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2015 football

From: **Bill Ward** (wizardmcc@aol.com) on behalf of **ArbiterSports**
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Sent: Mon 6/22/15 10:19 AM

To: William Mara (wbmara@hotmail.com)

Ladies/Gentlemen:

Couple of thngs:

1. Clinics - dates and locations are as follows: July 18th Syracuse area (specific location TBD), July 25th Nassau CC Long Island, NY, Aug. 1 Framingham State University Framingham, MA - clinics will start at 8:30 a.m. and conclude around 4 p.m. Attendance for on field officials is mandatory. Cost is \$50 which includes lunch and a clinic gift. You must contact one of the following men who have volunteered to act as clinic leaders with your intentions of attending.

Rick Ranucci - rranucci@portcocpa.com Syracuse clinic
Mark Mesnick - mmes964331@aol.com NCC clinic
Rob Cibotti - rcibotti55@gmail.com Framingham clinic

I will be in attendance at the Southern Chpt. meeting on July 22nd and the Pittsburgh Chpt. on Aug. 17th.

2. Physicals - all active on field officials must have a physical form completed by certified medical personnel prior to the season in order to work this up coming season. Bring a copy of your physical to the clinic - **DO NOT MAIL OR FAX THE FORM TO THE ECAC OR TO ME**. A copy of the form can be down loaded from the ECAC web site. E-mail me if you have difficulties with physical appointments.

3. Open dates - please keep your open dates current in the Arbiter system so that I may assign you future games. Also, up date your Arbiter information - some of you do not have any contact information on Arbiter. Some of you have not accepted games assigned 3 weeks ago - on July 1st games not accpeted will be passed on to other officials. Please take care of this asap. Again, e-maile me with schedule issues. I reserve the right to switch your schedule as I deem necessary - please do not read to much into this - many times it is travel related or I need to switch you due to other conflicts. Some of you are scheduled out of position - this will be corrected in the coming weeks.

4. ECAC fees - as of this date Arbiter is nor ready to accept fees for this up coming season - I will let you know when this should be completed. \$75 for on field officials and \$40 for clock operators.

5. All first year men/women must be observed in a pre-season scrimmage by me personally or one of my regional assistants. Times and locations for these scrimmages will be announced at the clinics. New officials should keep Aug. 29th and 30th open for observations.

Get in shape, stay healthy and continue with your pre-season preparations as the 2015 football season

nears. Please e-mail me with questions or concerns.

Bill Ward

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From: **Bill Ward** (wizardmcc@aol.com) on behalf of **ArbiterSports**
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Sent: Mon 6/08/15 2:41 PM

To: William Mara (wbmara@hotmail.com)

Ladies/Gentlemen:

The first group of games have been published. Go on line to accept asap. Couple of issues:

1. Many of you blocked out a significant number of games. Please reconsider if possible. We are short people on several weekends.
2. Some of you have been assigned out of position - this is a computer issue that will be remedied soon. Accept the games and we will change positions later.
3. Southern Chpt. and Pitt. Chpt. games have not been assigned as of today - they will be soon.

Please e-mail me with concerns.

Bill Ward

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From: **Bill Ward** (wizardmcc@aol.com) on behalf of **ArbiterSports**
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Sent: Thu 6/04/15 9:58 AM

To: William Mara (wbmara@hotmail.com)

Gentlemen/Ladies:

Welcome to the 2015 football season! I hope that this e-mail finds all of you well and that you are eager to begin another year of football officiating. I know that many of you have been in study groups this past spring which is admirable and shows commitment to excellence. Below are the answers to many of your questions concerning the ECAC and this years assigning process. Please e-mail me if you have concerns.

1. The ECAC has retained all of the leagues that we assigned last season. Cortland State and Morrisville are new. Also, independent schools that have used us in the past have remained - Marist, Coppin, UMES, Louisburg, and several others.
2. You will receive an increase in fees for 2015 - to be discussed at clinics.
3. Clinic locations and dates - July 18 Syracuse area (NY), July 25 Nassau CC (Long Island), Aug. 1 Framingham State (MA). Attendance at one of these clinics is MANDATORY for all on field officials.
4. We will once again use Arbiter for assigning games - fees for on field officials \$75 and \$40 for clock operators. Arbiter will begin accepting fees some time later this month.
5. Schedules will be released early next week. Some of you will be out of position - accept the games and changes will be made at a later date. Most of you that are on crews will have full schedules which does include some extensive travel. I tried not to send you on far away trips more than once or twice. Please accept all assignments asap. Labor Day weekend is a very busy weekend - try and keep those dates open. Also, those of you not on crews will receive your assignments later this summer - again keep as many dates open as possible.
6. Although we will not have a clinic workout it is expected that you show up at the clinics in decent shape. Those of you who "do not look the part" will have your schedules reduced.
7. 2015 NCAA rules have been finalized - we will discuss the changes at our clinics.
8. We had several officials move on to other groups - some were promoted others switched allegiance. Best of luck to all of those who moved on. Send me your open dates and I will try and fill in your schedules.

Get in shape, get in the rule book and get ready for another year of participating in the avocation that you all have enjoyed in past years.

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to assist at our summer clinics - it is greatly appreciated. I

am looking forward to working with you this up coming season and expect that this year will be another banner year for the ECAC and all of you who work so diligently to make it happen!

Bill Ward
Field Director of Football Officiating

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