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A Message from GNOA Football Secretary, Doug Ferenschak

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Hi All

Welcome Back I hope all of us and our families are healthy and OK !

Obviously we are in challenging times as it relates to football but the FHSAA is planning to proceed ahead with football as planned at least for now. It is an ever changing and ongoing situation. We are planning full speed ahead as though there will be a season and we need to be prepared as much as possible. There are no certainties as it relates to high school sports and we are in contact with the FHSAA for updates..

GNOA had a great offseason of online training and even did three statewide online training sessions for the FHSAA which were very well received by fellow officials across the state. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished together.

COVID 19

We all know there are inherent risks with Covid 19 as it relates to our meetings , training , and games. If you want to wear a mask please do so. We will try to keep as far apart as we can at all these sessions but we cannot guarantee any officials safety.. Every individual assumes their own risk in attending any and all training , meetings, games that GNOA entertains, if you are not comfortable attending or you think you are uncertain as to whether you will officiate due to the virus please email Robb Mackett the GNOA Assigner at rmackett@comcast.net so we can properly prepare. Again you assume your own risk by attending any organized sessions and games , and you cannot hold GNOA, our partner school districts , schools, or customers responsible for any illness related to Covid 19.

NEW FOOTBALL OFFICIALS

We have right now about 15 new football officials and a few transfer ins and we welcome them in Greater Naples Officials Association (GNOA).!

BRAND NEW OFFICIALS TRAINING will be:

Saturday July 11 at 9:00 AM

Saturday July 18 at 9:00AM

ON THE FIELD AT FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY NAPLES. These training sessions should last about an hour and a half ,wear a tshirt ,gym shorts, hat and bring a couple of water bottles with you. YOU MUST WATCH THE FHSAA GNOA NEW OFFICIALS TRAINING SESSION ON YOU

TUBE BEFORE YOU ATTEND ! Click here to see it <https://youtu.be/QJx18Mo17vE>

These meetings are vital to your progress as a new official. Some of you didn't even watch the FHSAA video we did which required a lot of effort to produce it , You cannot just show up to do games we won't allow that , and we have enough officials , if you're not entirely committed let Robb

Mackett know by emailing rmackett@comcast.net .

For new officials to get your gear you need to contact Fred at Purchase Officials 954 990 5806. Do not call the 1 800 number use this number and tell Fred you want the GNOA Naples package.

See below for a Jessica Lunsfird Badge which you will all be required to get. as soon as possible.

ALL GNOA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS INCLUDING NEW OFFICIALS

Our training for all officials is set FOR A NEW VENUE AS OF NOW IT WILL BE AT FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY NAPLES MONDAY NIGHTS STARTING AT 6:00 PM SHARP IN THE STUDENT CENTER.

First session

MONDAY JULY 13 at 6:00PM SHARP followed by four successive Monday nights all at 6:00 PM SHARP July 20 , July 27, August 3 and August 10. We want you to attend at least three of these five meetings ,though you should attend all training sessions and consideration on varsity crews and playoffs will be taken into consideration.

JESSICA LUNSFORD BADGES

Every official must have a valid Jessica Lunsford Badge to step on a field , they are valid for five years and they take time to get . The GNOA Coordinator for JLB Badges is LeRoy Huenefeld.You must contact LeRoy first to get a badge at lhuenefeld@aol.com or 239 331 6750..LeRoy will guide you through the process. It is taking up to a month to get these badges so get on this now all new officials and those veterans that have been informed to get a new JLB Badge by LeRoy previously. DO NOT WAIT the season is just over a month away. .

SEE YOU ALL SOON , MOST QUESTIONS SHOULD GO THROUGH ROBB ,

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