

MTSOA Online Meeting minutes for April 30, 2023

66 referees attended the meeting

Board Members in attendance:

Tim Stewart - President

Coz Minutos - Assigner

Glen Garret - Member at Large

Jess Erickson - Secretary

Meeting started at 6:33 PM.

Jess Erickson:

Please continue to complete your reports in a timely manner. Thanks to any all who received a reminder to fill out missing reports. There will be another reminder this week going out so we can make sure all regular season reports are completed.

Tony Sheets:

Treasurer's report

Expenditures: \$750 for shirts to membership

Collections \$1265

Current Balance \$7991.95

Another Dues email will be coming out this week to anyone with outstanding dues.

Coz:

Playoffs are coming. Keep on top of games with player management and coach management. Update your arbiter and make sure you are blocked if needed on Saturdays as there will be several games. Some changes are coming through this week, but almost set. Keep up the good work everyone.

Tim:

This week is final week of regular season. All district games need to be completed this week.

If weather becomes an issue, all must be a little more flexible to work through any lightning delays. If you hear thunder or see cloud to ground lightning, the game should be suspended even if the schools use a detector or app to measure distance of lightning.

During district and regional matches. If a game is suspended during play in the first half, the match will be resumed at the time of the match. If the game is suspended after a completed half and unable to be completed the day of the match, TSSAA considers that a complete match. If there is a team in the lead and declared the winner. If tied and suspended, the match will be resumed at the point it was suspended to get a winner. Make sure the time that the game was suspended is included in any game reports for suspended games.

Please be aware of the amount of time spent with either team before the game before the matches. There was a complaint from a visiting coach that perceived that the official was overly familiar and friendly with the other team/coaching staff.

Do what you can to keep players on the field, but if they will not comply, play it by the book. If a player needs to be cautioned or disqualified, do it. The TSSAA considers the field as an extension of the classroom.

Know overtime procedures and make sure overtime and penalty kicks are conducted properly. The TSSAA will not overturn a final result if the referee screws it up, but it is embarrassing if we get it wrong.

Overtime procedures: If tied at end of regulation, there are to be 2 complete 10 minute periods played to completion. There is no golden goal. If the game remains tied after the additional 20 minutes, the winner will be determined by penalty kicks.

Both teams including coaches may be at midfield during the kicks. It is acceptable (and maybe preferable) to have the coaches and substitutes remain in their technical areas during the penalty kicks and only have the participants at half field.

The referee is to choose the goal to use during the tie-breaking penalty kicks. It is advisable to choose either the goal area in better condition or the one closest to the referee exits.

A coin toss determines which team will kick first. The winner of the coin toss can elect to kick first or second.

Teams alternate kickers. Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring the most goals is the winner.

If each team scores the same number of goals, each team will select five different kickers to participate in kicks from the penalty mark. Teams will kick in the same order as in the first set so no coin toss is conducted for this second set or any ensuing set of kicks. This second set is conducted in a sudden victory format – if one team scores and the other does not, the game is over.

If the score remains tied after the second set of kicks, each team will select any five kickers to participate in the third set of kicks. These kickers may have already participated in either the first or second set of kicks. This third set and any additional sets are to be played in a sudden death format. The 11th kicker may be the same as the 10th kicker since everything resets for the third set of kicks.

If a tie remains and a fourth set is needed, five players who have not participate in the third set must be selected.

Please consult page 85 in the NFHS rule book to go over tie-breaking procedure.

Fourth officials will be used during regional and sectional matches. Fourth official duties are outlined in the NFHS Rule book. The fourth official should remain fluid during the game and feel use thier presence and personality to diffuse any issues in the technical areas. The fourth official should help the referee as they request and control the technical areas and allow the AR1 to concentrate on the game.

Answer to a 2 group question: The fourth official is to stand to the right of the referee during walkout.

NFHS policy for socks is that the visiting team is to wear white socks and the home team to wear socks of a different color. If the socks are cut, you may report that in your game report, but the game should commence.

Tim:

Make sure that referee crew arrives 30 minutes before district games to ensure that there is adequate time for pregame and preparation.

Coz will appreciate a text immediately after the district matches with the results, so he can start on scheduling the next round right away.

Open questions were taken and answered by Tim:

Racial slurs are not tolerated and require a red card. Make sure the slur and the offender can be identified and be reported. Unfortunately, referees can not hear everything on the field, but need deal with it when encountered. Reports to TSSAA should include the player/staff and the exact wording of any offensive/abusive/racial language.

If disqualifying a coach or player, TSSAA handles any additional discipline. Referees are not to tell them what any suspension or further discipline may occur.

If any player or staff occurs a sendoff/disqualifying offense AFTER being disqualified for a second yellow, they can not be issued an additional red card, but an unusual occurrence report should be filed.

Disqualified players can remain on the bench under the coach's supervision, unlike USSF where the player is removed.

Thanks to all for a great regular season.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.