

All COA Basketball Members;

Another season is upon us and we will begin our rules interpretation meetings on Tuesday, October 10. The Basketball Committee hopes to provide you with an array of topics that will both improve your knowledge and skills and prepare you for the coming season. We hope that you are able to attend and participate in as many of our meetings as possible. Members will again be able to obtain IHSA level 1 clinic credit if you attend five of our six meetings. Also any members who attend all six meetings will be eligible to receive a free COA banquet ticket.

In addition to our basketball meetings we want to inform you of our **Annual COA meeting on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at St Laurence High School, 5556 W. 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Burbank, IL. at 7:00pm**. This is our one meeting where all football and basketball members attend together to discuss all COA related issues and business and elects three Board members. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Please make plans to attend.

All basketball meetings will take place at **De La Salle HS, 3455 S. Wabash** and will include a 6:00pm pre-meeting for on court instruction for all newer officials and anyone interested in attending with the regular meeting starting at 7:00pm. **Please note the 10/17 meeting is at St Ignatius, 1076 W. Roosevelt Rd.** The meeting schedule is as follows:

**October 10:** Meet the Chicago Catholic League Coaches. We have invited all eighteen varsity coaches so they can meet the officials who will be working their games this season as well as for officials to get an opportunity to meet them as well in a more relaxed atmosphere. Chuck Mc Nellis will also discuss Assignors expectations. If you wonder what it takes to get varsity or any level assignments in the CCL this is your opportunity to hear it directly from Chuck.

**October 17:** Mechanics & positioning. We will have both on court instruction as well as classroom discussion on 2 and 3 person officiating. This meeting will take place at **St Ignatius College Prep**. Instructors include; John Washo, Dan Dyra and Christian Kopp.

**October 24:** Collegiate officiating mechanics. Division 1 official and basketball committee member Steve Honacki will discuss NCAA mechanics, new rule changes, differences between high school and college rules and will answer questions you may have.

**October 31:** IHSA clinician and basketball committee member Jeff Rutledge will discuss the new IHSA mechanics, points of emphasis and any rule changes. There will be plenty of video for all to see and share comments on.

**November 7:** IHSA clinician and basketball committee member Josh Schroeder will discuss Rule 4 and why it is essential that all officials know and understand the definitions in the rule book. There will also be plenty of video to support the discussion. We will also review the IHSA part 1 of the 2017-18 test.

**November 14:** We will again have opportunities for officials to work a live scrimmage and be observed by Chuck McNellis and evaluated by other experienced officials. Unlike in the past, only a handful of officials will be selected to work the scrimmages. Preference will be given to those who attend the meetings and are trying to advance to the varsity level or are newer to officiating (for the lower level scrimmage). After the scrimmages food and beverages will be served. We hope to have a terrific guest speaker that evening.

Any COA member interested in assisting in one of this year's meeting presentations or perhaps a future presentation; please see one of the BB Committee members. Thank you for your support of officials and specifically COA officials.

Sincerely,  
COA BB Committee

Chuck McNellis, Mike Luzzi, Dan Dyra, Steve Honacki, Christian Kopp, Jeff Rutledge, John Scanlon, Josh Schroeder, Jim Sheridan, Jim Sullivan and John Washo.