

Cedar Rapids Athletic Officials Association

SUMMER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Time to Renew Your Membership: It is time once again to renew your membership in the C.R.A.O.A. A reminder that dues are still \$30.00 for one sport and an additional \$10.00 fee for the second sport. Dues must be paid **before the first of August**; otherwise a \$5.00 per month fine will be assessed. Dues must be paid for your name to appear on the roster. August 1st is the beginning of the new year. This is the 67th year of the Association.

A Reminder to Update the Secretary: In order to have as few conflicts as possible, I would like for you to update your football schedule with me. I will begin scheduling games in early August. We have over 100 games to assign this fall. Only paid members will be assigned games.

We Are In Need of New Officials: Start looking for new members! We are in dire need of new officials who can work Middle School and some games on Friday nights. We will train them and give them some start-up games. Bill Yeisley is in charge of training the new football officials; please contact Bill (362-2732) or Pinky (365-45184) or hprimrose@aol.com, if you know a prospective official who needs information. If you bring in a new member, we will give you a free banquet ticket for your wife or friend.

Individuals who wish to officiate football and/or basketball through affiliation with the C.R.A.O.A. and its training program must initiate their intent by the following dates of the current season(s):

Football—No later than the first regular C.R.A.O.A. meeting for football rules study--August 3/4, 2009.

Basketball—No later than the first regular C.R.A.O.A. meeting for basketball rules study--Oct. 12, 2009.

Individuals who are beginning officials in football and/or basketball must meet the above guidelines to receive training and game assignments through the C.R.A.O.A. Those who express an interest after the deadlines can officiate on their own or wait until the following year when training sessions for football and/or basketball begin.

Make Sure You Are Up to Date With The State Associations: A reminder to make sure you have paid your fees at the state level. Boy's Association: I.H.S.A.A., Box 10, Boone, IA 50036. \$40.00 for one or two sports and \$5.00 for each additional sport. There is also a \$10 late fee for officials re-registering at this point. Phone 515-432-2011.

Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, PO Box 10348, Des Moines, IA 50306-0348. \$25.00 for two sports. Each additional activity will command a \$3.00 fee. \$10.00 penalty after June 1, 2009. Phone 515-288-9741.

Please Fill Out Registration Material: Please fill out the Registration sheet and return it with your fees. Make check out to C.R.A.O.A.

New Officers For 2009-2010: The new officers are-- President: Chris Heidebauer (Basketball); First Vice-President--Rob Noble (Football); Second-Vice President Fred Griffith (Basketball). Chairman of Steering Committee--Mike Mitchell (Past President). If you have any concerns, please contact any of them.

Longevity Award: If you are an official who has worked and belonged to the CRAOA for 10-15-20-25-30-35-40 years, please contact Pinky Primrose so we can make sure you will be recognized at the banquet. We will only recognize you on your anniversary date.

Speakers At Meetings: We would like to thank the speakers who have volunteered to speak at the rules sessions. Please come to the meetings prepared and do not read from the rule book. We assume the officials will have read the rule book by then. You can refer to the rule book, but the biggest complaint from the officials is when presenters read from the rule book. In the second session each night we will meet as position groups to discuss the topics presented as they affect that position.

If you cannot fulfill this obligation, please contact a sub and inform the secretary of the change.

Full Membership Was Granted To The Following Basketball Officials: Dan Breitbach, Dan Dryland, Brad Jacobs, John Winter and Transfer Nathan Pick.

Please Send In Your Social Security Number: I have had requests from school districts that they need your social security number. Please send your number along on the calendar and registration sheet. The IRS wants the schools to have this information. We will try to comply with the request.

I.H.S.A.A. Officials Hall of Fame Members: Hall of Famers are: Len Benhart, Bill Brouard, Pat Casey, Jack Christensen, Bob Ferguson, Ray Hamad*, Richard Koolbeck, Randy Krejci, John Lowry*, Bud Paulsen, Jim Patterson, Ev Petersen, Lanny Peterson, James Schneekloth*, Bob Tvrdik*, Bob Vrbicek*, Fred Winter*, Jerry Winter and Bill Yeisley.

*denotes deceased

A Few Reminders About Membership In

CRAOA: These are some of the requirements that make our organization one of the best! 1/ You must take and pass the state supervised test in your sport area. 2/ You must attend a minimum of three (3) local rules meetings per sport. New officials and applying officials must attend six (6) meetings. 3/ Officials must officiate six (6) or more games per season per sport. 4/ The Association does not procure officiating assignments for you! 5/ The C.R.A.O.A. DOES administer the Middle School, Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Varsity schedules of most Metro public schools.

Web Site: Check out the web site at www.craoa.com and www.Arbitersports.com. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to the Executive Secretary. We will try to work with Arbiters and our web master to give you one of the best.

You can check out who is open on any given night and also see who is working what games.

Change of Address: If you have changed address and/or phone number, please forward the information to the Executive Secretary. We are trying to have a 100% correct roster for you. I need your help with this.

Recognition: The State Association honored **50-Year Official** Harold "Pinky" Primrose, **25-Year Official** Charles Visek (Basketball) and **15-Year Officials**--Mark Borchardt (Football), Ed Johnson (Football), Mark Miller (Basketball), Adrian Simonson (Football) and Brad White (Football). Jerry Winter was honored as the Girls Basketball Official of the Year! Congratulations to all!

Banquet: The Steering Committee recommended that we have one banquet this year, 2009-2010, which will be held in the spring. Site and time will be announced later.

Honorary Member John Pierce died early spring from cancer! After many years fighting cancer John Pierce passed away in early spring. John was a past President of the Association and gave the Association the Constitution we have today. John will be missed by CRAOA.

Honorary Member Dennis St. Germain killed in traffic accident! Former basketball official Dennis St. Germain was killed in a single vehicle accident on Hwy 30 Sunday morning, July 5th. Denny worked many years in the area. He was owner of Pace Supply in Fairfax. He became an Honorary Member when he retired from officiating.

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Football Meeting Dates 2009:

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| Aug. 3 | Step II Officials--6:30 Grant Wood AEA |
| Aug. 4 | Step I Officials--6:30 Grant Wood AEA |
| Aug. 6 | Step I Officials--6:30 Grant Wood AEA |
| Aug. 7 | I.H.S.A.A. Football Clinic at Maquoketa Valley-- 6:00--9:00 pm |
| Aug. 10 | Step I Officials--6:30 Grant Wood AEA |
| Aug. 12 | CRAOA Football-- 6:30 Washington H.S. |
| Aug. 17 | CRAOA Football-- 6:30 Washington H.S. |
| Aug. 19 | CRAOA Football-- 6:30 Washington H.S. |
| Aug. 24 | CRAOA Football-- 6:30 Washington H.S. |
| Aug. 25 | State Football Test--7:00 Washington H.S. |

Basketball Meeting Dates 2009-2010:

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| Oct.12 | New Officials--6:30 Washington H.S. |
| Oct.14 | Step I Officials--6:30 Wahington H.S. |
| Oct. 19 | CRAOA Basketball--6:30 Washington H.S. |
| Oct. 21 | CRAOA Basketball--6:30 Washington H.S. |
| Oct. 26 | State Meeting--7:00 p.m. Linn Mar H.S. |
| Oct. 27 | CRAOA Basketball--6:30 Washington H.S. |
| Nov. 4 | CRAOA Business Meeting--7:00 p.m. H.S. |
| Nov. 12 | CRAOA Basketball--6:30 Washington H.S. |
| Nov. 30 | State Test Basketball--7:00 Washington H.S. |
| April 10, 2010 | Annual Banquet (Touch of Class) |

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