

SPRING 2006

January 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

ERROR CORRECTION -

The email message sent earlier this week contained incorrect dates for the USSF clinics listed below which are Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March and not 24 and 25 March. Apologies for the error.

Important USSF meetings and clinics.

4 March Saturday - Advanced Referee Clinic - Novi, MI
This clinic is for advanced referees wishing to officiate in PDL games. Contact - Carlos Folino - State Referee Administrator, email: michsra@comcast.net

25 March - Assessor and Instructor Clinic - Novi, MI
This is a mandatory clinic for all assessors and instructors in Michigan. Contact - Carlos Folino - State Referee Administrator, email: michsra@comcast.net and copy Jerry Ouelette at email: GWO73mg@aol.com

26 March - Advanced Referee Clinic - Novi, MI
This clinic is for designed for advanced referees wishing to upgrade to grade 6 or higher. Contact - Carlos Folino - State Referee Administrator, email: michsra@comcast.net

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Secretary WMSOA

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March 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

NEW WEST MICHIGAN ASSIGNING PROGRAM - ARBITER

As advised at the recent AGM and as also pointed out by Keith and Don in your spring assignments sheet sent out this week, they will soon be switching over to a new software for assignments. Officials will shortly be able to get, review, confirm and see all details of their MHSAA and NISOA game schedules on the internet with a program called Arbiter.

The estimated start date for Arbiter is by early April and instructions will shortly be sent on how to set up and use this convenient new system. One of the first steps is to make sure that you have a current and functioning e-mail system. As games get assigned or changed in your calendar you will be automatically send an e-mail asking you to check your game calendar on the Arbiter website. You will also be able to accept or reject these games, see details on the games including the other officials working the game, last minute changes and other important information. Those officials who have worked with Arbiter are nearly unanimous in their praise of the ease of use and convenience of this software.

The success of this program starts with a regular use of your email. This message is intended first to let you know of the changes coming and second to check that you have an email system in operation. Please allow the read receipt to be returned to me so we can be sure all of our members are ready to impliment this program. If you have an alternate email address that you would like us to use - please let me know.

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Secretary WMSOA

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March 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

WMSOA 2006 MEETING DATES

WMSOA now publish a plan for events and meetings for the upcoming year. Below is the list of events. To remain members in good standing it is required that all members attend at least half of the WMSOA yearly meetings. HS Rules meetings count as one of these meetings.

Then next meeting on March 21 should be an excellent opportunity to expand your High School skills for 3 man (DSC) games and improve on field mechanics. Please plan to attend.

Feb 2, 2006 6:00 pm Wayland HS
HS Rules Meeting

Mar 21 2006 6:30 pm Sports Exchange
High School Workshop, 3 Man (DSC) Mechanics Meeting and mentoring session for newer officials.

May 02, 2006 7:00 pm Sports Exchange
Cracker Barrel Meeting - discuss current issues in WMSOA soccer and meet with friends.

Aug 05 2006 8:00 am Grandville HS Track
Physical Meeting, Pre Season NISOA, HS meeting and physical fitness test.

Aug 2006 6:00 pm
MHSA Rules Meeting - venue and date to be confirmed.

Aug 15, 2006 6:30 pm Sports Exchange
Preseason NISOA make up date. High School mentoring for newer officials and 3 person DSC clinic. Mentoring for newer officials to improve techniques and mechanics.

Oct 02, 2006 7:00 pm Sports Exchange
Cracker Barrel Meeting - discuss current issues in WMSOA soccer and

meet with friends.

Dec 02, 2006 9:00 am Grandville HS
AGM, yearly meeting, election of officers.

Please make every effort to attend as many meetings as possible.

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Secretary WMSOA



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April 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULES & ARBITER.NET

As you all know WMSOA member schedules for spring High School games are now being arranged on the internet via a software program called "Arbiter" and the process has been started to get all members operating with this software.

Attached are the login and signup instructions that you should have received earlier this month. If you have not received the login instructions and have not been able to login with the attached instructions we need to hear from you so that your email address can be re-registered in Arbiter.

Please email me within the next 72 hours if you have not been able to log-in to Arbiter and include the error message that you receive.

Thanks for your assistance with this and I hope that this new software is working well for everyone.

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Secretary WMSOA



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June 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

WMSOA NEEDS YOUR HELP -

If you are receiving this email then WMSOA needs your help getting your meeting attendance form returned to us. Please complete the below form and forward to Steve Evans no later than 18 June. To make this as easy as possible just complete the below form by adding your name and MHSAA ID# and mark the meetings that you have attended and forward this email to Steve Evans at email address: sevans@triton.net

WHY WE NEED THIS FOR MHSAA -

WMSOA is recognized by the MHSAA as an approved Local Chapter. Part of the requirement is that we have at least five meetings a year: one for new officials (6 hours), one on mechanics (3 hours) and three others on other topics. To keep our approved status we need to have a specified proportion of our membership attend these meetings **and in order to be a member in good standing you must attend at least four (4) meetings per year**. The below form is required by MHSAA to show that you attended these meetings.

Please complete the below form:

2005-2006 Season

Name: _____

MHSAA ID#: _____

You have to make fifty percent or more to be an approved member of WMSOA.

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Yes "x"</u>
Pre-season	Aug 6, 2005	_____
MHSAA	Aug 10, 2005	_____
Clinic	Aug 17, 2005	_____

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May	27-29		Lakeshore Soccerfest - Holland
May	20-21		Boys State Cup Quarter and Semi Finals - Saginaw
May 31- June 4			Girls HS District Tournaments
June	3		Boys State Cup Finals - Farmington Hills
	7- 11		Girls HS Regional Tournaments
	15		Girls HS Semi-Finals
	16-18		KISS Tournament - Kalamazoo
	18		Girls HS Finals
	23	10:00AM	WMSOA Annual Golf Outing - Gleneagle Golf Club, Hudsonville
July	9-13		NISOA Elizabethtown Camp

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May 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

WMSOA EVENTS UPDATE -

The below information for all WMSOA members.

WMSOA's Annual Golf Outing - (you don't have to be a golfer to enjoy this event) is set for **Friday, June 23rd at Glen Eagle Golf Club** in Hudsonville with a 10am tee time. As mentioned before the goal for this year is 40 referees and we are short of our objective with many still undecided. Please make time in your schedule to enjoy a great day out with your fellow officials.

Call Rich Pell at 231-519-2882 or email him at pellrich@hotmail.com and confirm your place on 23 June.

Golf Outing on 5 June at Hemlock Golf Club sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Bob Lanterman, WMSOA member and soccer official from Luddington has asked that we pass along another golf opportunity which is outlined in the attached document. If you have any questions or would like to arrange to attend, contact Bob at wbdk@thinkextreme.net phone home: 231-843-9721

The Lakeshore Tournament next weekend still needs Officials (5-17-2006) If you are interested in participating as an official please email Doug Turkstra at dkturkstra@chartermi.net. The tournament is Memorial Day Weekend in Holland.

New Members

Please join me in welcoming the following new WMSOA members

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Pete Betzinger - Cedar Springs
Tom Ward - Alto
Kyle Burkett - Hudsonville

Please note the below dates for May - June - July



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November 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

**12 NOVEMBER IS RESERVED FOR WMSOA 2007 USSF
REFEREE RE-CERTIFICATION - CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY
- GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

USSF 2007 Recertification for Level 8 and 7 officials will be held from 1-6PM at Cornerstone University on Sunday, November 12. Cost is \$5 plus the USSF costs indicated on your recertification forms. Attendees must bring their preprinted USSF recertification form with them or there will be an extra \$5 charge. Recertification is mandatory for officials wishing to Referee in USSF in 2007.

This year USSF is asking all officials to use the internet registration and payment site as outlined on the preprinted forms. Be sure to print your payment receipt and bring at least two copies with your registration forms. In case you have issues using this new website, please see the attached document which has useful tips on how to register and pay. If you use this method of registration and payment you will still be required to bring payment of \$5.00 to the clinic to cover cost of the facilities, materials and refreshments.

Below is a useful map to locate the Wood Seminary Building on Cornerstone campus which entered from Leonard Street.

See you on the 12th !

Jack Wolf
Secretary - WMSOA

Clinic	Aug 25, 2005	_____
Cracker Barrel	Oct 3, 2005	_____
AGM	Dec 3, 2005	_____
Clinic	Mar 21, 2006	_____
Clinic & Cracker Barrel	May 2, 2006	_____

Total _____

MHSAA rules meeting in spring _____

Additional meetings
(please include date, type and location) _____

Other approved association _____

USSF clinic or class _____

NISOA camp _____

*Excused absence in fall _____

*Excused absence in spring _____

Total _____

Total of approvals and additional _____

*If you are doing a game on the date of a meeting. You are allowed one excused absence in the fall and spring.

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Secretary WMSOA

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July 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES FOR THE FALL SEASON -

Below are important dates that you should add to your agenda for the Fall Soccer Season.

**Saturday 5 August 2006 - Physical starts at 8:00 am
Annual Physical and NISOA Meeting
Grandville High School**

This is required for all NISOA (college) officials, as well as USSF Grade 7 and higher officials. The run will be followed by the NISOA meeting and Rules review, as well as assignment of extra games. If you have not checked with arbiter to verify your game assignments, please do so at once!

PLEASE NOTE: The Make up date for the NISOA physical and WMSOA High School workshops have been moved to August 17 (it was August 15). This is to avoid conflicts with the August 15 High School Rules Meeting.

Those officials that have ordered the new NISOA black shirt or other items from Official Sports - please bring your checkbook or cash to pay your bill and pick up your order.

**Tuesday 15 August - 6:00 pm
HS Rules Meeting at Kenowa Hills High School**

Attendance to one meeting per year is required to take part in High School tournaments. This is short meeting which details all rule changes for the 2006/07 seasons. The date for the first High School games is 21 August. If you miss this Rules Meeting date you can obtain a list of alternative dates at MHSAA website. The last rules meeting of the season will be on 30 August at the MHSAA offices in East Lansing at 6:00 pm.

**Thursday 17 August - 6:30 pm
The Sports Exchange, 44th Street, Grand Rapids**

- NISOA Physical Test Makeup Date

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August 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

THE WEEK OF 14 AUGUST IS AN IMPORTANT WEEK FOR WMSOA - Below are important dates that you should add to your agenda for the Fall Soccer Season.

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Thursday 17 August - 6:30 - 9:00 pm
The Sports Exchange, 44th Street, Grand Rapids

- **WMSOA High School Workshop** - 3 Man System.
- **WMSOA High School Workshop** - New Officials Mentoring
- **NISOA Physical Test Makeup Date**

This is a very important meeting for all High School officials both new and with medium experience. Please bring your rule books and as many questions as you can think of. You can expect to get help with three man mechanics, assistance on how to manage all High School games. Presentations and hand out material covering:

- Rule Changes
- Points of emphasis
- Rule differences between NFHS, MHSAA, NISOA, and USSF.
- Uniform requirements.

An added bonus will be additional game assignments and refreshments being served

Please make every effort to attend these important events.

Have a good fall season!

Jack Wolf
Secretary - WMSOA

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SEPTEMBER 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

URGENT CALL FOR OFFICIALS AT TRAVERCE CITY TOURNAMENT - The Traverse Bay Area Youth Soccer organization is holding the Autumn Classic Soccer Tournament this weekend, 15-17 September and is in urgent need of referees to work this tournament. Anyone wishing to work at this tournament should contact Mr Tom Spencer at email address: referees@tbays.org
More information is available on the website:

<http://www.tbays.org/Tournaments/Autumn%20Classic/AutumnClassicHome.htm>

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SEPTEMBER 2006

Dear <First Name:78>,

**IMPORTANT MEETING, MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2006, 7:00 PM
at PICCIONE'S RESTAURANT (Located on 76th Street just
west of 131 Expressway)** - Our informal mid-season Cracker Barrel

Meeting will be this Monday evening and all members are requested to attend. While the start time is 7:00 pm, those members doing games that evening are requested to arrive as soon as possible after the game.

Items on the agenda to be covered are:

- ✓ **High School Mechanics** - and how we can fix some of the issues happening in games this season.
- ✓ **NISOA official responsibilities** such as partner contacts, reports
- ✓ **Member Issues for discussion** - open forum so bring your issues and concerns.
- ✓ **Aribiter** and how we can make better use of this important and practical tool.
- ✓ **High School Conference Tournaments.**
- ✓ **Additional season game assignments** available will be announced.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Joe's.

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Secretary - WMSOA



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Dear <First Name:78>,

Important upcoming WMSOA dates for your attendance.

WMSOA ANNUAL AGM

Saturday 2 December 2006 Starts at 9:00AM
Grandville High School
4700 Canal Ave SW
Grandville

During this important meeting we will follow the below agenda.

Board Member Elections -

Our annual meeting this year where we will be holding elections for President, Treasurer and members at large. Attached are the minutes from our AGM in December 2005. We need your support and participation - please attend. WMSOA t-shirts will be on sale as in previous years.

Special Guest Speaker -

In cooperation with the Michigan Referees Committee and the WMSOA board we are happy to announce that we have arranged for Mr. Alex Hamdan to be a guest speaker. Alex is a National 1 Emeritis USSF official from Eastern Michigan and in the period of 1998 to 2002 officiated many PDL, USL1 and MLS both as an AR and Center official.

Please make sure to bring your checkbook to pay your annual dues which are due at the meeting. Also note that all NISOA dues must be paid at the meeting to be included in the group membership renewal. If you do not pay your dues at this time you will be on your own for renewal. All WMSOA members dues notices were sent out on recently. As a reminder, the \$30 WMSOA dues are used to pay our expences throughout the year. This goes for items such as room rentals for our meetings, snacks at those meetings, mailing costs, etc...

100% of assignor fees are passed along to our assignors as payment for the time they put into assigning us all games.

If you have any questions on your dues, please feel free to call

Jim Heyboer @ 233-4116 (day); or 531-1036 (evening).

WMSOA has become an approved MHSAA association and has taken great steps in terms of training and member activities to achieve this status.

Thanks.

See you on the 2nd !

Jack Wolf
Secretary - WMSOA