

Cedar Rapids Athletic Officials Association

SUMMER 2008 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 66th 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 or Pinky 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.

Basketball—No later than the first regular C.R.A.O.A. meeting for basketball rules study.

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, 2008. 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 2008-2009: The new officers are-- President is Mike Mitchell (Football); First Vice-President-- Chris Heidelbauer (Basketball); Second-Vice President Rob Nobel (Football). Third-Vice President Fred Griffith (Basketball). Chairman of Steering Committee--Mark Miller (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: Willie Guy; Rene Hilbach-Barger; David Law; Chris Oberbroeckling; Randy Schulte; Allen Stekl; Jason Turner; Tyler Turner.

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, 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.

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.thearbiter.net and www.craoa.com. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to the Executive Secretary. We will try to work with Arbiter 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 Richard Koolbeck and 15-Year Jeff Frese, Darrell Hobbs.

Banquet: The Steering Committee recommended that we have one banquet this year, 2008-2009, which will be held in the spring. Site and time will be announced later.

DON'T FORGET, DUES ARE DUE AUGUST 1ST.

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