

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT SOCCER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Minutes – Rules Interpreter’s Meeting of August 30, 2021

President Bruno Mozzo called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. The meeting was held virtually using RingCentral. There were 74 members of SCSOA in attendance plus several from other CSOA Boards.

1. Bruno introduced the CSOA State Interpreter John Shirley to present rule changes and points of emphasis for the 2021 Season
 - a. The only change in the NFHS Rules is one that now allows for religious headwear to be worn during a game provided that it is not attached with anything considered to be dangerous to the player or opponents.
 - b. Soft head gear is allowed under the rules but any other type of head gear require approval from a Doctor and CIAC.
 - c. The question was asked about the “Q” Collar and it is allowed but needs to be safe.

Points of Emphasis on the Rules:

- d. Reminder on reporting of Yellow and Red Cards. Officials must log into the CIAC web-site and fill out the report for the cards issued to each player. This is important as the CIAC is checking all of the cards to be sure that both the school and officials are sending in the same report on cards issued. There was a complaint from the Coaches to the CIAC that officials are not telling the coaches about the violation # and name of player who was carded. This is required and must be reported on the game report. Officials must submit these reports on-line to CIAC within 24 hours as required.
- e. Free Kicks – Ball is in play when it is kicked.
- f. Properly marked fields or uniform violations should be reported to CIAC.
- g. Officials need to address “Reckless and Serious Foul Play”

2. Assigner's Report: Jesus reported that the CIAC has changed the notification for games from schools on Arbiter. This has been a real challenge as he has received over 80 games for assignment so far. Changes are coming in everyday so officials need to check their Arbiter schedule daily. If there is a question about a change in an assignment please check with the school, they are changing game times all of the time. Please keep your availability updated, many sub- varsity games are now being scheduled for Saturdays.
3. Interpreter's Report – Carmine noted that there are still several members who have not completed the on-line exam. Once the exams completed he will send out a copy of the answer key that gives all of the info on the test questions.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 14, 2021 and he will send out the meeting link for RingCentral 3 days before the meeting.

A motion was made by at 8:23 p.m. by John McDonald to adjourn the meeting

Wilmer Melendez seconded the motion.