

NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Office of the Commissioner
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Dear Prospective NVFOA Member:

Enclosed is information pertaining to membership in the Northern Virginia Football Officials Association, Inc. [NVFOA] and Virginia High School League, Inc. [VHSL].

The enclosed application paperwork is specifically for officials who are seeking to join the Northern Virginia Football Association as an **Electronic Clock Operator (ECO)** for the upcoming football season.

Please complete both the Northern Virginia Football Officials Association, Inc. [NVFOA] and Virginia High School League, Inc. [VHSL] applications and return them with your personal check or money order in the sum of \$60.00 directly to the "Office of the Commissioner" at the above address. Your payment should be made payable to "NVFOA". *{At the request of the VHSL, please **do not** send either the VHSL application or your check directly to them.}*

You may also bring any of the paperwork and payment to any of the scheduled training functions or association meetings listed on our calendar.

Please direct all inquiries about this enrollment procedure to me at the above address or telephone.

Thank you very much for your interest and best regards. NVFOA looks forward to your joining our organization.

Dennis S. Hall, Commissioner

Enclosures

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NVFOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

***** ELECTRONIC CLOCK OPERATOR ONLY *****

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ HOME TELEPHONE: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMPLOYER: _____ BUSINESS TEL.: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: _____
_____ HEIGHT: _____ WEIGHT: _____

EMAIL1: _____ (Required) EMAIL2: _____ (Recommended)

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ (Name and location of school) YEAR GRADUATED: _____

COLLEGE: _____ (Name and location of college) YEAR GRADUATED: _____

SCHOOLS YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANOTHER FOOTBALL OFFICIAL'S ASSOCIATION? _____ (yes or no)

IF "YES", LIST NAME AND LOCATION OF THE ASSOCIATION: _____

LIST FOOTBALL PLAYING EXPERIENCE: _____

LIST PREVIOUS OFFICIATING EXPERIENCE: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATION? _____

ARE YOU ACQUAINTED WITH ANY MEMBERS OF OUR ASSOCIATION? _____ WHO? _____ (yes or no)

[Please make one (1) check payable to the "NVFOA" for \$60.00. This fee is to cover the \$25.00 NVFOA association membership dues while the remaining \$35.00 is for membership in the Virginia High School League, Inc. (VHSL) and includes their mandatory liability insurance policy. If your membership application is not approved, all fees will be refunded. However, if your membership application is approved, all fees are non-refundable.]

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TRAINING INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE TRAINING PROGRAM AS AN ELECTRONIC CLOCK OPERATOR

- ◆ Complete and return the enclosed NVFOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, VHSL [Virginia High School League] FOOTBALL GAME OFFICIAL'S APPLICATION, and one (1) check **payable to "NVFOA"** for **\$60.00**. You may mail it to the address listed above or bring it to any of our scheduled training functions or association meetings.
- ◆ Your fee of **\$60.00** covers both the NVFOA membership application fee and the VHSL registration fee.
- ◆ Please **DO NOT** write a separate check to the VHSL.
- ◆ Conform to personal appearance requirements. In summary, this Association does not permit beards to be worn on the field. Mustaches must be neatly trimmed. Hair must not extend beyond the top of the shirt collar. Specific details of dress code and personal appearance requirements will be provided at the initial training session/orientation. Date and time to be determined.
- ◆ **The initial meeting is an "Orientation Session"**. It is designed to provide you with a detailed overview about football officiating in Northern Virginia, address your questions in considerable detail and alleviate any fears you may have about embarking on a football officiating career. Additionally, you will be given the opportunity to meet [usually one – on – one] with an experienced regular member or Training Committee member to have dialogue about NVFOA's expectations of you and what you should expect from NVFOA.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Experienced officials transferring-in from another Association are required to attend a minimum of one [1] season of training to learn NVFOA policies and procedures.
- ◆ Clock Operators must take the VHSL test for clock operators. This is an open book test that you must submit directly to the VHSL office in Charlottesville. The test can be found at "<http://www.vhsl.org/offic.htm>". You may also want to look over the "General Instructions for Football Clock Operators" which is located on the same page.
- ◆ Clock Operators also need to attend a one-night training session on the operation of the clock. This will be at a place and time to be determined. It is usually scheduled for late-August at Oakton HS in Vienna. Start time is 7:30 PM and is held in the stadium press box.

- ◆ If possible, all clock operator candidates should attend the State Rules clinic. For 2009, the clinic in our area will be held in mid- to late July-2009 at Oakton HS in Vienna. The start time will usually be 0800.
- ◆ You will be provided a complete Fee Schedule before the season begins. Clock Operators are generally paid between \$25 and \$55 per game depending on the level (youth, Freshman, JV, Varsity) **[The Association deducts 11% from every official's game fees to defray Association operating expenses.]**

OTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ If you have any questions about the Training Program, please call the Training Chairman [Gene Tate] at 703-861-7163 (Daytime) or 703-339-4069 (Evening); or the Commissioner [Mr. Dennis Hall] at 540-837-1316.
- ◆ Questions about the Association or other matters should be directed to the Secretary-Treasurer [Mr. Greg Storer] at 703-670-0671 or 202-828-5659; or the Commissioner [Mr. Dennis Hall] at 540-837-1316.

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