

WCSOA membership meeting

Minutes of meeting held Sept. 10, 2019

Location: Tyrrell Middle School, Wolcott

Meeting: Mandatory interpretation meeting for 2019 season

Time: Meeting called to order by president Jim Matranga shortly after 7 p.m.

Jim opened with some general remarks and welcome to all in attendance (including officials visiting from other boards)

Rules interpretation

Art Hamm speaks about:

Review 2018 rule changes:

1. White now away uniform; dark home uniform. Shorts can be any color as long as they are the same.
2. Undergarments (arm or leg) must be same color. Both teams can wear same color.
3. Offside ... can wait to make sure ball is played to the player in offside position.

2019 rule changes

1. Timing rule: team in lead subbing in last 5 minutes, clock must be stopped. Just at end of match (or in any overtimes in which a team takes a lead). Clock is stopped when player is beckoned onto field. Time should restart when ball is put back into play properly.
2. Improperly equipped player is now treated same as illegally equipped player.
3. Advantage call ... official can use 1 hand now.
4. Only time 'play on' is called is when there is a foul and ref rules advantage.
5. Drop ball: if there is an injury and a team has possession of ball it is a drop ball. Only time when such a stoppage is not a drop ball is when goalie has clear possession. Restart is for goalie to kick ball from ground. If the ball is out of bounds the throw-in taken as in any case.

6. Hearing aids and cochlear implants legal as long as don't pose threat to other players. They are treated the same.
7. Officials should seek out site director before the match (particularly at night matches). If there is no site director the coach of home team is that person. This is to primarily deal with fan/spectator issues.
8. It is OK to stop in either half for water break on high heat days.

WCSOA business meeting

Interpretation

Art continues with visitors having departed ...

1. Talking differences with some of our members background (USSF, college, NFHS). It is vital that we remember that we are using NFHS rules.
2. Goal kicks must leave penalty box
3. Can not sub as freely in NFHS (this is an important distinction)
4. Two of most important calls in 2-man system: Offside and anything that happens in the far corner for the trail official.
5. Also fouls that happen behind the play are important for the trail official to watch.

Secretary report

Minutes from last meeting were posted on web site.

MOTION: Phil Marcoux motion to accept minutes from Sept. 4, 2019 meeting; Guy Gavitt second. **PASSES.**

1. Lee speaks about Red card reporting

Old business

Meetings

Jim Matranga spoke on importance of attending meetings, since there are only 3 informational meetings. Members are required to stay to the end of the meeting.

Other game information

- Varsity games must have rosters; all levels it is a good idea to get one.
- **OT:** Joe will email the current rules (no OT in subvarsity matches)
- Prep school rule differences: best to check at your match if there are any differences with NFHS

Art recognizes new members and gives them praise (as well as second year officials)

Commissioner remarks

- Joe D. on following topics ...
 1. On attending meetings and staying until the end. Need to make them as informational as possible and expect full attendance.
 2. Any issues with fields during first week WCSOA officers should be notified.
 3. Several issues with Arbiter and scheduling are spoken about, bottom line seems to be to check the Arbiter daily (and often) ... especially at start of season.
 4. Bourdeau Scholarship: Art reviews requirements
 5. Bourdeau award: members asked for nominations

2019 remaining meeting dates

Thurs., Oct. 10

- At Tyrrell Middle School starting at 7 p.m.

Banquet: Nov. 25 (location TBA)

Adjournment: at 8:46