CSOA “WORKING OUTSIDE THE LINES”

Venue Prep “101”
Reenergize the membership on CSOA’s mission

To address a weakness in CSOA’s support to the customer

Standardize CSOA procedures in and around the school venue’s but outside of the lines

Answer any questions
The Commonwealth Soccer Officials Association (CSOA) is an independent association of certified soccer officials. CSOA provides soccer officials to officiate at all levels of interscholastic competition in Northern and Northwestern Virginia including Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford Counties. These games are officiated in accordance with the rules of soccer set forth by the National Federation and the Virginia governing bodies for high school athletics.
WHAT ARE THE GOALS

- Independent Association, self governing operating within NF/VHSL framework

- Association goals:
  - Fair/Just fees to the schools – understand the fiscal environment – their constraints
  - Fair/Just pay for the Officials – constant increase annually
  - We provide a level of competency when officiating the games – tested, taught, certified, assessed - monitored
  - We will completely cover as much as possible with available resources – superior assigning skills
EXPECTATIONS

- All have knowledge - Rules/POE/Game Savvy
- We are working in an Educational Environment – teaching/learning paramount
- We are working in & creating a Safe Environment
- Hold the Association’s Goals above our own
- Believe in and follow a Code of Conduct
- Communicate the “good” and the “bad”
WHERE WE’RE MISSING

- Not getting the Venue prepared for the Match
  - Late arrival, no field check, delay in start time
- Not communicating with everyone required
  - School Personnel – Admin & Coaches/Players
  - Game officials (each other)
  - Assignor
- Making changes w/o authority – Wx, Time, Equipment
- Inconsistent application of the Rules/POE
- Not closing out the match completely
STANDARD PROCEDURES

- Call your teammates – coordinate everything you can
- Arrive with enough time to get all the admin done
- Do all of the following:
  - Check the field, the balls and ball persons
  - Talk to the timer/announcer
  - Talk to the game administrator
  - Talk to the trainer
  - Talk to the coaches and get their names
- Get the rosters
- Get the game started on time
- Foster a learning environment
- Provide a safe environment
- Work as a team
- Complete all the match requirements