To: WMFOA Officials

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

Date: July 6, 2022

Officials:

I hope you all are well and are getting back to a regular routine with both personal and professional affairs.

I am in the process of updating the Arbiter Football account for the fall of 2022. My plan is to start assigning officials to games the first week of August, once the AD’s have uploaded their games into the Arbiter. 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. Some 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.

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 playoff 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.**

**SCRIMMAGES:** **See attached for the current list of scrimmages. As more scrimmages become announced they will be added to the WMFOA website. At the first meeting all scrimmages will posted on the whiteboard for signup.**

**It is expected that all officials sign up for scrimmages.**

I am looking forward to working with you during the 2022 season. I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer.  Thank you all for your cooperation in preparing for the 2022 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***: Amherst, Frontier, and Holyoke are the schools I am aware of that are paying via Arbiter Pay this season.

1. Visit [www.arbiterpay.com](http://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!

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

**MISCELLANEOUS**

New Coaches: South Hadley

New AD’s: Minnechaug

New Team: Springfield International Charter School (SICS) will play a JV schedule in 2022

Easthampton will be still playing games at Smith Voc. as White Brook Middle School is not ready.

Regards,

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