School Match length is 35 minute halves with a pay schedule of \$42.00 per match.

2016 Fall Season Expectations

1. Check the Arbiter website daily during the season for assignments or changes to assignments.
2. **Keep up your calendar up to date on the arbiter website by blocking out the dates and/or times you are not available.**
3. Follow WOA Head Injury Protocol – Identify medical staff for both teams prior to the start of the match. Who will be evaluating players who have sustained a potential head injury during the match? No medical staff available at the start of the match, then the player does not return to the field of play once being removed due to a head injury.

A player who in the judgment of the referee sustains a potential head injury, shall be asked to leave the field of play. The coach of the player shall be notified of your observation with AR1 witnessing that conversation. Record the number of the player and the time of the incident. It is now the responsibility of the coach in consultation with medical staff of whether that player returns to the field of play. It is not the responsibility of the referee.

If a previous injured player returns to the field of play its best to record when he/she has returned to the field of play for your records. If the player shows any symptoms of an injury to the head (wobbly on their feet, vacant stair, just something not right, etc.) have them leave the field of play and notify the coach what you have observed and record.

If the referee is the one who sends the injured player off of the field of play without the coach/staff removing the player from the match, submit a injury report via the WOA Central HUB. The preset report format will not allow you to comment on the particulars of the incident. This is only for reporting to the school Athletic Director so that he is made aware this event occurred.

You are not a medical professional, so do not take any responsibility for a player staying in a match after a potential head injury. This is the coach's responsibility. You can continue sending him/her off every time the coach sends him/her in if you observe something suspicious.

4. Misconduct Sendoff Reports are to be submitted via the WOA Central HUB on Arbiter by the end of the day of issuance. Be sure to select the sport of "SOCCER" at the top of the report form, otherwise it will not come to the Assigning Secretary for review and final submittal.
5. All match reports are to be submitted the night of the match on Arbiter. Match reports to be submitted by the Varsity center and the JV center.
6. Record misconducts (cautions and sendoffs) via the Penalty Forms **Soccer Yellow/Red Cards** link of the match report. Do not report them in the comment section. Supply number of the player, not the name of the player and select the misconduct. This does not replace the responsibility of submitting sendoffs via the WOA Central HUB.
7. Identify who drove the referee crew to the site of the matches for out-of-town matches. If not specified in the match report the travel fee will be divided evenly amongst the referees doing the match(es). When more than one car is taken to the out-of-town matches the travel fee will be divided between the two drivers.

8. Identify and meet with venue manager before the first match. Ask him/her to deal with issues in the stands so you don't have to. Have him/her deal with the spectator issues so you can focus on the match. Any foul or abusive language coming from the stands directed at a player, coaching staff, and/or official should be handled by the venue manager.
9. Introduce yourself to the home and visiting coach. See if you can get his/her support before the match in dealing with any of his/her players during the match you might have trouble with. If not you and your referee crew have to forge ahead alone. Good Luck!
10. Stopping the match to talk to the coach of the offending player to elicit his/her help is recommended if you have done your homework in Item 9. Ask the coach to sub out the player(s) is one tactic to defuse a situation brewing on the field.
11. Control the match from the very beginning. Call the cheap stuff early. Don't let the one or two players dictate how the match is going to be played. You control the match.
12. This is high school soccer with a wide range of player skill level. Identify the match ups you must watch out for early in the match. Deal with the issues early in the match. Talk to the players. Let them know what you want them to do and what not to do. Stay CALM, think out there, be a professional when interacting with the players, coaches, spectators and your fellow referees.