

GTOA Members,

As we begin preparations for the upcoming football season there is no indication at this point that the season will not begin on time. The 13 member GTOA Executive team has met multiple times over the last two months to compose a GTOA Meeting schedule that balances the safety of our members with preparing for the season. The original plan to have in-person meetings was made in June. Since June the cases of COVID-19 have risen and are still on the rise across our city. The city has taken steps to minimize the spread of the virus and we as an Executive Committee feel we need to make adjustments to our meeting schedule to account for the spike in cases. Please understand this plan gives you the option to do whatever you think is best for you and your family. This schedule allows you to meet in-person if you choose, but it also allows for on-line training. **There is absolutely no requirement that you attend a meeting in person.** The OSSAA is providing a weekly on-line meeting option beginning Tuesday August 4th. You may attend all your meetings virtually via this option. The in-person meetings are provided for those who would rather meet in person. These meetings will be limited to 25 attendees. There is a sign up link at the bottom of this email. Each in-person meeting will have five slots available for a crew of five to sign up for a total of 25 attendees. **Referees get with your crew as soon as possible and decide which Monday evening you would like to attend an in-person meeting. Go to the sign up link and register your crew for the evening if your choice.** Crew Chiefs we are relying on you to get your crew prepared for the season. Only Crew chiefs should register their crews. If your crew has not registered you will not be allowed into the meeting. The maximum number of officials we can allow in the meeting is 25. Once we reach our limit of 25 attendees the doors will be closed. Once again, **the in-person meetings are not required.** If you don't get into a meeting or your crew doesn't sign up for a meeting you can get all the information you need through the on-line meetings on Tuesdays. Arbiter and tulsaofficials.com are also ways to get information regarding the current season. The final Monday meeting will be August 24th. That meeting is reserved for our un-crewed officials. If you are an un-crewed official and would like to attend a meeting in person go to the sign up link and register for August 24. There are 25 slots available.

GTOA Meeting Plan

Rookies (1-2 Years) will continue to meet in-person but will not come in contact with veteran officials. If you are a veteran official and have not been invited into the rookie meeting by Harold Alsbaugh or an officer please avoid the rookie meeting room.

- 1) Nothing is required – each official can choose what is best for him/her and their family. No in-person attendance requirement
- 2) Each official who attends in person must sign the GTOA COVID-19 Liability Waiver
- 3) Each official who attends in person will have their temperature checked and wear a face mask at all times while inside the building. (Unless presenting).
- 4) Social distancing will be practiced at all times while at the meeting
- 5) If you are ill or have been exposed to someone who is ill, please stay home. You are welcome to attend the on-line meetings and participate virtually

Each Monday starting July 27 and ending Monday August 24

The Referee of each crew will choose ONE Monday night to attend a meeting in person as a crew. This is not required. Crews do not have to attend an in person meeting. The Referee will use the sign up link below to register his crew.

There will be five slots each Monday for crews to reserve their space at the meeting for a total of 25 attendees. After the five slots are filled the meeting closed.

Since these meetings are not required if a crew misses a slot and never attends a meeting they can get the information from the on-line meetings, web site, e-mail or call an officer.

The GTOA Officers will present the same information at each Monday meeting.

The last Monday meeting August 24 will be for officials who are not on a crew and who choose to meet in person. We will take the first 25 who sign up and close the meeting.

Every Tuesday night from 7:00pm to 8:30pm starting August 4th and ending September 1st each individual official may attend on on-line local meeting hosted by the OSSAA. These on-line meetings are state wide meetings but will be counted as local meeting credit. These meetings are designed to cut down on the exposure caused by in person meetings. All officials are welcome to attend these meetings instead of in person meetings. A link will be sent via email to all officials in the state. That link will allow you into the on-line weekly meeting.

The GTOA will not have nominations or elections in 2020. Following the example of the OOA those who are up for re-election in 2020 will be up for re-election in 2021. The Executive Committee is provided the authority to make emergency procedures to carry us through extraordinary circumstances. COVID-19 and a global pandemic falls into that category.

Finally the OSSAA still requires completion of the concussion certification, passing part 1 of the pre-season test and attendance at a state meeting. The state meeting will be live Wednesday July 29th at 7:00pm via zoom. You will receive a link for the meeting from the OSSAA. This meeting is required for all coaches and officials. You will have the opportunity to attend the state meeting later via Arbiter if you are not available on July 29th.

HERE IS THE SIGN UP LINK TO ATTEND A GTOA MEETING IN PERSON

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b48adae2ea7f85-gtoa>

Crew chiefs only please register your crew. After the slots are filled on a particular date the meeting is closed. All un-crewed officials please register for the Meeting on August 24th if you wish to attend a meeting in person. It is no required that you attend an in-person meeting.

Please reach out to a GTOA Officer if you have questions.

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Live with integrity. Serve with enthusiasm. Give with generosity. Succeed with humility.

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