

IEFOA Newsletter



Spring 2024

A few thoughts from your President

In an effort to stay engaged and keep you up to date throughout the year, I thought this news letter would be of benefit to you.

Your Board has been meeting monthly to discuss the up and coming year as well as discuss last years season of events. Our Assinger, Rick Jones, and Training Coordinator, Steve Felker, are already busy setting the table for the season and I certainly appreciate what they do for us. Also, our recruiting efforts have continued without pause.

I'm happy to say that we have again secured West Valley H.S. as our meeting location for training and general meeting location. We've also solidified the time and dates for those meetings which can be viewed on the iefoa web page (www.iefoa.com). The results of the survey you took last year let us know that you prefer the smaller groups when it comes to the video training so we're making every effort to make that a reality.

As the season nears, it's a good time to remember that we lost 3 great officials in the last 12 months. In the 2024 season and beyond we ask that you keep the families of Len Daniel, Dan Stewert and Justin Shipley in your thoughts and prayers. No official is replaceable. All we can do is dedicate ourselves to our craft in their honor.

Everyone stay safe this spring and summer. Will keep in touch!

Dan Barker

2024 Rule Changes

1-5-1b(3): Clarified Home Team Uniform Requirement For Each Player — The jerseys of the home team shall all be the same dark color(s) that clearly contrasts with white.

2024 EDITORIAL CHANGES

1-3-1b; 1-3-1i(5); 1-5-1a(1); 1-5-1d(5)a; 1-5-2b; 1-5-3b(6); 1-5-3c(6); 2-8; 2-32-16b, f; 9-5-1g; 9-8-1j; 9-8-3 PENALTY; 10-3-1c NOTE; 10-4; 10-5; NFHS OFFICIAL FOOTBALL SIGNALS; PENALTY SUMMARY; INDEX.

2024 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Sportsmanship and Altercation Prevention and Protocol
2. Player Equipment and Enforcement
3. Formations

East Valley 7th Grade Football wins the Tom Reser 2023 Sportsmanship Award.

East Valley teachers, students, coaches and parents gathered this March in a full gymnasium exclusively in recognition of the 7th grade football teams sportsmanship award. Our own Dale Potvin nominated the team and its coaches for this important award. The East Valley 7th graders won all their games this year but more importantly they “won the right way” Potvin said. “They respected their opponents as well as the coaches and officials.” We appreciate Dale taking the time to recognize this accomplishment as well as the time Tyler Zypf and Dale took out of their busy schedules to present the award to the proud team and student body. Keep your eyes peeled this upcoming season for a 2024 recipient.



We look forward to the return of last years “1st year Officials”.

We were fortunate to have a fairly sizeable group of 1st year officials for the 2023 season. Special thanks to Mr. Felker for taking in and training these officials deeeeeeeep into the season.

Welcome back, in no particular order: Randy Weatherbee, Richard Bates, Johnny “coaches never argue with me” Cummings, Josh Ashcroft, Sera Wiesen, Ben Hunt, Levi Culp, Craig Morris, Award Winner Tyler Ashcroft, Brett Peterson, Walter Wolf, Jeff Stilts, Derek Washburn, Billy Rask, Jeff Means, Tim Merrex and George Hietala. We’re so happy to have you back. (Make sure you have your photo uploaded on arbiter) 2024 Season here you come!

Spring Training Meeting Announced

Steve Felker asks that you come and join him **Monday May 13th, 7pm**, at **West Valley HS** to watch some video, review some rules, and meet some new officials.