

Who Assigns Games?

New officials initially gain experience working sub-varsity games. In addition, chain crew assignments on Friday nights provide valuable insight into officiating. With these efforts, new officials learn the basic rules and officiating mechanics. Experience takes time and effort.

Sub-varsity games are assigned by area secretaries. These men coordinate the sub-varsity games in different areas of the chapter. You will contact them to schedule games.

Sub-varsity games are scheduled Monday through Thursday evenings (Start times range from 4 to 5:30 PM).

The majority of the time you will be working 2 games at each assignment. You will be asked to work games in a variety of areas. This gets you good exposure to more officials and coaches.

Pee Wee games are not directly associated with our chapter, but are typically assigned by members of our chapter who work with the various leagues. These games provide a great training ground for new officials.

Do I Have To Attend Meetings?

Yes! Meetings are a very valuable tool. There will be full Chapter meetings that are held on Monday nights in Commerce starting at 6:00 throughout the season. During the season we will hold satellite meeting in your local area.

Will I Be Trained?

New member training sessions are taught each year. There are sessions both in the off-season and during the season. Training is done in the classroom and on the field. The best training you can get is during the scrimmage season. Please join early enough to be a part of as many scrimmages as you can attend.

What Does It Pay?

Sub-varsity game fees are determined by the University Interscholastic League. Most schools will have you fill out a pay sheet and will then mail you a check within 2-3 weeks. Some schools pay cash. Sub-varsity game fees range from \$30-\$45 per game. Varsity games range from \$65-\$180.

What Do I Need To Purchase?

Uniforms can be purchased at chapter meetings as well as several places in the metroplex and through various mail-order suppliers. Expect to spend approximately \$175.00 for a complete uniform (with solid black cleats).

How Do I Get Promoted?

Members are ranked based on points accrued by working games. There are 5 divisions with 5 being where new members start and 1 being the top division. It will usually take at least 2 years to move up to division 4 depending on how many games you work.

There are several ways to earn points, including the score on your rules test, educational clinic attendance, including the State Rules Meeting, and contest units for games worked in the previous year.

Does It Cost Anything To Join?

To join the state organization (TASO) and our chapter (CFOA), you will be required to pay a total of \$35.00 for your first season. The TASO Application Dues are \$35 and are paid on-line. Go to www.taso.arbitersports.com/front/108835/registration to pay the TASO dues. The CFOA will waive the local chapter dues for first year officials.

To renew your dues after the first year you will be required to pay the state organization (TASO) dues of \$60.00 and our Chapter (CFOA) dues of \$35.00. All dues will need to be paid by February 1st or a late fee will be added.

These dues cover the necessary administrative and operating costs of the various organizations, rulebooks, and access to the websites where there are current NCAA Football Rules and Interpretations book, current Mechanics Manuals, and a current DFOA directory of officials and schools.