

EAFIO Introduction

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WNE Chapter

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EAIFO

- Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials
- 7 Chapters
 - Boston
 - Connecticut
 - Empire (Western New York)
 - Metro (NY City and Northern New Jersey)
 - Southern
 - Western New England (Eastern New York, Western Ma)
 - Western Pennsylvania
- Provide officials for schools from Maine to Virginia

Western New England Chapter

- 4 Geographic areas
 - Albany
 - Berkshire
 - Mid-Hudson Valley
 - Springfield
- Executive Board
 - President
 - 1st Vice-President
 - 2nd Vice-President
 - Secretary-Treasurer
 - Directors (2)
- Committees
 - For example: Interpretation, Clinic, Screening, etc.
- If you have questions, start with fellow officials or directors or secretary.

Who we really work for?

- Supervisors of Officials
 - AFOA (Bill Ward)
 - The schools in WNE Chapter area are:
 - Amherst, Castleton, Hamilton, HVCC, Middlebury, Norwich, Springfield, Western New England, Westfield State, Williams
 - You may get games in other chapters areas (specifically Empire, Boston, or Connecticut Chapters).
 - ECFOA (Milt Halstead) and NFOC (Bill Schuster)
 - New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Western New York schools
 - More travel is generally required.

Meeting Requirements

- 10 meetings per year are held. Generally on Tuesday evenings.
 - General meetings (6) including required meetings below
 - Berkshire area in Massachusetts (Lee/Lenox)
 - Regional meetings (4)
 - Albany
 - Berkshire
 - Mid-Hudson Valley
 - Springfield
- Required meetings
 - Interpretation Meeting June. You can attend other chapters interpretation meetings if you have a conflict
 - D-III Clinics (Late July/Early August) – you can attend other chapters clinics if you have a conflict.
 - Business Meeting (Late October)
- Attendance at (8) meetings are **REQUIRED**.

Meeting Format

- The meeting schedule and format is set each year by the Executive and Interpretation committees, but generally includes the following:
 - Short quiz (5 to 10 questions) to get everyone thinking about the rules
 - Presentation by fellow members or guest speakers (former members, ACC officials, CAA/Ivy/Patriot officials) on mechanics.
 - Review of any game situations or issues.
 - Film reviews or study films are generally used in the regional meetings.

Other Requirements

- Chapter Dues
 - \$50 per year are due in November for the next season
 - Covers
 - EAIFO dues
 - Dinner meeting
 - Chapter dues
- Physical
 - An annual doctor's physical is required. The forms will be supplied and your doctor must sign.
 - To be returned to the AFOA, NFOC, or ECFOA in July

General Rules

- Get things in on time!!!
 - Supervisors do not want to have to chase you down for your physical, dues, etc.
 - You may not get games if you do not get your paperwork in on time.
- Do not call supervisors office without seeing if your question can be answered locally through fellow officials, directors, or secretary.
- Keep your availability up to date.
 - Online system with AFOA (Arbiter)
 - Online system with NFOC and ECFOA (Zebraweb)
- If you get a game from the office, do not turn it down or turn it back.
 - Obviously in the case of emergencies there are exceptions.

Common Questions

- When will I get to the NFL?
 - Odds are NEVER!!!
- When will I get to do the (Rose, Orange, Citrus, ... pick your favorite fruit, flower, animal, or company) Bowl?
 - Odds are only slightly better than the previous question but not much!!!

Eastern Football Leagues/ Conferences

