



Central CT Board 6 Organization Letter

October 5, 2016

We will open the 2016-2017 season with our **Interpretation Meeting on Wednesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Conard High School in West Hartford.** I'm looking forward to the upcoming season and hope you are as well.

If, for any reason, you will NOT officiate this season, please advise Commissioner Lynch and Secretary-Treasurer Tony Lopes ASAP!

You must attend an interpretation meeting in order to be eligible to receive assignments this season. Arrivals after the Interpreter begins will not receive credit so please be on time. If you cannot attend the Board 6 meeting, the dates of the other board meetings are listed below and on the website. You **may** have another person pick up your packet for you.

If you attend another Board's Interpretation Meeting, it is your responsibility to insure your attendance is logged and will be forwarded to Bd. 6 Secretary Tony Lopes ASAP.

Board 10 - Sunday, October 16, 8:30 am Lyman Hall HS - Wallingford

Board 7 - Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 pm - Fairview Farm Golf Course - Harwinton

Board 35 - Sunday October 23, 9:00 am - Site TBA

Board 9 - Thursday, October 27, 7:00 pm Bunnell High School - Stratford

Board 8 - Wednesday November 2, 7:00 pm - St. Bernard High School - Uncasville

Board # 6 Meeting Dates -

CONARD HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 @ 7:00 pm Interpretation meeting - Auditorium

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 30, 2016 @ 7:00 pm Business meeting - Auditorium

Sunday, January 8, 2017 @ 10:00 am Business meeting - Auditorium

Sunday, February 5, 2017 @ 10:00 am Business meeting - Auditorium

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 @ 7:00 pm Annual meeting - Cafeteria

Rules & Mechanics Refresher Exams-

The Refresher and Mechanics exams will be in your packet at the interpretation meeting. **The schedule of the meetings will be sent via email and posted on the website.** You **must** attend one of these refresher exam meetings. **It is mandatory! Failure to attend will result in not being eligible to receive assignments for the 2016-17 season.** Make your reservation with the meeting host early to avoid being shut out. There is absolutely no other option. You must attend a refresher exam! Please be on time for all meetings.

Meeting Attendance Policy -

- A.** To remain an IAABO member in good standing, you must attend at least three meetings, one of which is an Interpretation Meeting.
- B.** To be eligible to receive game assignments this season, you must attend an Interpretation Meeting and a Refresher Meeting. You will also need to attend at least one of the Business Meetings to remain eligible for assignments next season.
- C.** Attendance at the four Board 6 Business Meetings is Mandatory. A fine of \$25 will be assessed for each meeting not attended beyond one missed meeting. **There will be no excused absences.**

Leadership, Standing Committees and Executive Committee Policies -

The 2016-17 Bd. 6 Leadership Team, Standing Committees and Executive Committee Policies will be posted on the Bd. 6 website. Please contact the Standing Committee chair with any questions.

Web Site -

Keep yourself informed about everything that is going on with Board 6. There is an enormous amount of information on our site. If you have a question, try first to get it answered by looking at our website, www.iaabo6.org. Username is **iaabo6** and the

password is **dav3**.

IAABO Insurance -

Again this season we are offering members the opportunity to purchase the IAABO Insurance coverage. It offers game fee reimbursement, with restrictions, and the cost is still \$7.50. The enrollment period starts now and ends with the conclusion of our November 30 meeting. Make your check payable to "Central CT Board 6" and mail to Secretary-Treasurer Tony Lopes.

Change of Address/Telephone/Email -

Notify Secretary-Treasurer, Tony Lopes and Commissioner, Ed Lynch immediately. Please add tonylo14@sbcglobal.net to your address book.

Financial Obligations for 2016-17 -

- > Membership Dues will be due by **March 1, 2017**. The amount will be announced at the February 5 meeting. The late fee will be **\$50** for postmarks after March 1.
- > Assignment Fees will be due by the Annual Meeting on **March 22, 2017**. The late fee will be **\$50** for postmarks after March 22.
- > Members not satisfying these financial obligations by **April 5, 2017** will not be eligible for December assignments. Members not satisfying financial obligations by **May 1, 2017**, will not be eligible for assignments for the entire season. **The due date for Commissioner, Missed Meeting and Arbiter Rating fines will be 30 days from the date of the letter advising you of a fine. The \$50 late Fee applies for another 30 days. If fines are not paid within 60 days of the fine letter, you will not be eligible to receive assignments for the following season.**
- > Late payment fee and/or assignment eligibility apply if check is returned by the bank. Returned check fee remains at \$25 and postmarks determine date received.
- > **Due dates will be strictly enforced. There will not be individual reminders!**

Commissioner's Request -

As we begin the 2016-17 season, I would like to remind all active officials to take the time to update your personal information on Arbiter. If needed make changes to e-mails and phone numbers. (make sure you list your cell phone first in the Roster Directory)

Please take the time to immediately update your calendar availability!

Thanks for your continued efforts!

Uniform & Jackets -

Black and white striped collarless shirt with IAABO Logo and American flag centered 1" below the neckline on the rear, black pants, socks, and shoes, and *Board 6 Logo Jacket*. IAABO striped shirts may be ordered from Honig's. **Do not order the IAABO jacket from Honig's.**

>Orders for the Board #6 jacket may be called to AllSports East in Enfield, 800-351-5474 or 860-265-3146. Identify yourself as a Board 6 member and ask for the jacket with a Board 6 Logo.

High School Starting Dates-

Public Schools: Girls - First Practice Nov. 28 and First Game Dec. 12

Boys - First Practice Dec. 3 and First Game Dec. 17

Prep Schools - Games begin first week in December

Fees for 2016 - 2017: Varsity - \$94.63 Sub-Varsity - \$61.39

Scrimmages -

Our Scrimmage policy for this year, which will again be sent out to all ADs, will be as follows:

- > Only scrimmages that are scheduled directly through the Board 6 Assignment Commissioner will be assigned Board 6 officials. A scrimmage fee, paid to the officials working the scrimmage, will be expected for all scrimmages assigned by the Board 6 Assignment Commissioner.
- > Schools should be expected to pay a total of \$150 per scrimmage (\$50.00/official). The Board 6 Assignment Commissioner will attempt to assign three (3) officials to work a scrimmage. If two officials work, the fee is \$75.00 per official.
- > Officials should not be asked to work more the two (2) hours and/ or six (6) periods per scrimmage. Varsity and JV quarters may be interspersed within the 2-hour/6-quarter limitations. If officials work more than two hours, then they should be compensated for the extra time worked.
- > If a jamboree or multiple-team scrimmage is scheduled at a location, then the fee structure must be agreed upon with the scheduling school and the Board 6 Assignment Commissioner prior to the event.

Note: Schools should provide at least a one-week notice or as much advance notice as possible of a scrimmage to the Assignment Commissioner. As many scrimmages are scheduled in the afternoon, the pool of available officials to work those scrimmages, either assigned or voluntary, will be limited. The Policy is posted on the website.

Questions regarding the Central CT Board 6 scrimmage fee policy should be directed to the Board 6 Secretary/Treasurer, Tony Lopes at tonylo14@sbcglobal.net

Executive Committee Elected Positions-

There will be three At-Large Executive Committee positions available for election at the Annual Meeting on March 22, 2017. If you became a member of Board 6 during 2011 or earlier, you are eligible to run. Also, the position of Second Vice-President will be available for election to a four year term to move through the chairs. If you became a member of Board 6 during 2009 or earlier, and have previously served an At-Large EC position, you are eligible to run.

CIAC Official's Association-

At the Spring meeting we were advised that the background checks went very well. We were also reminded that all new candidates must consent to the CIAC background check to be eligible to officiate in CT. The Official's Association will not be extending membership to anyone not submitting a background check consent form or passing the background check. *In accordance with the background check policy, officials that get arrested for crimes that could result in jail time must report it to their local board and CIAC immediately.* Secretary Lopes is the Board's liaison to CIAC.

In Closing-

When I think of Bd. #6, I think of "Tradition of Excellence". As your President, I am humbled and honored to be leading this great organization. I look forward to connecting with our membership to create a "Positive", Proactive & Professional Culture. A culture that will promote Cooperation and Change. Last year, I discussed "MOVE" Mobility, Opportunity, Visibility and Excellence. As we enter our third year of the COT transition period, I am confident we are MOVING in the right direction. I thank you in advance for supporting the efforts of our COT, EC, board committees and my year as President. In conclusion: John Maxwell, Leading authority on Leadership has a great book I recommend you pick up and read. "Sometimes you Win and Sometimes you Learn". We won't be perfect but we will continue to learn. Let's Win - Let's Learn. Wishing you only the best 2016-17 season.

It's not too early to consider preseason conditioning. A physical exam is always a good idea. I look forward to seeing you all soon. If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at andrew.savo@ge.com

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President