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One More Time!

President's Message

Well, guess what, here we are again. It's that time.

Our first business meeting and training session for the post-season 2003 UIL Soccer Season is **Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at St. Andrews at 7:00pm**. Sandy promises to have something special for you at this meeting. Thanks for all you did for your Chapter last season, and let's see if we can make this next season even more successful. But it's up to you, our membership. Get out there and get Bonnie her 200 members necessary to cover our games and participate in our meetings. We can always learn something to take back to our matches to improve our performance and attitude.

Thanks to all of you that made that special effort to attend our June 26 End-of-Season General Membership and election meeting. We had some good feedback from the 2002 soccer season. Election results are elsewhere in this newsletter.

This past summer Paul Zomnir, Tarrant Chapter's District 9 Director represented us at the TASO – Soccer Board of Directors meeting in Austin. Paul came back with quite a listing of topics discussed and action items for the Chapter to review and implement. Your Chapter did that recently at our post-season organizational meetings to begin the planning process for the upcoming post-season training sessions and soccer year. Thanks Paul for representing us so well.

As you will discover in our scheduled training sessions we will discuss changes in the High School soccer scrimmage game process, do away with the small manila game card and implement a uniform UIL Game Roster form. Other feedback includes our Referee fee structure will remain the same this soccer season as last season. **BUT**, there is a proposal for a fee increase before the UIL Legislative Council for next season. Paul tells us there is much positive support to implement this increase.

Other issues discussed were Referee insurance, Slow Paying Schools (see more information later), the TASO Web Site at www.taso.org is still under construction with some portions now available, but to be completed by early October.

The UIL continues to emphasize Coaches attitude improvement, sportsmanship and dealing with fan abuse.

Ed Bazan, your Chapter Vice-President is currently organizing his team of District Representatives. This team will be the first line of contact with the schools to provide information from the Chapter to the schools and, likewise, receive feedback from the schools to the Chapter. This TEAM is in the front lines.

GAME and MILEAGE FEES*Effective January 1, 2003*

This is where you come in. One important issue this season is the re-alignment of the playing districts by the UIL, coupled with the fact that we have several NEW SCHOOLS within existing districts that we currently service. If you are aware of new high Schools in your areas, please contact Ed with that information so he can dispatch his team to gather the necessary information on those schools, i.e. name of school, location, address, game venue, school AD and Coach information, etc. We need this information for your Officials' Manual, as well. New High Schools that I am currently aware of are: Arlington Seguin, the new Mansfield H.S. and Mansfield Summit H.S. with the third Mansfield Timberview H.S. under construction, Lake Dallas H.S. in Corinth and the new Weatherford H.S. These are just a few, I'm sure there may be more.

I am also working with a soccer friend with Mansfield Soccer Association, who is in the business, to develop our own Tarrant Chapter TASO – Soccer web site. The web site is currently under construction. Hopefully we can have the site up soon for our membership. This will definitely improve membership communications, and make that effort more cost effective and effortless. Items to be posted will include: contact us info-your Executive Team and District Representative detail, Chapter Bylaws, Tarrant Chapter business/training calendar, Referee registration info with forms, our Newsletter, and in time the Officials' Manual and Maps. Also included will be links to other important web sites, including the TASO and UIL Web Sites.

That's it for now, I gotta save something for the meeting. See ya **Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00pm.**

THE VOTE IS IN AND... the tally counted

By overwhelming popular vote at our Tarrant Chapter June End-of-Season General Membership Meeting **COCHRAN AND JUDKINS** are returned as your **President and Treasurer** respectively.

Ladies and gentlemen this in fact was a landslide election in the incumbents favor. Your election judges really haven't been able to put a finger on whether this was largely the result of the incumbents diverse platform or the fact that the two were unopposed in their respective races.

Time will tell.

The game fees paid to soccer officials this UIL soccer season will be \$75.00 total per game or multiplegames at the same venue; allocated as: the referee / middle will receive \$35.00 per game, and the assistant referees / lines \$20.00 each per game. For the dual system each referee will be paid \$37.50 for each game. In addition to the game fees, all schools will pay mileage at the following rates regardless of how far the official travels. This mileage has been defined for each school and location.

The school / field location / venue - Tarrant Chapter TASO - soccer mileage fees are:

ALEDO	\$11.00
ALVARADO	\$11.00
ARLINGTON (all venues)	\$9.00
AZLE	\$10.00
BIRDVILLE (all venues)	\$7.00
BOSWELL	\$10.00
BURLESON	\$10.00
CEDAR HILL	\$12.00
CLEBURNE	\$12.00
COLLEYVILLE-HERITAGE	\$10.00
COPPELL	\$11.00
CROWLEY	\$9.00
DENTON (all venues)	\$13.00
FLOWER MOUND	\$12.00
FLOWER MOUND MARCUS	\$12.00
FOSSIL RIDGE	\$9.00
FORT WORTH (all venues)	\$7.00
GAINESVILLE	\$20.00
GRAND PRAIRIE (all venues)	\$11.00
GRANBURY (all venues)	\$14.00
GRAPEVINE (all venues)	\$10.00
HALTOM	\$7.00
IRVING (all venues)	\$10.00
JOSHUA	\$12.00
KELLER (all venues)	\$10.00
LAKE DALLAS	\$12.00
LEWISVILLE	\$12.00
MANSFIELD (all venues)	\$9.00
MIDLOTHIAN	\$10.00
MINERAL WELLS	\$15.00
NORTH CROWLEY	\$9.00
NORTHWEST	\$10.00
PENNINGTON	\$9.00
RICHLAND	\$7.00
SOUTHLAKE CARROLL	\$10.00
STEPHENVILLE	\$22.00
WAXAHACHIE (all venues)	\$14.00
WEATHERFORD (all venues)	\$12.00

PAY OVERDUE ASSIGNMENT **FEES TO BONNIE!**

Upon completion of the 2002 soccer season, all referees owe Bonnie her referee assignor's fee. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** We owe Bonnie \$3.00 for each center/middle referee assignment or dual assignment, and \$2.00 for each line/assistant referee assignment

If not paid, the referee is in bad standing, and U.S. Mail notice of such bad standing will be sent to Tarant Chapter, Dallas Chapter and TASO with copy to the referee affected.

TARRANT CHAPTER **Preseason 2003 meeting** **and training dates**

All meeting and training sessions, unless identified at other locations below, will be at the St. Andrews Library at St. Andrews Catholic Church and School, 3304 Dryden Road (at Stadium Drive in the TCU area), near University Drive South and Granbury Road starting at 7:00PM.

September 17 (Tuesday); general membership meeting, referee registration, volunteer recruitment, training session

October 2 (Wednesday); training session

October 15 (Tuesday); training session

October 30 (Wednesday); training session – COPE

November 2 (Saturday); R1 Physical Fitness Test at Martin H.S., Arlington at 7:00AM

November 6 (Wednesday); training session

November 19 (Tuesday); training session

December 3 (Tuesday); test/examination

December (Sunday); R1 Physical Fitness Test at L.D. Bell H.S., Hurst at 1:00PM TBA

December 12 (Thursday); make-up test/examination

January date; R1 Physical Fitness Test TBA

Training Topics to include:
Professionalism; Referee respect and conduct to other referees, coaches, players and fans; proper and acceptable uniform; consistency; enforcing player dress and equipment regulations – shin guards, jersey sleeves; pre-game procedures; enforcement of rules; carding procedures

2003 Referee Registration Date **and Fees Set**

Registration fee for returning UIL Soccer Official - \$65.00 if paid by December 3

Registration fee for NEW UIL Soccer Official - \$40.00 if paid by December 3

Set fees include NIFOA insurance through TASO, which covers only High School soccer activities

SAVE \$5.00 for early sign-up through November 6

2003 Referee Pay Schedule

• **Game Fees per match; Total Game Fees - \$75.00, Center - \$35.00, Lines each - \$20.00, Duals each - \$37.50**

• **PLUS Travel Fees – minimum Travel Fee is \$7.00 — per venue**

POST SEASON REFEREE SELECTION **PROCESS**

A referee playoff eligibility list will be compiled based upon the following criteria:

- Primary chapter registration through Tarrant Chapter TASO - Soccer
- Completion of COPE training
- Attended a minimum of two (2) scheduled Tarrant Chapter training sessions
- Assisted in a minimum of 15 Tarrant Chapter assigned UIL High School matches
- Successfully pass the R-1 Physical Fitness Test
- Successfully pass the Tarrant Chapter administered NFHS Soccer Rules Examination
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Slow Paying Schools

1. After 30-days from game date, Referee should start process to email or contact the school AD (be very specific on details; date and time of match, match venue, identify home v. visiting teams, identify referee crew members and game assignments, game fees, travel fees.
2. Contact the Tarrant Chapter District Representative for the responsible school, and provide the same information as in #1 above.
3. After 45-days from game date re-email responsible school AD with a copy to UIL, TASO and Reimo Estrada, President, TASO Soccer Board of Directors
4. Tarrant Chapter District Representatives should maintain a file of delinquent pay issues and review with Ed Bazan, Tarrant Chapter Vice President and Paul Zomnir, Tarrant Chapter District 9 Director as the soccer season progresses

C A R L D E A N R E M E M B E R E D

For those of you that did not know Carl Dean, and there's not many that didn't, he was a classy Referee that commanded respect and authority when he walked onto the pitch. You see, Carl was a very distinct character, and when you first saw him you knew he was something special. I don't know if it was his tall raw boned stature, or his distinctive waxed handle-bar mustache, but there was no doubt he was special.

You see Carl is now running his left-diagonal on the greenest pitch ever seen with a bright cloudless sky overhead and slight warm breeze in the air. You know when I last saw him he had his RED card visible in his back pocket, his whistle dangling from his wrist and his stop watch running, it seemed like double time.

C A R L we'll miss you, but you earned that perfect venue the morning of June 11th. Carl suffered for the last several years with cancer in the lower back that eventually spread to his entire body. I would see Carl and Pat frequently when they would come out to the Mansfield Sports Complex to watch his grandsons play soccer under the tutelage of his son Greg, the Comets and Tigers coach. We would always visit, but it was usually apparent that he was in extreme pain, but still remained that special soccer enthusiast.

Carl enjoyed his High School matches and play-off opportunities throughout his career, but is the only High School Referee that has been successful in "sending-off" a GOAT from the soccer pitch. Yes, he had to show that mangy goat the "RED CARD" for him to get the message. But, that poor ole goat that wandered onto that Northwest High School pitch that night paid the ultimate price. Yup, he too ultimately earned the right to go down in Carl's book. And now you know the 'rest of the story.' Carl, very diplomatically, learned how to deal with almost all critters on the pitch, and earned their respect.

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