

# GNOA New Official Checklist



## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN BECOMING A SPORTS OFFICIAL WITH GREATER NAPLES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION! WE ARE THRILLED YOU'VE CHOSEN TO JOIN US!**

OK you've taken that step forward and it can be a little confusing at first so let us simplify becoming an Official or Umpire. We want to make it as easy as possible for you so here you go on a step by step basis with this checklist: <http://gnoa.arbitersports.com/>

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 1. GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR GNOA SPORT REPRESENTATIVE**

You need to email your sport or sports administrator.

Here they are send them an email introduce yourself and give them your cell phone number.

**Volleyball:** Rob Wright rlwccm@aol.com

**Baseball:** Bryan Wild bwild@umpire.com

**Football:** Robb Mackett rmackett@comcast.net

**Softball:** Andrew Moser ajmoser1@gmail.com

**Basketball:** Carl Defurio ckdefurio@gmail.com

**Soccer:** Robert Murrell rmurrell@wpl-legal.com

**Wrestling:** Tige Thompson tthompson@marcocable.com

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 2. GET A JESSICA LUNSFORD BADGE**

You will need to get a background check from the Collier District School Board, and to obtain a Jessica Lunsford Badge that will be good for five years it costs \$96.35. You will carry this badge to all games in case they ask to see it. It is a statewide mandatory law to have one to officiate.

#### **Follow this order to get a badge:**

\_\_\_\_\_ a.) Tell your sport administrator your name, social security number and date of birth. He or she will submit this to the Collier District School Board.

**DO NOT GO YOURSELF TO THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD GO THROUGH YOUR SPORT ADMINISTRATOR.**

\_\_\_\_\_ b.) Within a few days of submitting your information to the Collier District School Board you will be notified by the sport administrator to make your fingerprinting appointment through this link: <https://fingerprint.fadv.com/fpWebApp/webPages/module/home/redirect.jsf>

You make your appointment with the place (it is currently a UPS store near the hospital) ONLINE! Our GNOA vendor number is lower case **cc1209** or if you are having problems with that scroll down through vendors to Greater Naples Officials Association. You will need to pay online with a credit card \$96.35.

Within about a week your sport administrator will go pick up your badge at the Collier District School Board and call you. **DO NOT GO YOURSELF TO THE COLLIER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.**

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 3. SIGN UP WITH THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Sign up with the FHSAA. Go to FHSAA.ORG. Click on Become an Official. Register for your sport and select Greater Naples Officials Association as your Primary Association. Pay the \$47.00.

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 4. ORDER YOUR GEAR**

There are several suppliers but we like to use Fred at Purchase Officials in the FT LAUDERDALE OFFICE not the 1800 number. That number is 954 990 5806. Fred will know exactly what you need for Naples to get started. Soccer uses jacqueline@scoresports.com. When you get to varsity level Troy Costain has the GNOA Basketball jackets and Football hats. Troy Costain troy@dgarrrettconstruction.com

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 5. JOIN THE ARBITER- <http://gnoa.arbitersports.com/>**

Make sure you accept an invitation to join the ARBITER. This is the ASSIGNING DEVICE WE USE TO GIVE YOU YOUR GAMES. You must accept the invitation and click READY TO BE ASSIGNED. If you have a conflict at a school like my child goes there or went there in the past four years, my wife teaches there, etc. ...you need to block that school. Your assigner can help you with that.

THE GAMES COME TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITHIN 24 HOURS ACCEPT OR DECLINE THEM. YOU MUST LOOK AT YOUR EMAILS DAILY DURING SEASON TO SEE IF YOU HAVE NEW GAMES ASSIGNED TO YOU.

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 6. SIGN UP FOR REF PAY ON THE ARBITER**

Go to REFPAY.COM and sign up with your bank account information and social security number to get paid. You will get paid about every month give or take a little time.

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 7. ATTEND EVERY MEETING AND TRAINING SESSION**

Take the time to learn! It takes years of work to become proficient at this not a month, not a year, but years of work to even be considered good at this and even then you will never officiate a perfect game. Be patient in your progress.

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 8. BE PROFESSIONAL AT ALL TIMES**

Accept your games quickly. Be properly dressed in a clean uniform. Be ahead of time not even on time. Communicate well so everyone knows you are reliable and you will be there on time. Treat every coach, administrator, athlete and fan with respect even if they don't treat you professionally all the time.

### **\_\_\_\_\_ 9. HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE GAME, THE ATHLETES AND YOUR FELLOW OFFICIALS.**

After you do this for a decade or longer you will learn one thing "It's not about the games you have done but the people you have met along the way."