



THE OFFICIAL WORD

Give to Officiating and It Will Give Back

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Officiating is a tough business. If it were easy, everyone would do it.

There are many pitfalls that mentally weigh on you: lack of quality assignments, unprofessional partners, time away from home and family, association politics, coach's

scratch lists ... the list goes on and on. Each one could be a reason to quit officiating. In fact, many who do quit cite those things and others as major factors.

The hard truth is, those things equate to ready-made excuses for failure. The officiating business is no different than life itself:

There are good days and bad days. Those who quit officiating without really getting into it have probably moved on to something else in their lives. Odds are, they'll quit that, too.

You've got so many people beating you up mentally in officiating that it
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Another Upgrade of the IOA Web Site

By Terry Magnuson, Web Master

The IOA is continually seeking to improve the association Web site. One new feature is that each member can now have his/her picture included in their personal profile. This feature enables members, athletic directors, and coaches to "put a name with a face." (Check out the pictures of our officers and board members on our site).

I will be at various meetings during the year to take members' photos to be added to the site. As an

added incentive, those with an e-mail address listed in their profile will get their pictures on site first. If you have not included your e-mail address under your



profile, then please do so, or send the address to me.

If you would like to submit your own photo (jpeg is preferred) and/or e-mail

address, please send them by e-mail to webadmin@ioaofficials.com

You may have noticed that the site was under construction during part of June and July. Unfortunately, due to some technical difficulties, all the proposed improvements have not been completed.

In the next few months look for the following approved updates:

- 1. Football Crew Chief function:** This will permit AD's and officials to do a

IOA Board of Directors

- Phil Vidito, President
- Jim Disney, President-Elect
- Tim Maguire, Vice President
- Bob Klein, Secretary
- Brad Brooks, Treasurer
- Mark Baltz
- Mike Bohan
- Mike Furnish
- Don Nester
- Ed Roush
- Jerry Wallace
- John Yantiss
- Terry Magnuson, Web Master

IOA Financial Report 2003-2004

Here is an accounting of Indiana Officials Association expenses and revenues for 2003—2004.

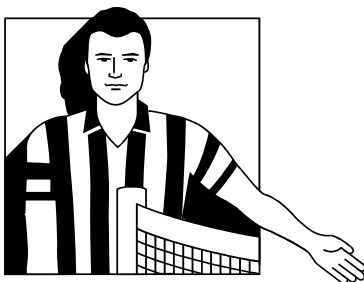
INCOME

Book advertisers	1,095.00
Banquet guests	345.00
Uncategorized income	75.00
Football Class	220.00
Golf Tournament	7,652.00
IOA Merchandise	145.00
Interest (Bank)	10.67
Membership Dues	18,050.00
Membership—Retired Officials	105.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$27,697.67

EXPENSES

Banquet Awards	567.00
Banquet Meals	5,163.42
Board of Directors Meetings	903.05
Computer Expenses	1,241.00
Flowers/Gifts	273.72
Football Class	220.18
Golf Tournament Costs	5,755.22
IOA Merchandise	96.15
Insurance Bond	100.00
Membership Refund	70.00
Phone	17.86
Postage	2,101.26
Printing	4,570.90
Stipends for Officers (3)	3,750.00
Student Scholarships (2)	1,000.00
Sports Meetings	671.53
Miscellaneous	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$27,236.12

93.3% of your \$35 membership fee goes directly to IOA program costs. The remaining 6.7% defrays administrative costs.



IOA Volleyball Chairperson Dan Ihrle (577-8495) has arranged a series of meetings for volleyball officials to review rules, mechanics, and game situations.

2004 IOA VOLLEYBALL

Dates: Wednesdays

Time: 7:00 pm

Site: CYO Center
(580 E. Stevens St.)

▶ **August 11**
New Rules Review (at
Damon's, 21st & Shadeland)

▶ **August 18**
Game Administration, Court
Protocol, Legal Equipment

▶ **September 1**
Offense, Back Row Players

▶ **September 8**
Test Review

▶ **September 22**
Illegal Alignment, Screening

▶ **October 13**
Substitution, Conduct, Pre-
Tourney Review

2004 IOA FOOTBALL

IOA Football meetings include guest presenters, video study, rules discussions, and position breakouts.

Dates: Wednesdays

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Site: Farm Bureau Insurance (225 S. East Street, Indy)

▶ July 28

Pre-game & 10 Helpful Hints

▶ August 4

Scrimmage Plays—Goal Line

▶ August 11

Coaches Panel

▶ August 18

Understanding Keys

▶ August 25

Covering the Kicking Game

▶ September 8

IHSAA Exam Review

▶ September 15

Penalty Enforcement

▶ September 29

Officials Panel “How to make it to the State Finals”

IMPORTANT NOTES

Focus on Mechanics. The IOA has purchased a supply of NASO Football Officials Guidebooks. 2005 meetings will focus on proper mechanics, using the guidebook as the basis. Books are \$20 while they last.

Schedule. Bring your calendar to meetings. There will frequently be opportunities to sign up for games prior to the meeting. The first meeting will also serve as an opportunity to register your crew’s open dates for the next few years, or your interest in joining if you are not currently a member of a crew.

Development Program. Dave Hubele and Randy Effner will coordinate a program for newer officials, that will take place during the last 30—45 minutes of each meeting.



Uniform Donations. If you have useable officials uniform equipment, bring it to a meeting and we will see it’s made available to newly-licensed IOA football officials.

Novice Class Successful. A record 23 new officials participated in the IOA Football Class under the tutelage of Jim Disney during June and July.

IOA Football Committee

Mike Furnish (chair)
Jim Disney
Randy Effner
Brian Fedje
Bud Klumph
Dave Hubele
Joe Jennings
Tim Maguire
Joe Stafford
Dave Westol

Help a New Official

If you have useable, clean football officials gear, bring it to an IOA Football meeting.

We’ll see it gets distributed to newly-licensed IOA members.

Clean Out Your Closet!

Another Upgrade of the IOA Web Site

search (by month, date, year) to find the crew chiefs that are open. This will also permit each crew chief to update his open dates.

2. Calendar update feature: This will speed opening up all the closed dates in a given week and/or month by each member.

3. Email distribution lists: This will provide our associa-

tion with a quick way to send a message out to every member or to members that officiate/umpire a specific sport. Note: Distributions on this list will be done as blind copies from the Web Master.

4. Calendar Search & e-mail: After searching for a list of open officials for a given date, the member will be able to select which offi-

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cials to send an e-mail to by checking a box by the member’s name. The member can then send an e-mail to the list of open officials.

If you haven’t done so for a while, check out the IOA Web site at ioaofficials.com. It can be a real tool in supporting your officiating career.



825 Bayside Drive
Greenwood, IN 46143

Football
knickers don't
fit anymore?
Check out page 3
for an idea that
will save you
having to go on
a diet!

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can be difficult to see the job through. Have you ever asked yourself in anger after an especially tough game, "Who needs this?" When you stop and think about all that officiating gives to you, the answer is, "You do."

Officiating gives you a chance to shape the lives of young people. It gives you a chance to remain active in a sport you love. It gives you a chance to ensure ethics, sportsmanship and fair play remain important factors in your life and the lives of others. It gives

you a chance to be a positive role model. It teaches and reinforces your responsibility, a work ethic and professionalism. If you're really into officiating, officiating gets into you. Fight through the officiating world's critics and cynics that eat at you daily. You are performing an admirable service for others by giving of yourself.

You are a better person for officiating. Believe in officiating. The lessons you've learned through officiating will help you through difficult times.

2004-2005 IHSAA Certification Dates

Mark Your Calendar

Soccer

Sat., Aug 7	8:30 a.m.	North Central
Sat., Aug. 14	8:30 a.m.	Brownsburg

Basketball

Sun., Oct. 31	8:30 a.m.	Lawrence C.
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Swimming

Thurs., Nov. 4	6:00 pm.	Hamilton SE
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Softball

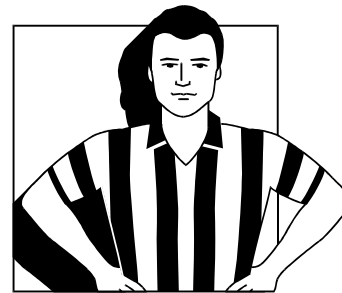
Sun., March 13	1:00 p.m.	Ben Davis
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Track

Sun., March 13	2:00 p.m.	Lutheran
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IOA BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CLASS

Become a licensed basketball official



Indiana Officials Association (IOA) members Don Nester and Jim Fish, with the permission of the IOA and the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), will be conducting a basketball officials class. This class prepares any prospective official who is about to take the licensed National Federation High School /IHSAA basketball official's exam. Our students have been 99.9% successful in passing the basketball official's test.

Classes will be held at the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Center; 580 E. Stevens Street; Indianapolis, IN 46203; for five consecutive weeks on *Thursday nights*, beginning on **September 9, 2004, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.**

Your two choices to take the IHSAA basketball exam are:

1. **Thursday October 7, 2004**, at 7:00 p.m. during this class.
2. September 27, 2004 at the location you listed on your application card from the IHSAA.

The opportunity for you to attend clinics, officiate junior-high and CYO basketball games will be announced during our class sessions.

Cost: \$25.00

Please return application and check as soon as possible to Don Nester at 6547 N. Ewing St; Indianapolis, IN 46220-3746

If you have any questions call Jim 849-9594 or Don 466-0092 (after 5:00 pm)

IOA Basketball Class Dates:

- September 9
- September 16
- September 23
- September 30
- October 7 (Exam)

All classes 7—9 pm



IOA Basketball Class Registration

INDIANA OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Return to:

Don Nester
6547 N. Ewing Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220-3746

Name

Street

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Check payable to
Don Nester

Class is determined
by enrollment