

NEWS – AUGUST 11, 2008

WELCOME – CLASS OF 2008

The following men have completed their rookie training for membership in the KVFOA:

Charles McCoy	Terry Wass
Bill Gillispie	Dan Bishop
Derek Thomas	Joe Rector
Dan Walters	

Let's all make sure to get these guys working in scrimmages and games.

SUPPORT FOR BLAKE

After the WVSSAC Clinic in Charleston, all donations were combined and a check was drawn for \$677 and given to Blake to help defray his medical expenses.

We are not finished. Our support of Blake, moral and financial, needs to continue. Thanks for your support and let's continue to show him we care.

HS SCRIMMAGES START AUGUST 16TH.

On the homepage of the website, you'll see a schedule of local scrimmages.

If you are scheduling scrimmages and want additional officials to help, please e-mail the webmaster.

If you aren't working, go watch a scrimmage. I suggest you take your equipment bag with you because you could be asked to work.

Either way, it's a great way to prepare.

ATTENTION ROOKIE OFFICIALS: Fred McPherson tells me you are required to attend the scrimmage at George Washington HS on August 16th at 10:00 am. Contact Fred or webmaster if you have any questions.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF MECHANICS

You received a mechanics test in your packet from the WVSSAC.

Spend some time and test your mechanics knowledge and prepare to do your best this season.

Fred has provided the answer key on the homepage so you can check your answers.

AT THE CLINICIAN TAB

You'll see a couple of items worth reviewing.

One is a piece on pass interference that Dean Thomas recommended we publish. Dean received it at this year's Interpreters' Clinic in Parkersburg.

The other is a slide presentation from the NF Football Rules Interpreters' Clinic in July addressing 2008 NF Manual Changes and Recommendations.

GRASSROOTS FUNDING PROGRAM FOR DAN GREEAR

As you may already know, Dan Greear won the Republican nomination for West Virginia Attorney General.

Dan's campaign has started a grassroots funding program to help fund his efforts. The program has set a goal of \$100,000 by September 15th and participation starts at only \$20.

If you want to learn more about Dan's campaign, please see his website at www.dangreear.com.

RETIREMENT NEWS

Apparantly, I retired Mark Holtsclaw too soon. He's back and ready to work. Glad to see Mark back.

OPEN DATES – 2008

All crews check 2008 Open Dates on the homepage to make sure it is accurate. If not, e-mail the webmaster.

And to all officials: make sure to update your schedule on the website to show open and closed dates. To do this, select Scheduling from the homepage, and under Officials Only select Edit Schedule. I have filled games by going to Scheduling and View Open Officials by Date and finding the available officials.

WVSSAC RULES CLINIC

The Make-Up for the WVSSAC Rules Clinic will be at the WVSSAC's office in Parkersburg on Wednesday, August 13th and it will cost \$10.

Below is a piece from the 2008 – 2009 WVSSAC Officials' Handbook:

Clinic Attendance

The WVSSAC conducts a series of rules clinics each year throughout the State. Each official is required to attend this yearly clinic in the sport he or she is registered. Officials registration will not be valid if the official fails to attend a WVSSAC sponsored rules clinic for the current year in the sport of registration.

Any person arriving more than ten minutes late from the scheduled start time shall be given a card that will be stamped with "Appeal." This person shall set forth the reasons for his/her late arrival at the clinic, and within five (5) days from the date of the clinic, a decision will be rendered by the WVSSAC as to whether this official will be given credit for the clinic. If the reason for tardiness is not accepted, then this official will be required to attend another clinic of this sport.

Additional Option For Clinic Attendance

The rules for officials currently provide that if an official fails to attend a WVSSAC sponsored rules clinic for the sport for which he or she is registered, the official will be suspended for the current year. The Board of Directors has also approved the following:

If an official fails to attend a regularly scheduled clinic or the scheduled make-up clinic for the sport for which he or she is registered, the official will be suspended for the current year. However, the official may be reinstated for the current year upon paying a fee of \$100.00 and attending a special videotaped makeup clinic at the WVSSAC office in Parkersburg. Clinic attendance for a given year must be accomplished on or before the first playing date in that sport to have credit for attending the clinic and to be eligible to officiate during that year.

TESTS ARE COMING UP

Your Part I Test is due at the August 11th meeting. Check under Attendance to confirm that Fred has given you credit for turning in your test.

The place of the meeting will change on August 18th for the KVFOA Rules Meeting (6:00 pm) and Part II Test (7:30 pm). It will be at St. Albans HS.

OHIO/WEST VIRGINIA – MASON DIXON CLINIC ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Please see the homepage for information on this Clinic.

GAME FEES

Fred has given me a minimum fee schedule for officials working in the KVFOA. You will find it on the homepage of the website.