



Eastern Massachusetts Soccer Officials
Association
<http://www.emsoa.org>
2017 Newsletter



Fall Meetings

Mandatory Rule Interpretation Meetings:

All active referees MUST attend to one of these meetings **OR** send a message to emsoa@emsoa.org **BEFORE** Sept 11, 2017 asking to be excused and briefly explaining why you cannot attend.

North Chapter - meeting at Loyal Order of Moose, 140 North St, North Reading, MA 01864.

Thursday Sept. 7th, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Sunday Sept.10th, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

West Chapter - meeting at The Crown Plaza Hotel, 320 Washington St., Newton, MA.

Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

South Chapter - meeting at Hanover High School, 287 Cedar St., Hanover, MA.

Wednesday, September 6, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

All Chapters -Meeting at VFW Post 2498, 20 Junction St, Needham, MA.

Saturday Sept 9, 2017, 8:30 am to 10:30 am

Dates and locations may change. Check the Calendar Page on the EMSOA web site for changes,

http://www.emsoa.org/emsoa_calendar.html

All changes will be posted at least a few days before the scheduled meeting. There is no extra credit for attending more than one of these meetings.

You can also meet your requirement by attending the Mandatory Rules Interpretation Meeting at any other Massachusetts Soccer Officials' Association. Make sure the Secretary/Treasurer of the other Association knows that you are from EMSOA. The nearby associations are:

Cape Cod Soccer Officials Association (<http://www.capecodsoa.org/>)

Yarmouth Police Dept., 340 Higgins Crowell Rd, Yarmouth, MA 02673,
Monday, August 28, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Central Massachusetts Soccer Officials Association (<http://www.thecmso.com/>)

St. John's High School, 378 Main St, Shrewsbury, MA.
Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Whaling City Soccer Officials Association (<http://www.wcsoa.org/wcsoa/Home.html>)

Our Lady of Angels Band Center, 1446 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA 02745,
Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Chapter Meetings

Each chapter will hold two meetings during the Fall season to discuss game situations and other items related to working games. **All active referees should attend** at least one meeting of the chapter meetings. If you can attend a meeting at any chapter.

North Chapter - meeting at Loyal Order of Moose, 140 North St, North Reading, MA 01864.

Thursday Sept.28th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Sunday Oct.29th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

West Chapter - meeting at The Crown Plaza Hotel, 320 Washington St., Newton, MA.

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

South Chapter - meeting at Hanover High School, 287 Cedar St., Hanover, MA.

Wednesday, September 27, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

MIAA Registration

Again this season, you must register with the MIAA using the MIAA list on Arbitersport.com. The address is:

<https://miaa.arbitersports.com/front/110185/Site>

The cost is \$10 and it must be done no sooner than July 1, 2017 and no later than the start of the Fall soccer season.

If you registered for a background check last year or the year before, you do not need to do the background check this year. The background check is good for 3 years. If the web site asks you to register for a background check and you did one last year or the year before, the probable cause is that you are using a different e-mail address than the one you used previously. The system does not recognize your name; it only recognizes your e-mail address. If your e-mail address changed since last year, send a note to Phil Napolitano (pnapolitano@miaa.net) before registering on the web site.

Concussion Training

Again this year, state law requires that you take an online concussion awareness training course. You need to pay attention to the material in the course even though you took the course last year and the year before. If an incident occurs, you need to know what to do immediately.

Information about the required online training can be found on the EMSOA web site:

<http://www.emsoa.org/concussions.html>

On-line Test

Again this year, there is an online test of soccer rules. All EMSOA members are encouraged to take the test. Taking the test is voluntary for most members. The address and passcode for the test are:

<http://www.emsoa.org/test>

passcode: 3736

For members who cannot attend one of the mandatory Rules Interpretation meetings and ask to be excused, taking the test is MANDATORY because some of the questions cover rules that are new in 2017. The new rules can be

found at:

<http://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/soccer-rules-changes-2017-18/>

T-Shirts, Golf Shirts, Etc. with EMSOA Logo

EMSOA has made arrangements with Lands' End to provide clothing and other items with the EMSOA logo. These are quality products in all sizes for men and women from Lands' End with the EMSOA logo add at small additional cost. The address for the web site is:

<https://business.landsend.com/store/emsoa/>

When you go to the site, click on "Men", "Women" or "Promotional Products". Select the item, color and size. When selecting your size and color, click on "Apply Logo". The EMSOA logo will appear. Select it and select where on the item you want it applied. When you check out, you will have to use an existing Lands' End account or create a new one.

The Basics of Being a Good Soccer Official

- 1) **Appearance and Weight:** Your uniform, physique, weight, mobility, etc. are huge factors in how the player, coaches and spectators will judge your abilities before the game even starts. While you may not be young, you should come to games looking like you are capable.
- 2) **Get the big fouls:** Don't be picky and call every foul including the trivial ones. A foul should be called when the player's action gained an unfair advantage for his/her team. Remember to call "Play On" when you see a big foul when stopping the game will punish the victim.
- 3) **Keep the game moving:** When the ball goes out of play and there is a delay between the stop and start of play, encourage the players to get the ball back in play promptly. When players come on and go off the field, encourage them to move quicker if they are walking slowly onto the field. If you beckon a player to come onto the field and he/she hesitates a long time, re-start the game without him/her. As a very, very last resort, issue a card for delay of game.
- 4) **Game management:** Keep the coaches and team-mates who are not players in the "bench" area. Do not allow a coach to stand at the halfway line or on the goal line. Do not allow substitutes to run onto the field from the bench area.
- 5) **Consistency:** Call fouls the same way at the start of the game as at the end of the game as much as possible. There may be times when the tempo or mood of the game changes during the game and you have to change how you call fouls. If that happens, make it clear that you are responding to the players' actions. Also, call fouls in the penalty area the same way as fouls near the halfway line.
- 6) **Be receptive to criticism:** A critique is not the same as dissent. A critique is when someone give you information that some part of your game could be better. After a game, your partner or an assessor might make a comment. Sometimes even coaches and spectators will say something that shows you did not do the best job you could have. Don't argue with them. Think about the comments and do a better job the next time.

The items was condensed from an article in *Referee Magazine*.