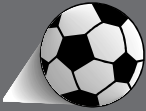


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<http://www.wmisoa.com>

(new website under construction)

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NEWS

Important News — New Web Site

WWW.WMISOA.COM is the website location for all WMSOA news. Want to keep up to date on what is happening in your sport and have a great source of information and dates, visit this site. Managed by David Whitehouse, this website is an ideal reference for news, upcoming events and dates, tournament information, and references to other useful websites. Comments or information that you would like to see added - contact Dave at dww@whiteware.com

News From Brewer Park - John Corbett

This Fall in GVSA, the 9 and 10 teams will likely only use a center referee. The teams will play with fewer players on the field. The referee will be responsible for making all calls that he and his assistants would normally make. I have heard that with fewer players on the field, that more teams will likely be rostered in order to give more playing time to the kids. More teams will mean more center assignments for these groups. It will also mean that new referees cannot start as an assistant with an experienced crew. I hope that everyone will continue to take care of the new refs as has been tradition. I have not heard that rates will be lowered. The season starts Sept-11-04.

West Michigan Physical Testing

Over 60 West Michigan referees participated in the physical testing on 7 August at the track at Grandville High School, running the 12 minute endurance and sprints. This physical test is required for all USSF grade 7 and higher as well as NISOA officials.

WMSOA exists to promote soccer, maintain a high standard of refereeing, encourage fair play and sportsmanship, make available an adequate number of well trained and capable referees, and cooperate with other organizations to promote soccer.

WMSOA provides training with both written and physical testing opportunities to maintain registrations with MHSAA, USSF, and NISOA. The organization provides high school game assignments for high school referees, "Cracker Barrel" meetings for additional input into the high school and collegiate game, and a source of information about activities in the area.

To join WMSOA, please call Jim Heyboer at (531-1036). Regular Membership is \$30 per year. An Associate membership is available for referees that do not do high school or college games. The cost is \$10.00 per year to cover news letter and training.

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Other Associations:

Michigan Soccer Referees Association (MSRA). The following through individual members: United States Soccer Federation (USFF), Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA)

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High School & NISOA:
Keith Miller 667-2401
High School - Muskegon, Grand Haven, Fremont, etc. : Don Dahl 846-7158 and Doug VanEssen 728-6289
Note: High School Assignor fees are now \$2.50 per game.

This newsletter - two newsletters are planned each year. If you have comments or news, contact Jack Wolf 682-0652, jl.wolf@comcast.net



West Michigan Soccer News



WMSOA News - Law and Rule Changes

USFF Law Changes - July 2004

Note only the below change applies to amateur games. Other changes have not been listed.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Any player removing his jersey after scoring a goal shall be cautioned for unsporting behaviour.

Furthermore, Law 5 will now dictate that if the rules of a competition endorse the use of a fourth official, his function and responsibilities shall correspond with those laid down by the IFAB.

All of the changes to the Laws of the Game shall come into force worldwide on 1 July 2004.

The IFAB chose to reject proposals to increase the maximum length of the half-time interval from 15 to 20 minutes and to advance free kicks by 9.15 metres if a player from the penalised team fails to retreat the required distance or prevents the free kick from being taken.

High School Rule Changes - 2004-2005

Substitution Method Change on Corner Kicks in High School Play

Starting this Fall, in High School games, there is a change in substitution procedures. If a team is awarded a corner kick and wishes to substitute, opposing players should also be allowed to substitute at the same time. This is now the same as the procedure for substituting on a throw in.

Weather Policy Change for High School Games (starting in Fall 2004)

The *Official's Guidebook 2004/2005*, which is for High School officials only, has a subtle but very important change in the section on *Game Suspension Guidelines*, which typically apply when there is thunder and lightning. The maximum allowable delays are now mandatory (the language is "... must not exceed ..."):

- Games scheduled to start between 10AM and 3PM - Maximum of 3 Hours
- Games scheduled to start between 3:01PM and 6:59PM - Maximum of 1.5 Hours
- Games scheduled to start at 7:00PM or later - Maximum of 1 Hour

Some schools with lights will start the Varsity game before 7PM while others start at 7PM or later (e.g. Forest Hills Central and Northern start at 6:40PM, while East Grand Rapids starts at 7PM). To avoid disputes with schools or coaches make sure you bring your copy of the game contract with you to games (and perhaps the *Handbook*) so that there is no doubt as to when a game cannot be resumed due to weather conditions.

Individual schools and conferences may have more stringent (but not less stringent) local policies. If so, it is their duty to inform the officials of this prior to the start of games.

Substitutes on Injuries

If a player is injured and the clock is stopped, teams may substitute even if the player leaves the field on his/her own power to be attended to (e.g. a player can limp off).

Uniforms

Players on the same team now need only have similar, not identical, uniforms (e.g. a player is moved up from the JV team - the uniform is the same color, but not quite the same design). Note that player numbers still must be unique.

Goal posts

Goal posts may be padded (minimum of 6' high and no more than 1" thick) as long as the material is commercially manufactured, white and deemed to be safe by the Referee. Time to add a tape measure to your bag.

2004 College Rule Changes

The NCAA *2004 Men's and Women's Soccer Rules* have been published. There are several changes of interest to officials:

Coaches leaving the team (technical) area shall be verbally warned (first offense), then cautioned and then sent off if the offense reoccurs. This is a point of emphasis this year.

Players are now permitted **one re-entry in the second half only** (not in the first or overtimes).

Goalkeeper socks should not match those of field players (a point to bear in mind when a field player and goalkeeper switch positions). Goal Keeper shorts are not required to be different than other field players and referees.

The Fight reporting procedure has changed, as well as the report form for players sent off.

When a player commits a second cautionable offense, the procedure is to show the Yellow card, and then the Red.

Incidental profanity shall be cautioned. This should be covered in the pre-game with your ARs, and also with the team captains



WMSOA News

Upgrade Assessments – GW Ouellette

If you are ready to UPGRADE send your completed upgrade form with your payment to Mike Bodary before April 15, 2005. WMSOA has had 12 referees request upgrade and assessments were completed on all. Congratulations To:

3 to Grade 6 State Referee -

Dale Heyboer, Jan Milek, Frank Roder

9 to Grade 7 -

Jim Backowski, Paul Holwerda, Larry Olsen, Ron Porritt,
Thomas Vela, Dave Whitehouse, Bob Powers, Mark Wolf

If you have any questions call Jerry Ouellette at 269-965-5903 or email him at gwo73mg@aol.com.

Uniform Update – Greg Pilbeam

Referee Uniform recommendations for this year are listed below. In addition to the standard NISOA colors, the orange pattern is now being suggested.

- USSF...**
- Black w/ white pin stripe
 - Yellow w/ black pin stripe
 - Red w/ black pin stripe

Note: there is a new “logo” sock to replace the “three white stripe” sock. For local games, we are still considering the “three white stripe” sock as our primary sock.

- MHSAA...**
- Yellow w/ black pin stripe
 - Red w/ black pin stripe
 - Black w/ white pin stripe



Important Dates

Aug 20	First Day for Boys HS Games
Sept 1	First day of Fall College (NCAA) Play
Sept 3-5	MILD Cup Tournament - Middleville
Sept 11	Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA) starts
Sept 11-12	Petoskey Autumn Blast Soccer Tournament
Sept 17-19	Capitol Area Classic Tournament - Lansing
Oct 04,	7:00 PM Cracker Barrel, Sports Exchange 44th St
Oct 18-23	Boys HS District Tournaments
Oct 26-30	Boys HS Regional Tournaments
Nov 3	Boys HS Semi-Finals 6 Boys HS Championships
Nov 7	GVSA Season Ends
Nov 14,	12:00 noon GR Area USSF Recertification Clinic
	Cornerstone College, East Beltline, GR * Check website for confirmation and possible changes.
Dec 4,	9:00AM AGM at Grandville HS
Dec 5,	Grades 1-7 and upgrade Recert Clinic, Lansing

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February 3 7:00PM MHSAA Rules Meeting - Wayland HS

Why Keep Fit?

According to Referee Magazine below are listed the distances covered by various positions in a 90 minute soccer game compared to that of the center referee.

10,442 yards... Forward

12,334 yards... Midfielder

13,775 yards... Center Referee

Keep fit and stay close to play!

Assessor Feedback - John Corbett

On a Sunday morning, I confidently drove to Brewer Park for my 11:00 assessment. The night before I spoke with both experienced linesmen, and asked them to be at least 35 minutes early for the game because I was being assessed. I arrived at the fields 40 minutes before game time- nothing left to chance. I walked the field, checked the nets, and checked the time. 10:30 and no linesmen. But my assessor walked up. He said he had been at the fields since 9:00 (he drove in from Jackson) and wondered if I would like some feed back since I am the assignor for Brewer Park. Now I began to worry because: 1) I did not tell him that I was an assignor for anyone, and 2) with only time to check the field and nets, I could not have done anything wrong yet. Being the optimistic soul that I am, and at his mercy, I said “Sure”. He stated that on several fields the linesmen were late- one arrival was at game time. On a different field the center referee did not appear until game time. He mentioned that no where in the rules does it state that a referee’s uniform includes sunglasses, baseball caps, or long pants. He also mentioned that when referees do appear, they should be dressed and ready to perform their duties- as well as the duties of those running late. He said he saw all of the above occur. He asked if I had any questions- and of course, I did not. His words sounded very familiar.

Then he asked me where my crew was. Since it was 10:45, and I could see a referee working in long pants, and one wearing sunglasses; I mumbled something about a traffic tie-up. Both of my linesmen showed within minutes- but needed to get dressed at the field in front of the assessor....

Well after that day was over, I could see some humor in the unfolding Sunday’s events. However, I end this article on a serious tone. Assessors, players, coaches, parents and others evaluate us from the moment that we appear. Not just when we take the field, not just when we make calls. They evaluate us from the moment that they lay eyes on us. As professionals, and as a team, we must be correctly dressed, on time, and professional in our behavior.

I look forward to seeing each of you this Fall- on time, properly dressed, and thinking about upgrading. You never know when an assessor will come by. Neither do I...



Tournament information

MILD Cup (September 3-5) U9-U14

is also MSYSA sanctioned and is held at the Barry County Fairgrounds (on M37 between Middleville and Hastings). Contact [Steve Evans](mailto:Steve.Evans@wmisoa.com) (see:www.wmisoa.com)

Petoskey Autumn Blast (September 11-12) U9-U14B, U9-U18G

The Fall version of the Petoskey Summer Invitational. Contact [Gary Hunter or Bruce Platte](mailto:Gary.Hunter@wmisoa.com) (see:www.wmisoa.com)

Capital Area Classic (September 17-19) U12-U14

Lansings' only tournament. Contact [Vikki Blasey](mailto:Vikki.Blasey@wmisoa.com) (see:www.wmisoa.com). Games are played at the Kenneth Hope Soccer Complex.

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