



"Making A Difference In The Game"

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT BOARD # 6

One Rule + One Mechanic + One Interpretation = the Board #6 Way

September 6, 2011

Dear Board # 6 Official,

We will open the 2011-2012 season with our **Interpretation Meeting on Wednesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. at East Catholic High School. Arrivals after the Interpreter begins will not receive credit.** You must attend an interpretation meeting in order to be eligible to officiate this season. If you cannot attend the Board # 6 meeting, the dates of the other board meetings are listed below. Remember, you must secure a written attendance confirmation from the Secretary of the Board where you attended and send it to Bd. 6 Secretary Lopes ASAP.

Board 7 - Thursday, October 27, 7:00 pm - Fairview Farm Golf Course - Harwinton
Board 8 - Sunday, October 30, 9:00 am – Norwich Free Academy, Gym
Board 9 - Thursday, October 27, 7:30 pm Bunnell High School - Stratford
Board 10 – Sunday, November 13, 8:15 am Lyman Hall HS - Wallingford

Board # 6 meeting dates: all of which will be at **East Catholic High School** are as follows:

Wednesday, October 19, 2011	@ 7:00 pm	Interpretation meeting
Wednesday, November 30, 2011	@ 7:00 pm	Regular meeting
Sunday, January 8, 2012	@ 10:00 am	Regular meeting
Sunday, February 5, 2012	@ 10:00 am	Regular meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 2012	@ 7:00 pm	Annual meeting
Exam Refresher Meeting – <u>Required!</u>		See dates in packet at Interpretation meeting

Bread and Butter Clinic Dates: October 12, 17, 25, 27, November 1 and 3. All sessions will be held at St. Mary's School, 652 Willard Ave., Newington, CT. See the letter from the Training and Mechanics Committee, below, for more detailed information.

Change of address/telephone/email: Notify Secretary, Tony Lopes and Commissioner, Ed Lynch immediately. Please add tonylo14@sbcglobal.net to your address book.

Financial Obligations for 2012-13 – Due to the number of members not satisfying their financial obligations on time this Spring, the Executive Committee has instituted some financial policy changes. The changes have no effect on those who comply on time.

- >Membership Dues will be due by **March 1, 2012**. The amount will be announced at the February meeting. The late fee will be **\$50** for postmarks after March 1.
- >Assignment Fee and Fines will be due by the Annual Meeting on **March 21, 2012**. The late fee will be **\$50** for postmarks after March 21.
- >Members not satisfying financial obligations by **April 4, 2012**, two weeks after the Annual Meeting, will not be eligible for December assignments. Members not satisfying financial obligations by **May 4, 2012**, will not be eligible for assignments for the entire 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: At this time, all members who expect to officiate this season should have all of their pertinent information on the Arbiter. Remember the new site for arbiter is www.arbitersports.com. Please go to this site well before the season begins to iron out any problems you may have. Review your availability frequently. All of your blocked dates must be done on the Arbiter. Please keep the commissioner informed at all times.

Rules & Mechanics Refresher Exams – These exams will be in your packet at the interpretation meeting. **You must attend one of these refresher exam meetings. It is mandatory! Failure to attend will result in a loss of 6 points (5 for the exams and one for the meeting itself) from your ratings total for 2011-12 season.** There is absolutely no other option. You must attend a refresher exam! Please be on time for all meetings.

Uniform: Black and white striped collarless shirt with American flag centered 1” below the neckline on the rear, black pants, socks, and shoes, and Board # 6 jacket. Do not order the IAABO jacket from Honig's. The jacket, bags and certain apparel can be ordered through Tim Vincent at the Interpretation meeting. Reminder, all members must use a jacket with the new Board 6 logo beginning with the 2015 season. IAABO apparel and patches can be ordered from Honig's in Suffield. You can visit their web site by going to www.honigs.com . We will again try to have Honig's attend an early business meeting, as they did last year.

High School Starting Dates - Public Schools: Girls – December 7, Boys – December 14
Prep Schools – first week in December.

Fees for 2011 - 2012: Varsity - \$88.84 Sub-Varsity - \$57.61

Study the rules and proper mechanics. Seriously consider attending the Bread and Butter sessions. They are an excellent way to prepare for the season.

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

Option A

- Only scrimmages that are scheduled **directly** through the Board 6 Assignment Commissioner will be **assigned** officials. A scrimmage fee, paid to the officials working the scrimmage, will be expected for all scrimmages **assigned** by the Assignment Commissioner.
- Schools will be expected to pay a total of \$100 per scrimmage. If two officials work the scrimmage, they would be paid \$50 each. If more than two officials work, then the \$100 would be shared among them. The schools will be responsible for paying each official their share. Officials working a scrimmage alone should be paid \$75.
- Officials should not be asked to work more than two (2) hours and/ or six (6) periods per scrimmage. If they 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.

Option B

- Schools may make their own arrangements with officials to work scrimmages for a mutually agreed upon fee.

Executive Committee Openings – There will be three At-Large positions available for election at the Annual Meeting on March 21, 2012. If you became a member of Board 6 during 2006 or earlier, you are eligible to run.

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.

I'm already looking forward to the upcoming season, and I hope you are as well. Please take the time to review the committee assignments as posted on our website. 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.

Chris Kelly
President