

General Meeting Notes/Summary 7/28/2016, 7:00-8:00 PM

Welcome to the 2016 season!

Leslie opened the meeting with the following notes, below:

All communication will come through gejfaofficials@gmail.com email. You should be expecting 3-4 emails from us a week, so please check often!

- about 10 days before game day, you will receive an email showing who has notified us of 'not being available' to work that particular Saturday. If you are not going to be available, please make sure and reply to that email to let us know not to schedule you. Other than for illness, we should not be having last minute cancellations.

- on Monday/Tuesday, the preliminary assignments for the next game will be distributed to the group. The leads should contact everyone on their team to confirm attendance. When they contact you, please confirm!

- based on confirmation, last minute changes will be made to the schedule. If your name is not on the initial schedule, there is a high chance you will still be added to a team due to personnel adjustments.

- final schedule will be distributed on Thursday. Other than for illness or family emergencies, we do not expect changes to this schedule.

NOTE: we will be assigning extra people the first couple of weeks to the teams for training. New people will be shadowing other officials as we try and get everybody up to speed.

Preferred communication for routine issues is email – it allows any of us to respond when someone has vacation or work deadline. You can text/call any of us with more urgent issues, or if something comes up that you don't think is appropriate for email.

Assignments will be by region, based on where you live. North, Central, and East. The more flexible you are to travel, the more games you will be able to work.

North: Bothell, Cedarcrest, Inglemoor, Juanita, PopKeeney, Woodinville

Central: Bellevue, Interlake, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Newport, Redmond

East: Eastlake, Issaquah, Liberty, MtSi, Skyline, Hazen

Bobby went over the new pay schedule for 2016, including bonuses for recruitment and 20+ games worked, and fielded questions from the officials present.

Roger covered the new rule changes for 2016:

Three high school rule changes for this year:

1. Mouth guards can be white or clear
2. Clipping is not legal in the free blocking zone (now illegal on every play, anywhere on field).
=> Clipping is defined as blocking below the waist on the back of the legs
3. Football glove tags can have the new SFIA specification or the existing NOCSAE test standard at the time of manufacture

One GEJFA rules change for this year:

Mercy rule for a team is ahead by 25 or more points: if the team ahead has the ball downed inside the opponents 20-yard line, the ball is turned over to the opposing team starting play at the 50 yard line.

We wrapped up the meeting at 8 PM. Next meeting (Rookie Officials Training Meeting #1) set for Thursday, 8/4/16, from 7:00-8:30 PM at Bellevue Boys and Girls Club.