

June 30, 2010

TO: ALL FOOTBALL, VOLLEYBALL & SOCCER CHAPTERS
FROM: LARRY L. WHITE
RE: NEW UNIFORM SPECS

All officials' chapters should have received by now my correspondence dated June 22, 2010 RE: MATTERS OF INTEREST. The main reason for this letter is to further detail the new uniform specs and the rationale for moving in this direction.

As with all corporate sponsorships, NJSIAA renegotiates them at the end of the contract. It is my understanding that NJSIAA approached Ray Perone, Honig's of New Jersey, towards the end of the contract that ended June 30, 2010 about increasing his sponsorship in terms of scholarships and revenue. Ray accepted the proposal and together, he and NJSIAA, have forged a mutual arrangement. Following a practice that is used in several states, Pennsylvania and Indiana to mention two, one provider is given an exclusive right to embroider the state official's logo on uniforms. Honig's of New Jersey will be that exclusive provider (but will sub-contract work out to reputable vendors) through a licensing agreement that Ray has adopted.

In my June 22nd letter I highlighted the major points of the new contract with Honig's and now I will go into more detail as to how this will work.

Beginning in mid July, any and all officials that stand a reasonable chance of getting a state tournament assignment for 2010 football, soccer and volleyball, for any round of the state tournament, should do the following:

- Remove the current NJSIAA patch from your shirt, jacket, and/or cap (if worn). Or you can buy a new embroidered shirt, jacket, etc.
- Send the shirt, jacket and/or cap with your name pinned/attached to the item to Ray Perone at Honig's of New Jersey. Priority Mail is best.
- Send these items to Ray ASAP (remember, tournaments start in November, the quicker you get these items to Ray, the quicker he gets them back).
- The assignment of officials to state tournament games will be shared with Ray and if he sees a name on a lists and realizes that this official has not had his/her uniform embroidered, he will contact that official

and that official will have to buy a new embroidered shirt/jacket/cap because there will not be enough "turn around time" to do an old piece of clothing that just needs a new logo.

- All officials (football, soccer, volleyball) will need to do this for the 2011-2012 regular season, all levels of sub-varsity games will be affected by this. My June 22 letter speaks to the other sports.

For the soccer officials, it is recommended that since the gold grid shirt is the shirt of choice for the regular season games, it might be best to have the black grid shirts embroidered for the state tournament games this year, thus not taking out of use a shirt that is used most of the time. Then, next summer the gold grid shirt can be embroidered. The NJSOA can decide this.

Ray will be in attendance at the August 4, 2010 Football and Soccer Rules Interpretations meeting here in Robbinsville to answer any questions and concerns that the associations might have. He will also be here on August 17, 2010 for the Volleyball and Field Hockey Rules Interpretations meeting. He will attend all rules interpretation meeting for all sports over the next couple of years, even those sports that do not traditionally meet in Robbinsville.

Two major points that must be emphasized: 1) This new embroidered logo system will force all schools to use ONLY NJSIAA registered officials on all high school contests, varsity and sub-varsity levels, and 2) this will provide for a greater standardization of uniforms for state tournament games at first, and then all games in the following years.

NOTICE: NJSIAA WILL NOT BE HOLDING REGIONAL RULES INTERPRETATION MEETINGS FOR THOSE SPORTS THAT WE HAVE IN THE PAST DUE TO BUDGET CONSTRAINTS. PLEASE FORWARD ALL LOCAL CHAPTER RULES INTERPRETATION MEETING DATES, TIMES AND SITES AND WE WILL POST ON OUR WEBSITE. EVENTUALLY ALL INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR NJSIAA OFFICIALS' CENTRAL HUB THAT WILL BE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE ARBITER SPORTS SITE.

If you have any questions/concerns, please forward them to your rules interpreter to be shared with at the Rules Interpretation Meeting. NJSIAA recommends that at least one other representative from the chapter(s) attend the NJSIAA-held rules meeting so that there is at least one other person to hear the rules, interpretation, points of emphasis and editorial changes.

Yours in officiating,

Larry L. White