



SSOA Football Officials Newsletter

Keeping members informed and connected to information about rules, mechanics, resources, philosophies, assignments and IHSA information.

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SSOA Football Officials Meeting Schedule - 2025

Meetings @ Gaelic Park • 6119 W 147th St • Oak Forest • Carraig Pub entrance – Room Posted in Lobby
Wednesdays July 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, 27

Criteria to earn IHSA Level 2 Football Clinic Credit: FREE to paid SSOA members. Non-Members \$45.
Attendance is required at 2 specific meeting dates...Aug 6 & Aug 20...6:45-8:45p...must sign in AND out

- 6:30p • **Pre-Game**...July 30...Open Q & A, info meeting for newer officials...IHSA requirements...getting games...meet assignor
Aug 20...Going for promotion...how to take the Part 2 test
Aug 27...For varsity crews...what assignors & observers look for...crew advancement
- 6:45p • **Video Play of the Week**..... each meeting kicks off dissecting & discussing an interesting play.....*Simon Steiner*
- 7/30 • **Pass Interference**...is it DPI...OPI...Holding...you make the call...learn to identify it.....*Simon Steiner & Rob Jones*
• **IHSA Officials Manual Updates**.....*Gary Grohovea*
• **IHSA Officials Conference Report** • **Going for Promotion...X to R or R to C**
• **Arbiter Assignments & Info** • **HUDL game film program for Crews**
- 8/6 • **Rule Changes & Points of Emphasis for 2025**.....*Gary Grohovea, IHSA Clinician*
• **Elements of Penalty Enforcement**.....*Dave Klusachek*
• **Sideline Mgmt/Substitutions/Formations/Clock Mgmt**.....*Ken Kollath, IHSA Clinician*
- 8/13 • **Holding**...it's not always a foul...game film review...new IHSA philosophy emphasis.....*Gary Grohovea, IHSA Clinician*
• **IHSA Part 1 Test Review**...bring your answers for questions 1-35 for a group discussion...*Ken Kollath, IHSA Clinician*
- 8/20 • **Personal Fouls & Unsportsmanlike Conduct**.....*Ken Kollath, IHSA Clinician*
• **Pylon & Goal Line Plays**...is it TD...TB...Safety?*Dave Karpel*
• **Philosophy & Judgement**...safety fouls vs other foul...primary focus & responsibilities.....*Gary Grohovea, IHSA Clinician*
- 8/27 • **Mechanics**.....5 man crew.....3 man games....power point presentation on each position...3 man floor demo....
breakout discussions at separate tables by position.....*Gary Grohovea & Ken Kollath*
• **IHSA Part 1 Test Review**...bring your answers for questions 36-50 for group discussion...*Ken Kollath, IHSA Clinician*
- October • SSOA Football & Flag Football Member FREE Pizza Social...share stories of the season...congratulate members who earned playoff assignments...enjoy pizza & soft drinks with fellow officials...always an enjoyable evening...date & location TBA

FLAG FOOTBALL members meet Wednesdays Aug 6 & 13....6:00 – 6:45p (same room before Football mtg)

- Major Changes in Rushing & Blocking and the new 2025 Rule Book
- Common Penalties we shouldn't miss.....*Jasmine Arnold, IHSA Clinician*