

OAOA Football Committee
November 18, 2012 Teleconference
5:00 PM to 6:04 PM

Present:

Ken Woods, Chair, Salem Football
Rick Booth, Sec, Mid-Western Football
John Campbell, Rogue Valley Football
Neil Cooper, NE Oregon Football
Jack Folliard, OAOA
Brad Garrett, OSAA
Jason Harris, Mid-Columbia Football
Roy Palmer, Douglas County Football
Larry Reiber, SW Oregon Football
Darin Rutledge, Klamath Falls Football
Clark Sanders, SRI
Randy Smith, Central Oregon Football
Mike Whitty, Lane County Football

Absent:

Bob Hilsenteger, Portland Football
Kip Johnson, N Coast Football
Mike Lieuallan, Blue Mountain Football
Scott Orr, Malheur County
Bob Rose, Lower Columbia

Ken Woods (OAOA Football Sports Committee Chairman) opened the meeting at 5pm,

1. Report about the Football Commissioner's request of 5-man varsity crews presentation to the OSAA Executive Board.

There was general discussion the of 5-man crews on all Varsity games. Some associations may have trouble filling all five positions at their Varsity games. There needs to be a formal presentation to the OSAA Fee Review Committee. The Fee committee will next meet around the first part of February 2013. Mike Whitty, Ken Woods & Clark Sanders will put a presentation together and run it by the OAOA Football Committee for additional input prior to a presentation to the Fee Committee. .

2. Update about the fee review committee.

See above for comments .

3. Discussion for a statewide Football Committee Clinic (statewide conference for football).

There was discussion about holding a Statewide Conference for football officials in the future. It would be somewhat like Officiate Oregon Day, but for football only. It would include some OCEP certification training along with some on-field training. A general consensus of the committee thought this would be a great idea. A target for this statewide conference would be

2014. This endeavor would take a huge commitment from all of the committee. Ken will report more on this before or at our next committee meeting.

4. Discussion of the new 5-man kickoff mechanics (particularly the Umpire and the Line Judge).

Having two officials on the 50-yard line and one official on the R-40 yard line was mandated by the new kickoff blocking rules. There was discussion about swapping the Line Judge and Umpire on 5-man kickoff mechanics. There was also some discussion about having the Back Judge loop into the middle of the field after the kick is away. In doing so, there was discussion about moving the Referee to the sideline to help the Head Linesman cover the sideline. Clark Sanders asked the associations to send him some options and examples so he could come up with a recommendation next spring.

5. Discussion on how do you handle the constant changing and cancellations of games, particularly at the 3A level and below.

There were more than the normal cancellations this year, particular in the sub-varsity level from the 4A and below. Also there is a growing trend to have a 2 quarter JV game prior to the Varsity game. Some were billed for 2 quarters and some were billed for a full game. Officials won't take off work early to work a half game so full pay was billed and paid by the schools. We will monitor to see if the trend continues and discuss it again at our next meeting.

Commissioner/Check Writing fees were charge either way. If crews were told of the cancelled game before they left, there was no charge to the schools. If the crews were on their way or already at the game, they got full pay and the schools were billed.

6. Update of the West Valley League going from 3-man JV crews back to 4-man JV crews.

Ken Woods sent a letter to the Athletic Directors this year asking them to reconsider the use of 4-man due to the change in blocking rules and safety issues that 3-man crews just can't see. The ADs agreed and they went back to 4-man mechanics at the beginning of the 2012 season.

7. Discussion regarding sending football SRI bulletins to Athletic Directors.

There was general discussion about having the SRI send the weekly football bulletins not only to the officials, but also to the Athletic Directors to help them understand why we do certain things certain ways. Everyone agreed that starting next year the SRI bulletin would also be sent to the ADs and football head coaches.

8. Update from Clark regarding deadlines for annual awards (official of the year, association of the year, coach of the year).

This year the Official of the Year Award will be presented during the state championships on December 1st or 8th so all voting must be done by Tuesday (11/20) to allow time to get the plaques done. The Coach of the Year Award and Association of the Year Award can be a little later and we will be reminded.

9. Discussion on swinging gate mechanics.

There was discussion about sending the Umpire back in 4-man crews and have the Umpire join the Back Judge in 5-man crews. This would allow consistency of having the Head Linesman

and Line Judge always covering the line of scrimmage, goal lines, and side lines. A directive will come later from the SRI on this mechanic.

10. Discussion about middle school and youth football game fees.

Most worked 4-man crews for middle schools and youth football and the game fees were from \$30 to \$39 per official. Some 3-man crews charged \$35 to \$38. Some association let their recreation districts schedule the games. The Federation rule book states all games below 9th grade are to have 8 minute quarters. There was no discussion on length of quarters.

11. Other.

There were questions about the rotation of playoff games and it was mentioned that the Commissioners get this information at their clinic each July. Brad said he would put this information on the Central Hub for all to see. To help commissioners plan their assigning of crews in the playoffs, each association is awarded a certain number of games after the first round. Some associations lose games in the first round due to the power ranking format. The past couple of years both Salem and Lane County have joined Portland as being neutral during the entire playoff season. All home associations now work their first round home games. Play in games is assigned as regular season games and each association works their own.

Neil Cooper informed us that after 25 years as Commissioner of NE Oregon, he is retiring. He was thanked for his many years of service in helping make football a better sport. Neil will be sending Clark his replacement's information.

In closing, Brad stated the quality of officiating for the playoffs is very consistent and he appreciates the efforts made. Keep up the hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm

Respectfully submitted

Rick Booth, Sec.
OAOA Football Committee

Commissioner
Mid-Western Football