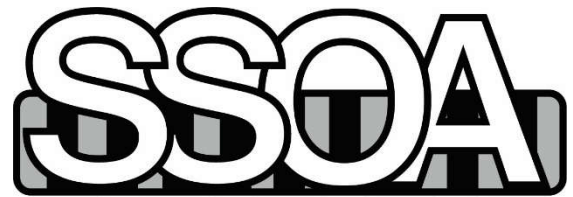


SSOA Football Newsletter

Keeping our members informed and connected to information about rules, mechanics, education opportunities, philosophies & IHSA information

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**SOUTH SUBURBS
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2017 SSOA Football Division Meeting Schedule

**Meetings at Gaelic Park, 6119 W 147th St, Oak Forest
Carrig Pub entrance, meeting room posted in lobby.
5 meeting dates: Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

August 2	6:30p 7:00p	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>Pre-Game.....Open Discussion, your questions or topic>Announcements, Introductions>Acknowledge IHSA Playoff Officials & Special Awarded SSOA Officials>IHSA Report...what you need to know...Top 15 changes, snapshot date, and more>IHSA Mandated Mechanics....Gary Grohovena will describe the required mechanics changes & review basic accepted mechanics for your crew's pre-season discussions.>Touchdown...Touchback...Safety...ball in the EZ what do you got?!...Ken Kollath, our resident expert on this topic gives a lively presentation & "on-field" demonstration covering all aspects of the topic.>Networking with Crews...for those looking to work with a sophomore or varsity crew, an opportunity to talk to crew chiefs and crew members about the possibilities.
August 9	6:30p 7:00p	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>Pre-Game.....Open Discussion>Mechanics Round Table - our popular interactive session on crew mechanics.4 separate tables, Referee, Umpire, Back Judge, Wings, discuss accepted mechanics for working that position. Each table will have a veteran official to lead the discussion but the goal is to answer questions and share your own experiences and tips about that particular position. The session repeats for the opportunity to participate in the discussion for 2 different positions.>Part 1 Test Review...we will review the first 15-20 questions, and throw in some twists. You need to have worked on and answered those questions prior to attending.
August 16	6:30p 7:00p	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>Pre-Game....Open Discussion>Pass Interference – State Final Back Judge Steve McLaughlin reviews elements of OPI & DPI as we review game film and get the opportunity to make the call.>Extending the Period/Carry Over Fouls – Ken Kollath takes us through the nuts & bolts of this aspect of certain fouls....these are enforcements we've just got to get right!>Free Blocking Zone – Gary Grohovena describes an area loaded with exceptions to the rules.>Part 1 Test Review...we will review questions 21-45 or so...have your answers ready for discussion
August 23	6:30p 7:00p	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>Pre-Game....Open Discussion.....>Preparing to take the Part 2 Test for Promotion>Game Film Review – IHSA Head Clinician & Conference Assignor Bill Laude leads this popular segment. A look at a variety of aspects of the game thru film review...you make the call!>Part 1 Test Review...we will complete the test...have your test filled out with answers ready
August 30	6:30p 7:00p	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>Pre-Game.....Open Discussion>Practical Pre-Game Tips for a Crew – 3 Time State Final Official Gregg Buchner leads 2 segments ...>Multi Level Preventive Officiating – How the better officials avoid more of the unusual situations.>First Touching – Gary Grohovena reviews the aspects of this "touchy" rule.>Awarding A New Series – Ken Kollath describes how this just might get complex.
October 25	6:30p	<ul style="list-style-type: none">>Annual Social...Traverso's Restaurant – 15101 S Harlem, Orland Park, Food & Beverages provided for our football officials. Share stories of the season; looking ahead to the playoffs...always a GREAT time to relax, mingle and laugh!