

To: OHSAA Officials

From: OHSAA Officiating Department

Re: May Update

1 - NASO Newsletter “Officiating During the COVID-19 Crisis”

National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) has put together a digital officiating newsletter for all officials to sharpen our skills during this unexpected offseason:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Officiating/news/Covid19Newsletter.pdf>

2 - Officials on the Frontline

Here are two articles written by OHSAA basketball official Mark Froelich about two OHSAA officials who are frontline professionals during this pandemic. April Largent is a basketball official and a nurse manager in Cleveland. Tony Santiago is also a basketball official and is a captain with the Toledo Fire Department.

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Officiating/news/AprilLargent.pdf>

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Officiating/news/TonySantiago.pdf>

3 – 2020-21 Officiating Renewals

In a typical year, officiating permit renewals would begin on June 1. If we have learned anything in 2020, this is not a typical year! Our office is reviewing changes to the renewal deadlines this year, please look for an email from our department outlining this year’s renewals by the end of this month.

4 – 2020-21 Spring Sport Preseason Mailing

Please keep the books from your 2019-20 spring sport preseason mailing, or the materials you received in class if you are a first year official. The NFHS has announced that there will be no rule changes for spring sports in 2020-21 school year, and they will not print 2020-21 rule or case books. Our office will be reducing renewal fees for spring sport officials for 2020-21, please keep an eye out for the renewal memo at the end of this month, which will outline fees and deadlines.

5 – Pandemic Unemployment Assistance for Independent Contractors

You should have received an email from our department at the end of April with information on filing for unemployment as an official, the memo can be found in full on our website at <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Officiating/EmailsToOfficials/UnemploymentInfo.pdf>. There are many factors that go into whether or not you will receive payment, and if so, how much. Any questions about the application process or payments should be directed to the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.

