

To: Football, Soccer, and Volleyball Officials

From: OHSAA Officiating Department

Re: Online Local Meetings through myOHSAA

Throughout the spring and summer, we heard from our fall sport associations regarding the issues they were facing in regard to scheduling their fall 2020 local association meetings. The three most frequent issues were:

- 1 - Normal meeting facility not allowing outside groups to meet
- 2 - Normal meeting facility not able to accommodate the typical meeting size with social distancing measures
- 3 - Officials did not feel safe meeting in indoor spaces with many people for an extended period of time

It quickly became evident that we would need to provide a statewide official's education solution for all fall sport officials.

Some associations have been able to book their normal facility, some associations have moved their meetings outdoors, and some associations are going to be able to provide online meetings for their members. However, there are a large number of associations that have not been able to adapt their needs during this pandemic.

As such, we have coordinated with our Directors of Officiating Development in the sports of football, soccer, and volleyball to coordinate with leaders in their sports from around the state to record a series of online local meeting for each sport. These recorded meetings will be made available through myOHSAA at no cost to officials. Each sport will have at least four (4) online local meetings available over the course of this project.

Officials will be emailed directly when an online meeting is available to them for their sport. The email will contain detailed directions on how to access the meeting and the window of time officials will be able to view the meeting. The meetings will each be posted for approximately one week, then removed from myOHSAA, and then officials will be credited for completing the meeting. The reason that the meetings will be removed after their "viewing window" is because these meetings are not automatically credited by the myOHSAA system (like the online State Rules Meetings), but rather require manual uploading of credit by the officiating department.

The online local meeting program is entirely separate from the online State Rules Meetings and its annual requirement.

Your associations may still choose to hold meetings this year, be it in-person or online. You can choose to attend as many meetings as you would like through your local association and/or the online meetings through myOHSAA. We realize this is not a perfect system, live meetings with dialogue and questions with presenters will always be superior to a recorded presentation. However, given the time frame and resources, we are proud to make this safe, educational option available to our officiating community.

We want to thank you for your continued dedication to interscholastic athletics during this difficult time. Have a great season!

