

South Central Minnesota Soccer Officials Association
Virtual Postseason Meeting
October 11, 2020
6:30 PM

Present: Jerry Baerg, Fatih Bektas, Myron Fluegge, Josh Forsythe, Lee Ganske, Tom Gjersvig, Charles Gray, Scott Hoffman, Peter Jarnstrom, Minh Lu, Brandon Pashina, Tim Perrizo, Jim Roy, Joe Schleis, Chris Yarger

Opening Remarks

Scott called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and thanked members for their service during a particularly challenging season.

He spoke about the benefits that associations provide and how much he had learned during his four years as president of SCMSOA.

He encouraged members to consider serving on the board. Elections for president and secretary will take place via SurveyMonkey later this fall.

Scott also asked members to help recruit more youth and high school soccer officials for the future.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members approved the minutes of the August 16, 2020 preseason meeting.

Officers' Reports

Reports were posted in advance at the SCMSOA website.

Assigning

Jerry thanked members for their flexibility during the regular season, which featured numerous schedule changes due to COVID-19.

He reported that all section matches, including the finals, would be played at the home fields of the higher seeded teams. Sites will include Bloomington, Chaska, Faribault, Mankato/North Mankato, Marshall, New Ulm, St. Peter, Victoria, Waconia, Waseca, and Worthington so SCMSOA will need officials who can travel to those locations.

He also clarified postseason payment procedures:

- Officials should submit standard vouchers to all host schools.
- Referees also should submit the supplemental table of travel fees that's available at SCMSOA's website when they officiate at cities that are not listed on the voucher.
- If host school staff are not familiar with the voucher system, refer them to Jerry.

Section Playoffs

Tom and Jim reviewed rules and procedures for section matches:

- COVID-19 protocols remain in effect.
- The mercy rule used during the regular season will continue during the section tournaments. The clock shall run continuously whenever one team has a lead of five or more goals.
- Overtime shall consist of a single 20-minute, sudden victory period. The referee stops play at the 10-minute mark, teams switch ends, and play resumes immediately; no break.
- If the game remains tied, kicks from the penalty mark shall determine the winning team. All players are eligible to participate except any who were disqualified during the game. Ten different players from a team must kick before any may kick again. At least two officials should record the kickers' jersey numbers and the results of the kicks.
- There was discussion about how many players should be allowed on the field during kicks from the penalty mark. The next day, MSHSL clarified that only five players at a time (the ones selected to kick) may be on the field for each team. They must wear masks except when they kick. All other players and coaches shall remain off the field, with masks.

Questions vs Threats

Jim explained that the names of match officials are part of the public record so it is not referee abuse if coaches ask for that information after games. However, stating that they want to know so they can report the officials constitutes threatening behavior for which referees can disqualify coaches. Report ejections to MSHSL and to the assignor.

Gift Cards

The meeting was held via Zoom so the association could not provide pizza as is customary during in-person membership meetings. Instead, Tom drew the names of five participants from a hat. (Board members were not eligible.) Fatih, Josh, Lee, Brandon, and Joe won \$10 gift cards from Dairy Queen.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.