

IOA NEWSLETTER

Spring 2007-08

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you over the next two years in the capacity as President of the largest officials association in Indiana. There are numerous issues affecting officials in central Indiana that need to be addressed in my term of office.

First of all, attracting new and young officials to your IOA ranks, improving the way the IOA services its members, assisting in the advancement in the IHSAA tournaments, and having the individuals in the IOA that are assigning athletic contests for local schools working together to assist our membership in getting games and improve their skill level. We are beginning to make progress in these areas. Past President, Jim Disney, has made a presentation to a coaching class at Butler University and it was received very favorably.

Secondly, it will be my task to improve relationships between our Association and the IHSAA and other officials associations around the state. Much can be said about the way officials are assigned or not assigned to a tournament sport for the IHSAA. Hopefully, this can be improved to the point more officials are satisfied with the way the assignment process is handled. Cooperative involvement with other associations around the state on these issues could be very beneficial in influencing the IHSAA.

Thirdly, we need more involvement from our membership in supporting the IOA Charity Golf Outing. If you know of possible hole sponsors or door prize contributors, please contact me or Earl Ridlen (Golf Committee Chairman) regarding these possible contacts. We also need your help and support for our different committees. If you have an interest to serve, please let me or one of the Board members know of your desire. It is a two way street, what can our Association do for its members, but also, what can its members do for the Association to make it better and stronger.

Lastly, it is my desire that veteran officials spend more time assisting officials that WANT to improve their skill level and thus have the opportunity to advance on the tournament ladder. Conversely, new and younger officials must make the effort to receive the advice from older and more seasoned veteran officials and apply it to their officiating. Unfortunately, many young officials are not spending time watching or asking questions of veteran officials on how to improve their overall game. We are in officiating, I hope, for the service of the athlete at what ever level. Whether it is the NFL, Mr. Baltz, or an elementary game. A 1A game or a 4A game. The athletes need and deserve the same quality of officiating. Also, congratulations to those IOA officials that have made the IHSAA tournament or have advanced in the 2006-2007 school year. Best of luck in the 2007-2008 season. Hopefully, you will see the IOA Association working for you. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve you over the next two years as President.

IOA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS 2007-08

OFFICERS:

President	John Yantis
Vice President	Bud Klumph
Secretary	Don Nester
Treasurer	Brad Brooks
Webmaster	Terry Magnuson

AT-LARGE MEMBERS:

Mark Baltz	Grady Smith
Dave Bolsega	Joe Stafford
Kevin Brown	Jerry Wallace
Bob Klein	

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following IOA members who were selected as Sport Consultants and Committee Chairmen:

SPORTS CONSULTANTS:

Baseball	Daniel Jimenez
Basketball	Jon Regashus
Football	Dave Hubele
Soccer	Max Clouse
Softball	Dave Bogard
Swimming	Mark Friend
Track/C.C.	Jeff Mohler
Volleyball	Ed Roush
Wrestling	Dave Nicholson

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Audit	Ray Tebbe
Benevolent	Ron Collier
Golf Tournament	Earl Ridlen
Membership	Kevin Lewis
Marketing	Mike Frech
Scholarship	Lee Thompson

UPCOMING RULES MEETINGS

Rules Interpretation Meetings – Meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Football	Monday	July 23	Lawrence Central
Soccer	Monday	August 6	Lawrence Central
Volleyball	Tuesday	August 7	Perry Meridian

CERTIFICATION CLINICS

Football	Saturday, July 21	(8:00 a.m.)	Warren Central
Volleyball	Saturday, August 4	(8:00 a.m.)	Capital Sports Center
(Capital Sport Center located at 1915 Gladden Road, Plainfield, IN)			

FROM THE SECRETARY

Please update your website personal information. **To update:**

Go into the IOA website at: www.ioaofficials.com

Then go to **member services**, then **your account**. Make the proper changes into your profile and when you have completed those changes click on **update**. Pay special attention to your email address, phone numbers and the sport(s) you officiate. Click into the proper box those sports you officiate, the level, and the status you officiate in that sport. If you are not a certified official, make sure you change the status information to registered. Also, please email me of any changes you make concerning email address, change of address and phone number changes.

Please update your open/closed dates. Many athletic directors and coaches are calling officials only to find out the official is closed.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Park Tudor High School** for winning the IOA 2006-2007 Sportsmanship Banner.

DON'T FORGET TO MAIL YOUR SPORTSMANSHIP CARDS!

The card is on the web-site, for your convenience, to print off and mail. I have received very few sportsmanship cards from the sports of Baseball, Softball and Track this season.

Please mail to: Don Nester, 6547 N. Ewing St., Indianapolis, IN. 46220

IOA Charity Golf Outing

The 2007 IOA Charity Golf Outing will be at Twin Bridges Golf Course in Danville. Plan now to reserve your foursome on Friday, July 20, 2007 at noon. Please check the IOA website for additional information. If you want to be involved with the Tournament, contact Earl Ridlen at 888-7300 (home) or 887-0737 (work). We are in need of sponsorships and door prizes for this great charity golf outing.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Football	Wednesday	August 1	Farm Bureau Building	7:00pm
Volleyball	Monday	July 16	CYO Center	6:00pm
Soccer	Wednesday	July 11	CYO Center	7:00pm

IOA WEBSITE

Remember to update your website personal information and email Don Nester your changes too. If you have advanced in any level in tournament series in baseball, softball or track this year, please let me know by an email to: donioa@sbcglobal.net (*example*) *first sectional, first regional, first semi, anyone that worked state finals.*

See Attached: IOA Football Class