

To: Western Mass High School Football Officials

From: Jim Quenneville, P.V.I.A.C. Football Commissioner

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Officials:

I hope you all are well and were able to endure the past year with relatively few disruptions in both your personal and professional life.

I am in the process of updating the Arbiter Football account for the fall of 2021. My plan is to start assigning officials to games by August 1st. During the next week I am requesting that you:

1. Log into Arbiter Sports and update all of your personal information. Please confirm your address, phone numbers and E-Mail address. Be sure to include your Social Security number. Most schools are using the Arbiter for payment information so if you wish to get paid you must include your SS#. **Be sure that the READY box is checked.** Please **re-check your Blocks and RE-check the Ready box.** The Arbiter system will not allow me to assign any games to you unless the box is checked. Arbiter Sports has made a number of changes for 2021. They are significant for assigners and may be significant for officials as well.
2. For those of you new to or returning to the **Arbiter Football site**, you must log into the Arbiter and accept membership in the Football Account. You must do this even if you have an existing account for another sport.
3. Access BLOCKS and confirm your availability in your calendar. You can block full or partial days. Be sure to attend to dates and times for JV, Freshman and Middle School games. If you cannot work a sub-varsity schedule you must block the dates and times. **If you do not block a date and are assigned a game you own it! Plan to work!** You have an opportunity to set up your schedule. **Please accept your responsibility.**
4. Your officiating positions have been assigned by your Executive Board. If you wish to change your position or have any problem with your assigned position please contact your E-Board. Any changes must come from your E-Board.
5. Arbiter has a feature included with **Declines**. If you chose to Decline an assignment you will need a reason attached for the decline to be accepted.
6. Many of you have included a picture as part of your Arbiter site. This has proven to be helpful to the AD's and Coaches. To those of you who have yet to include a picture, please include one for the 2021season.

7. The initial schedule will be through October only. Additional games and assignments will be added in November once the playoff structure is complete. This will include the sub-varsity schedules as well.

8. * Be sure you have registered with the M.I.A.A. You must complete the Background Check and Concussion Certification. I cannot assign you until you are registered and cleared by the M.I.A.A. In previous years officials have lost out on opportunities to officiate championship games, even at Gillette Stadium. The M.I.A.A. will not allow me to assign officials because they are not fully registered and certified.**

Don't be that official in 2021.

I am looking forward to working with you during the 2021 season. I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer. Thank you all for your cooperation in preparing for the 2021 HS Football season.

Links:

MIAA Registration: <https://miaa.arbitersports.com/front/110185/Site>

It is recommended that you use Google Chrome, Safari or Firefox to register. Internet Explorer has not worked properly

Arbiter Pay:

Frontier and Holyoke are the only schools I am aware of that are paying via Arbiter Pay this season.

1. Visit www.arbiterpay.com and set up your free official's account.
 1. Click on the link on the top right that says "Sign Up Today" & Select "Sports Official"
 2. Fill out registration form
 3. Accept the terms and agreements and submit registration. Once you submit, you will be prompted to sign into your new ArbiterPay Trust account!

Concussion Training: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/concussion-in-sports-2>

MISCELLANEOUS

New coaches: None that I've been made aware of

New AD's: Northampton

Greenfield, Mohawk, Turners Falls are fielding a co-op team

Easthampton will be playing games at Smith Voc. as White Brook Middle School is under construction

Regards,

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