

# NASOA General Meeting – September 4, 2019

---

Meeting opened at 18:00 CDT at Merrimack Soccer Complex.

## President

1. Motion was made by Bill Der to approve the Minutes from August 26<sup>th</sup> general meeting, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Smid.
2. Tim started again with the importance of setting blocks to help the assignors with their job. Some statistics that were mentioned: 23 officials have declined/timed-out 3 or more games, 43 (not including the previous 23) have declined/timed-out at least 1 game. On a positive note there have been 71 officials that have declined 0 to 2 times.
3. Everyone (18 and over) needs to have a background check performed before they can register for an in-person recertification class. This can take up to 10 days to complete. Once completed, and registered for an in-person class, all tasks under the Assignment tab must be completed before taking a recertification class. The next available re-cert classes (in Huntsville) are Oct. 12 and Nov. 9.
4. The next topic discussed was the acceptable methods of check in for D1/D2 state league games. A player may be checked in by a Game Day roster with a photo, a laminated Player Pass with photo, or an electronic device with the ability to show a photo.

Related to team check in, Tom L. mentioned that up to 4 adults are allowed in the bench area and that they also must have laminated passes to be present. These adults are frequently not listed on the roster.

5. If there is a send-off in a youth match a USSF supplemental report needs to be sent to Tom Lawson, Tim Barron, and Kris Rose (State Youth Coordinator). If the send-off was for Violent Conduct, all 3 officials need to send in reports. If the send-off was for Serious Foul Play, the center and AR closest to the foul are to send in reports. The player receiving the send-off must leave the bench area.
6. If you stop play for an injury, the player (unless they are a keeper) must leave the pitch before the restart of play. The team can play short or put in a substitute. In the event of a possible head injury/concussion, a player who has already been substituted, may, in this case, be subbed back in.
7. We were reminded again that all youth subs are encouraged to leave the field somewhere along the bench-side touchline when subbing out and not necessarily the closest boundary line.
8. A lot of games are occurring in September. Officials should read emails from Tom Lawson regarding slots that need filling. If you are able to help, send an email to Tom.
9. Tim mentioned that a number of referees have been contacted about being mentors and is expecting to “assign” them to some of the new recruits that have recently been certified.

## Vice President

10. Michael brought up the topic of heading with respect to 12U and 11U divisions. The Alabama State League Rules & Procedures states that heading is not allowed for 12U

and below. However, a different reference states that no heading is allowed for 11U and below. We need to get clarification on which is correct.

11. The A&M and UAH job fairs were held and fliers were handed out. 40 names from both venues had expressed interest refereeing.
12. There are two local tournaments that are upcoming: The Battle at the Jack, Oct. 4-6, Tim Holt will be assigning and The HFC Kicks, Oct. 18-20, Cedric Thomas will be assigning.

### **Treasurer**

13. Kim mentioned that he had run in to a school kid who had taken some type of refereeing (officiating) class offered by the school last year but then it didn't go anywhere after that, i.e. he wasn't contacted or given any further information about where to possibly go from there. It was suggested that an email be sent to AL high schools that offer such classes about local officiating organizations that are available.
14. There are no plans to release payment for games until the end of September. However, if someone, particularly youth officials, are in need of some funds, they can send Kim an email.

### **Youth Assignor**

15. Tom made the request/suggestion that officials set up their Game Officials (GO) account to also send them Notifications via text messages, particularly youth officials, since email apparently is an "old-style" type of communication method. The may be set by going under "My Info" in GO and adding a cell number under the "Cell/Email Notices" section.

Motion was made by Moe Moe to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wallace Tate. The meeting was adjourned at 18:45.

### **Attendees:**

Abdallah Abuspetani  
Bill Der  
Alan J (AJ) Hicks  
Michael Smid  
Jeffrey Grimm

Tim Barron  
Paul Galloway  
Tom Lawson  
Wallace Tate

Allen Craven  
Kim Hensley  
Mohamed Mohamed  
Douglas Vechinski