

WCSSOA membership meeting

Minutes of meeting held Sept. 7, 2022

Location: Tyrrell Middle School, Wolcott

Meeting: Interpretation meeting for 2022 season

Time: Meeting called to order by president John Murphy at 7:07 p.m.

At the WCSSOA meeting there were 8 members from other boards who signed in; there were 11 of our own members who attended other interpretation meetings (as of this night).

Rules interpretation

Art Hamm makes his presentation, starting with a review of rule changes over recent seasons. Among highlights:

1. under apparel needs to be all the same color among teammates but does not need to be the same as the uniforms.
2. Home teams wear dark, visitors wear white.
3. Defender who deliberately plays ball to a player in an offside position ... no offside.
4. clock stops last 5 minutes of second half if team leading subs.
5. head coverings for religious reasons OK

New in 2022:

1. hair control devices legal if affixed to head securely
2. a suspended game is official if a full half has been played
3. goalie can not throw the ball into other goal and have it count
4. when judging offside, hand/arm does not apply

Other rule reminders from Art:

1. all spectators, benches, equipment, etc. should be kept at least 10 feet from playing surface on all sides.
2. field conditions and whether to play game up to school before kickoff, but after than solely up to game officials.
3. lightning/thunder ... MUST wait 30 minutes before resuming (30-minute clock restarts if subsequent issues happen)
4. a player putting hands up to protect him/herself from getting hit with ball is not considered a handball in NFHS matches.
5. coaches allowed to be stand from bench area to midfield but no where else
6. Art reviewed official positioning for PKs
7. Spalding balls should be used if possible
8. subs must be at center table (or midfield line) before whistle to be allowed to enter (no running off bench into the game)
9. 1st yellow card for an equipment issues goes to coach
10. coaches must be notified of the reason for any card
11. yellow cards: in prep games boys must leave game, girls do not have to (discretion of coach)
12. pregame: get roster before game (with ALL bench personnel listed)
13. make sure to signal correctly (hand raised) on all indirect kicks
14. 'play-on' means you saw a foul but are not stopping play due to an advantage situation.

Finally, Art stresses how important every element of game management is, no matter the level of the match.

President's report

John Murphy talks about how important it is to follow our policies before, during and after games, to protect not only the participants in the game but yourself and your fellow officials.

Treasurer's report

Presented by Kurt Miller.

Balances as of Sept. 7:

- Checking (\$5,086)
- Savings (\$13,317)
- Total (\$18,403)

Commissioner's report

Joe's points of emphasis:

1. The uniform change that was discussed at the August meeting is on hold for further study by the state boards.
2. Joe introduces the new members (6 total) who were in attendance at the meeting.
3. On issue of membership, as of this meeting Joe reports that we have 95 members.
4. Reminder that all poor behavior by coaches or fans at any match should be reported to Joe, whether or not cards resulted.

Adjourn

MOTION: Phil Marcoux to adjourn; second by Al Schoenbach. PASSES

Meeting adjourned at 8:19-ish p.m.