



AFOA Local Meeting - Agenda

07/26/2023

- Welcome
- Introduction of the Leadership
- Fall Schedule
- Meeting Structure and Attendance
- Announcements and Reports
- Questions and Open Topics



Welcome Message and Spring Season Update

AFOA Web Site: <https://afoafootball.com>

AFOA is also on Facebook



Welcome New and Returning Officials

- **Welcome new officials – introduce yourselves**
- **Welcome Back Returning officials**



Introduction of the Leadership

- **President:** Steve Rosas
- **Vice President:** Eric Pyszko
- **Secretary:** Steve Wagner
- **Treasurer:** Rob Briscoe
- **Supervisory Returning:**
 - **Chairman:** John Coriz
 - John Coriz (2 of a 3 year term remaining)



Introduction of the Leadership

- **Supervisory Elected Positions:**
 - (3 year term) – Eugene Gonzales
 - (1 year term) – Eliseo Gomez
 - (1 year term) – Brad Bock
- **Mentor Program:** Steve Wagner, Brad Bock
- **AFOA Web Master:** Jason Romero
- **Central Region Coordinator Assigner:** Dennis Barela
- **NMOA Executive Board Football Chairperson :** Ken Adent



Group Leadership

(Contact Info on DragonFly for each game)

- **Future Veterans:** Steve Wagner
- **Referees:** Brad Bock
- **Umpires:** TBD
- **Wings:** TBD
- **Back Judges:** TBD



Dennis Barela

Central Region Assigner Notes

- **Dennis Barela**
505-250-5207
centralregionfootballassignor@gmail.com
- **Be prepared for last minute schedule changes and cancelations**
- **Check your DragonFly schedule, emails and phone messages frequently**
- **If you aren't feeling well, contact your crew chief and Dennis as soon as possible if you have to miss a game**



DragonFly for Officials

- **Registration**
- **Scheduling**
- **Blocks**
- **Testing**
- **Pay (optional and varies by school)**
- **Officials Contact Information and Photo (head shot)**
- **Training Videos**

<https://www.dragonflymax.com/academyofficials>



Features **Not** in DragonFly

- **You can only see contact for officials assigned to your game**
 - **AFOA will distribute an AFOA roster to all members before the season starts**
- **“Self Assign” Feature used to sign up for scrimmages is not available**
 - **Dennis Barela is using Sign-Up Genius to allow officials to self assign scrimmages.**
- **A request has been submitted to add these features**



2023 Fall Meetings

- **There are 13 meetings schedule for a total of 14 points**
 - **one double**
- **8 meeting points are required to be eligible for Playoffs and State Championships (see table next chart)**
- **AFOA members may be able to make up meeting credits for up to 3 missed meetings**
 - **AFOA Supervisory and NMAA will determine what is required – possibly a short presentation at the last local meeting**



Minimum Requirements of Officials

Reference: NMOA Constitution – updated July 2022

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF OFFICIALS BY SPORT:

SPORT	Rating Levels (Highest Level Listed First)	Test Score	Clinics	Local Meetings	Camp Requirement
Baseball	State Eligible (SE), Playoff Eligible (PE), Registered (R), Apprentice (A), Sub-Varsity (SV)	85% for SE/PE/V; 70% for A/SV	3 of 4 (2 yrs.) – SE/PE 1 each year – R None – A/SV	8 – SE/PE* 6 – R/A 4 - SV	One every two years for State eligibility
Basketball	State Eligible (SE), Playoff Eligible (PE), Registered (R), Apprentice (A), Sub-Varsity (SV)	85% for SE/PE/V; 70% for A/SV	3 of 4 (2 yrs.) – SE/PE 1 each year – R None – A/SV	10 – SE/PE 8 - R 0 – A/SV	Once every three years for state eligibility
Football	State Eligible (SE), Playoff Eligible (PE), Registered (R), Apprentice (A), Sub-Varsity (SV)	85% for SE/PE/V; 70% for A/SV	3 of 4 (2 yrs.) – SE/PE 1 each year – R 0 – A/SV	8 Classroom and 2 Scrimmages (All but SV) 6 Classroom - SV	Once every three years for state eligibility
Soccer	State Eligible (SE), Registered (R), Apprentice (A), Sub-Varsity (SV)	85% for SE/PE/V; 70% for A/SV	1 each year – SE/R/A 0 - SV	6 – SE/R/A 3 - SV	None



2023 Fall Meeting Schedule

(Sandia HS old library building)

Week	Date	Time	Notes
1	07/26/23	6:30 – 7:15 PM Coaches mtg 7:15 – 8:00 General mtg	General meeting (no break out groups) *Coaches invited to the general meeting (Double credit)
2	08/02/23	6:00 – 7:00 PM (FV) 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Group mtgs) 7:00 – 7:30 PM (General mtg) 7:30 – 8:00 PM (District Clinic)	Future Vets and Group meetings Short general meeting followed by the District Clinic
3	08/9/23		Note – no local AFOA meeting due to Behind the Flag Officiating Camp
4	08/16/23	6:00 – 7:00 PM (FV) 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Group mtgs) 7:00 – 7:30 PM (General mtg)	Rachael Martinez, AFOA Paymaster



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5	08/23/23	6:00 – 7:00 PM (FV) 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Group mtgs) 7:00 – 7:30 PM (General mtg)	
6	08/30/23	6:00 – 7:00 PM (FV) 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Group mtgs) 7:00 – 7:30 PM (General mtg)	
7	09/06/23		No meeting – Labor Day Week
8	09/13/23	TBD – Double meeting	
9	09/20/23	6:00 – 7:00 PM (FV) 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Group mtgs) 7:00 – 7:30 PM (General mtg)	
10	09/27/23	6:00 – 7:00 PM (FV) 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Group mtgs) 7:00 – 7:30 PM (General mtg)	



2023 Fall Meeting Schedule

(Sandia HS old library building)

Week	Date	Time	Notes
11	10/04/23	6:00 – 7:00 PM (FV) 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Group mtgs) 7:00 – 7:30 PM (General mtg)	
12	10/11/23	6:00 – 7:00 PM (FV) 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Group mtgs) 7:00 – 7:30 PM (General mtg)	
13	10/18/23	6:00 – 6:30 PM (FV) 6:30 – 7:30 PM (General mtg)	Future Vets – wrap up mtg General Mtg: Leadership Elections and Lumpy Award
14	10/25/23	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Banquette at Revel Entertainment - TBD 4720 Alexander Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107



Scrimmages

- Each AFOA official is required to work a minimum of two scrimmage each season **(attending a camp scrimmages fulfills the two scrimmage requirement)**
- Dennis Barela is using Sign-Up Genius to allow officials to self assign scrimmages. He will enter your sign up into DragonFly from Sign-Up Genius— Referees will submit participants
- Referees will send in an attendance report for the scrimmages they attend to Rob Briscoe



YAFL 8/12/23 – 9/30/23

Regular Season (Saturdays) 8/12/23 – 9/30/23

Play Offs (Saturday and Sunday) 10/1/23 – 10/30/23

YAFL Contacts

- Tom Beller, YAFL Officials Leader
505-507-0123
- Mel Alires, Game Assigner
505-280-1882
- Felix Salas, Game Assigner
505-410-1575



AFOA Annual Dues

- **Dues are due at the beginning of the Season**
- **Payment by check or bank draft made out to AFOA, no cash payment.**
- **Venmo is an option for electronic payment. Search for “AFOA_treasurer”**
- **Annual dues are \$25 for 1st year AFOA officials and \$30 for officials with more than 1 year of experience**
 - **\$5.00 from each official with more than 1 year of experience goes into the AFOA College Scholarship Fund**



Battlefields to Ballfields Foundation

The Battlefields to Ballfields Foundation (B2B) has teamed up with the New Mexico Officials Association (NMOA) to offer

- scholarships to active military members and military veterans
- defray the start-up costs of officiating.
 - registration fees
 - camp/clinic fees
 - uniforms.

<https://www.battlefields2ballfields.org/>



Announcements

- **An NMOA referenda passed requiring officials to attend an NMOA approved football officials' camp once every three years to be considered to officiate postseason.**
- **SouthWest Region Officials Camp/Las Cruces: July 29th**
- **Behind the Flag Camp/Albuquerque and Bernalillo: August 9th – 11th**



Reports

- **Treasurer:** Rob Briscoe
- **Supervisory:** John Coriz
 - Reminders
 - Submitting a complaint should be a last (not a first) option
 - Be grown ups, not just adults
 - All Supervisory Committee must be submitted in writing and contain all elements of the Incident Report form
 - AFOA By-Law Update Proposal



Treasurer Report

- **Treasurer:** Rob Briscoe
- **2022 Financial End-of-Year Report**
 - **Operating Funds: \$10,102.23**
 - **Scholarship Funds: \$7,909.18**
 - **Total Assets: \$18,011.41**
- Expenses 2023: ~\$700 (condolences, website dues, recruiting billboard)



AFOA By-Law Updates (8/18/21)

- Scrimmage Requirements.

- Minimum number of scrimmages changed from one to two – in order to map to NMOA scrimmage requirements.

- Meeting Requirements

- Minimum number of meetings changed from 10 to 8 – in order to map to NMOA meeting requirements.
- Minimum of two meetings per month removed – as it has not been observed or enforced.



AFOA By-Law Updates (8/18/21)

- Official Uniform

- Replaced section describing mandatory uniform with reference to NMOA Mechanics Manual – for consistency.
- Added a bullet allowing for uniform feature remembering a member who passed away. The feature to be approved by membership for a single season.

- Survivor Scholarship

- Removed clause requiring the funds be awarded to guardian in the form of a US Savings Bond.
- Updated clause to encourage children to use the funds in educational pursuits.



AFOA By-Law Updates (8/18/21)

- Fines

- Added text that changed the lists of \$25 and \$75 fines to be examples of the types of offenses that draw \$25 or \$75 fines.
- Moved “Unprofessional or unethical conduct or practices” into a separate set of examples. The fine for these offenses are at the discretion of the Supervisory Committee; limiting monetary fines to applicable game fee(s) but also allowing for additional penalties such as a public apology to the general membership. Examples of offenses to include:
 - Pattern of continued offenses
 - Treating a fellow crew member with public disrespect



AFOA Rule Book Distribution

- **Rule books were distributed at the State Clinic**
- **If you were unable to pick up your books at the State Clinic, you may contact NMAA and arrange to pick them up or they will mail them to you**



Fall 2023 Testing

- 50 Question Rules and Mechanics test **8/1/23 – 9/15/23** available on the DragonFly
- Open book test
- You can save and exit multiple times
- Don't wait until the last day to submit your test



NMAA Officials Pay/Mileage Update

- . Hotel per diems will increase to \$125**
- . All game fees in all sports at all levels will increase \$5, and....**
 - Mileage will no longer be paid and meal fee/rider fees are now replaced by travel ring fees.**

That means that all officials on the game will receive the increased game fee, plus a set rate based on the number of miles one-way from your home to the contest



NMAA Officials Pay/Mileage Update

Miles to contest	Fee per Official
0-25	\$0
26-50	\$30
51-100	\$40
101-150	\$50
151-200	\$60
201-250	\$70
251-300	\$80
301-350	\$90
351-400	\$100



2022 vs 2023 Example 1

Middle School game in Magdalena (using the official's personal vehicle)

2022 – 2023 school year:

Driver $\$134 - \$44 \text{ gas} = \mathbf{\$90}$ (this does not include snacks or meals covered by the driver)

Rider: $\$50 + \$15 = \mathbf{\$65}$

2023 – 2024 school year

Driver: $\$55 + \$50 - \$44 \text{ gas} = \mathbf{\$61}$ (also does not include snacks or meals covered by the driver)

Rider: $\$55 + \$50 = \mathbf{\$105}$ (a minimum of \$44 more than the driver)

Driver and Riders (after sharing cost of gas) $= \$105 - \$11 = \mathbf{\$94}$ (**\$4 driver increase, \$29 rider increase**)



2022 vs 2023 Example 2

Varsity game in Silver City (including a 1-day van rental)

2022 – 2023 school year:

Driver $\$286 - \$95 \text{ gas} - \$80 \text{ van rental} = \mathbf{\$111}$ (this does not include snacks or meals covered by the driver)

Rider: $\$70 + \$25 = \mathbf{\$95}$

2023 – 2024 school year

Driver: $\$75 + \$70 - \$95 \text{ gas} - \$80 \text{ van rental} = \mathbf{-\$30}$ (Driver pays \$30 to work the game, this also does not include snacks or meals covered by the driver)

Rider: $\$75 + \$70 = \mathbf{\$145}$ (a minimum of \$175 more than the driver after gas and van rental)

Driver and Riders (after sharing cost of gas) $= \$145 - \$170/5 = \mathbf{\$111}$
(same as 2022 – 2023 amount)



Pilot Program – Mini Crews

- Referees met to hold a mini draft selecting two crew members
- Dennis Barela will fill in the other 2 positions
- If a crew member is unable to cover a game for any reason, that person will be replaced – not the entire crew
- Trial period for the first 3 weeks
- After 2 weeks there will be a review by all active AFOA members to determine the path forward



Recruitment Billboard on Paseo Del Norte

A recruitment billboard for referees. The background is a photograph of a football game at night. A referee in a black and white striped shirt and a white cap is in the center, looking up and pointing. To his left are players in dark blue jerseys and helmets with an American flag design. To his right are players in white jerseys and red helmets with a large white 'R'. Overlaid on the image is the text "BECOME A REFEREE" in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below this, a black horizontal bar contains the text "JOIN THE ALBUQUERQUE FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION" in white. At the bottom, the text "REGISTER AT" is above "AFOAFOOTBALL.COM" in large, bold, white letters with a black outline. A large red circular graphic with a jagged bottom edge is positioned behind the bottom text.



Questions and Open Topics