Minutes

Pioneer Soccer Referees Association Rules Interpretation Meeting

August 7, 2024

# In Attendance

Todd Lewis, President

Mark Johnson, Vice President

T. J. Antich, Secretary

Michael McKinney, Treasurer

Bill Neef, Member At Large

Pat Comber, Member at Large

Dr. Tony Rizzo, Rules Interpreter

Pioneer Chapter Members: 81 officials

Officials from Other Chapters: 21 officials

Head Coaches: 26 head coaches

# Opening Remarks

Todd opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. Todd welcomed officials and coaches to the meeting.

Todd introduced the executive board members present.

Todd reminded all attendees that their iPhones / iPads / laptops need to be able to identify them by first and last names (and not just “Joe’s iPhone”). He suggested that anyone who was unable to do that to please text Secretary T. J. Antich immediately at (610) 909-4477 and provide your name to confirm your attendance.

Introduced Dr. Tony Rizzo to review rule changes and PIAA points of emphasis for 2024 Fall season with the following highlights:

* Coaches need to make sure their players understand the new “soft red card” rule and its implications, that being that a player receiving a second caution for misconduct will be shown both a yellow and red card simultaneously and will be ejected from the contest,
* Coaches need to ensure players comply with uniform rules, especially regarding sock tape color,
* Coaches need to remind players that earrings are NOT ALLOWED, even if taped over,
* Coaches need to ensure captain armbands are worn on the arm and not on the legs,
* Referees need to understand how to implement the new “soft red card” correctly during matches,
* Referees need to enforce the new rule regarding coaches / adult team personnel leaving the competition area after ejection,
* Referees need to be aware of and enforce the updated rules on stopping promising attacks (SPA),
* Coaches and referees need to familiarize themselves with the criteria for stopping a promising attack,
* Referees need to be vigilant about alcohol, tobacco, and illicit substance use at competition sites,
* Coaches need to inform assistant coaches about the potential game forfeiture if they refuse to leave after ejection,
* Referees to note that middle school games are now 30 minutes long for the Central League, and
* Coaches and referees need to work together to address referee abuse and shortage issues.

The Rules Interpretation presentation will be posted to the Pioneer website for review.

# Closing

Todd thanked all of the Coaches for attending and reminded all officials planning to attend the First Chapter meeting to log back in via the information on the PIAA website.

Meeting adjourned 7:59 pm by Todd.

Respectively submitted,

T. J. Antich, Secretary