

Special points of interest:

- Application included
- Medical Waiver form included
- WCISOA.ORG

What is WCISOA?

West Coast ISOA is a chapter of NISOA, National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association.

WCISOA trains and assigns soccer officials trained in the Soccer Rules of NCAA, National Collegiate Athletic Association.



WCISOA assigns official to all 2 year and 4 year colleges from Monterey County across to Stanislaus County and North to the Oregon border.

WCISOA assigns for schools playing in NCAA Division 1, NCAA Division 2, NCAA Division 3, NAIA schools and Community Colleges.

WCISOA assigns more than 1000 games each season. The season runs from mid August through mid November. Games are played every day of the week, with a large number of higher level games played on Friday and Sunday.

Who can join?

WCISOA is always looking for experienced soccer referees capable of officiating college and university-level soccer matches.

Qualifications: To be considered for membership in WCISOA, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and have participated for at least two years as a soccer referee in a group or association of soccer officials recognized by WCISOA. Experience must be documented by WCISOA.

Most officials in WCISOA are at USSF State grade or higher. They usually have had extensive experience doing High School varsity and routinely work in Senior leagues.

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Q & A's Membership

How do I join?

Go to WCISOA.ORG. Click on the blue link, get membership information or on the big **NEW MEMBER**.

Read through it and most of your questions are answered there and here.

When?

Most applications should be completed prior to Aug 15.

Match assignments start in July. Late comers will have fewer games.

What do I have to do?

Membership requirements include, in part;

- 1) Send Application to Membership Chair.
- 2) Include a check to cover membership in NISOA and WCISOA
- 3) Select NISOA Uniform kit to be ordered.
- 4) Take Qualifying Test.
- 5) Take Physical fitness test / bring a signed Medical Wavier.
- 6) Supply 2 Letters of recommendation
- 7) Have Field evaluation - may be recent competitive USSF assessments.
- 8) Accept the contract on WCISOA.ORG - it will happen as you log on
- 9) Complete Availability on www.thearbiter.net
- 10) Approval for membership by the WCISOA Board of Directors
- 11) WCISOA Membership is probationary for two years.

Why do I have to join NISOA and WCISOA?

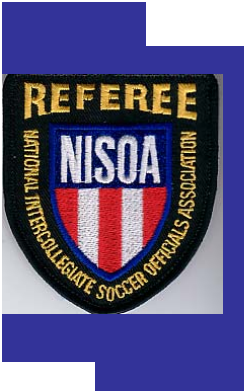
NCAA/NISOA require that officials doing their games be members of NISOA. WCISOA is part of NISOA.

Why does it cost so much?

Local chapter dues are only \$40 for new members but required NISOA membership is \$100. Plus, a full referee kit, from \$142.95 to \$233.95, is part of the NISOA requirement,

Do I really have to buy those new uniforms?

Yes, without the uniform fee, NISOA will not process the membership application and we can't assign you to games,



Q & A's Membership UNIFORMS

All of them?

For 2009, you are required to have the yellow, blue, and red. You might start with one color set and add others. But, you will need the other colors for certain teams. The Black Grid shirt is considered optional but may be worn if all officials have it.



The All Black is no longer used.

Which ones?

Yellow is the most common, in the Valley, short sleeves will always work, so order two colors in short sleeves. In the Bay Area, maybe long sleeve, so order two colors in long sleeve and then roll the sleeves up if it is warm.

When will I get the Referee kit?

After the Application, 2 letters and the check with the right amount are received*, the information is mailed to NISOA and they order the uniform kit from OSI for you. That can take 4 - 6 weeks. If you are joining late in July or August, you might want to order one shirt directly from official-sports.com, late orders may not get here until late September or early October. *All other requirements must be met to receive assignments.

What is included in the kit?

The uniform choice you ordered plus shorts with the NISOA logo,. For each color shirt, 1 pair of socks with matching color stripes. NOTE: in some areas, the sock stripe color must match the shirt color. WCISOA, officials use only white stripes . Also, you will get a whistle, a flipping coin, a Referee wallet, and a pair of flags.

Where do I get more uniforms?

NISOA uniforms are available directly from officialsports.com

Can I just use USSF uniforms?

NO, these are not USSF sanctioned games. Do NOT use a USSF badge.



Q & A's MEMBERSHIP Letters

What are the letters of recommendation?

Have two members of WCISOA write letters to recommend you for membership.

I don't know any WCISOA members.

Letters from coaches, other members of the soccer family who WCISOA might recognize. We do know most assessors in USSF and many coaches.

Where do I send them?

Send them, along with your application to the Membership Director. His name is on the application.

Can someone e-mail a letter and who does it go to?

Yes, e-mail to the Membership Director, his e-mail address is on the application.,

I just moved here.

If you did college games elsewhere, we will need a transfer letter from the president of your old chapter, sent to the WCISOA president.

Why do I need that transfer letter?

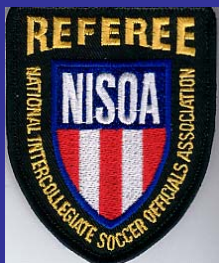
NISOA requires it, WCISOA requires it. Get it from NISOA.COM.

What does it say?

It will tell us you were a member in good standing in your old chapter and that your current dues have been paid to that chapter.

I paid my dues to them already.

If you paid your NISOA dues for the year, OK but you may need to pay local chapter dues, \$40.



Q&A's Membership PHYSICAL TEST

What is the physical test?

It is a set of running tests to evaluate college soccer officials.

Can't I submit my USSF Fun Run Results?

No, this is a very different test.

How is it different?

On the Membership page, there is file to download named Physical Test. It describes the different parts of the test.

Do I have to take it?

Yes, it is one place where we can collect information and compare officials. We test all officials annually. Without it, membership will not be processed.

When, Where?

Administered annually at the AGM, in early May. See WCISOA.org for location and time of AGM

But I'm injured right now.

Your Area Rep will be holding make ups later.

I joined after May.

Contact your Area Rep.

What else?

You must submit a **Wavier** or a signed letter from a doctor stating that you are physically fit for college soccer. It must be turned in at the time of the Physical Run. A copy can be downloaded on the Membership page.



Q & A's Membership FIELD EVALUATION

What is a field evaluation?

It's not that we don't trust applicants but we always want an evaluation from a neutral source which will give us some idea of an official's capability. A field evaluation is an observation of a competitive game by a knowledgeable person.

Is it an assessment?

It can be an assessment for USSF but it does not have to be, an Area Rep can simply go to a competitive game and observe the official work the game. A CURRENT USSF assessment will fill the requirement. If you have recent one, send a copy along with your membership application.

Does it have to be an assessment?

No, it can be by a qualified person known to WCISOA. In many cases, it might be another WCISOA referee.



Do I need assessments to keep working NISOA games?

WCISOA has a full assessing program which uses NISOA trained assessors.

Do I have to pay for assessments?

You do NOT have to pay for any assessment by a WCISOA assessor using a NISOA assessment. WCISOA pays for all WCISOA Assessors., not the referee.

Can a WCISOA assessor watch a USSF game and assess me?

With USSF agreement, a dual assessment can be performed but you will have to pay the USSF assessment fee and USSF must approve the WCISOA assessor being at the game.

Q & A's Membership QUALIFYING TEST

Why do we have to take a written test? I know what the Laws of the Game are.

These games are played under the NCAA Rules, not under the Laws of the Game. It is important that officials use the correct rules for these games.

How do I find out about the NCAA Rules?

A copy of the Rules for 2008/9 can be downloaded from WCISOA.ORG. Look under "What's New" on the right hand side of the page and click the blue arrow. A Comparison of Rules v LOTG is available there, also.

So, we don't ever use the Laws of the Game?

All community colleges play under the Laws of the Game, with an exception for Substitution, Law 4, which is modified.

Are we tested on the Laws of the Game?

No, you come in as an experienced and active official and you should know the current Laws of the Game.

Is the test hard?

You can not pass it if you do not study the NCAA Rules. We want you to pass and will work to help you pass.

When is it given?

It is given at the AGM in the Spring or later by your Area Rep.

When and where is the AGM.?

Look under What's New on the web site, WCISOA.ORG



Q & As Games

What kind of games can I expect?

Most new officials can expect a lot of lines, and games at the JC level. Most of our games are JC games, that is where the biggest need is. 60% of our games are JC games.

But I'm a good official, I should have higher level games.

We will assign officials based on rank of available officials and the number games to be played on a given day. As we know more about you, we will evaluate your ranking and can make adjustments. You are one of over 150 officials and we need to assign officials to cover all of the games at all levels.

Can I work, at least as AR on D-1 games?

All Div 1 games are assigned through Conference Assignors who have contracts with the conference those schools belong to. All center officials are assigned by that Conference Assignor. These assignors typically use WCISOA officials for local games, except for Conference games when they must use referees from outside the area.

The AR's are assigned by WCISOA after approval by the Conference Assignor. AR's for these games come from a list of approved officials. An official new to WCISOA is not likely to be approved since the Conference Assignor is not aware of their abilities.

How many games can I get?

For an official with normal availability, normal assigning will result in at 15 to 20 games in the season. There are plenty of opportunities for officials to add games to their schedule.

How do I see assignments?

Assignments are posted on WCISOA.ORG. They must be accepted and declined on the web site, in a timely manner.

INTERNET ACCESS REQUIRED



Q & A's Ranking

How are officials assigned?

Assignments are made based on Ranking and Availability. WCISOA has a paid Chapter assignor.

What is Ranking?

All officials are given a numerical ranking as Referee and as AR. Each level of game we assign calls for a specific rank for the Referee and the AR slots. Referee ranks are 1A/1B, 2A/2B, 3A/3B. AR ranks are 1-2-3.

Ranking is based on our knowledge of the officials. A ranking committee meets twice a year to set the rank for officials.

What rank will I start with?

All new officials start at 3B/3 unless we have evidence that they have previously performed at the highest level.

Your rank is NOT public, you, the assignor, the ranking committee and the BOD are the only ones who have that information.

How can I change my rank?

WCISOA has an extensive assessing program which tries to see as many officials each year, especially new officials. We get feedback from coaches on your matches. You can request an assessment

Most 1A/1B officials can do most games. 2A officials will do D2 and JC Men's games, plus selected NAIA and D-3 games. 2B officials will do selected NAIA and D3 games and JC Women. 3A officials will do JC Women and selected NAIA Women's games. 3B officials will do selected JC women and selected NAIA women so we can assess them.

An official with a lower level referee rank can still receive a high rank as AR and this will put them on higher ranked games.

Remember that all D-1 game assignments come through the conference assignor from a list of approved officials as Referee and as AR.



Q & A's Games TRAVEL

How far do I have to travel?

The farther you travel, the more games will be available. You can set the limit on the distance you want to travel on any day of the week.

What if I can only work weekends?

Any limit you put on your availability will limit the number of games you will be assigned.

Are there night games?

A very few JC games are at night. There are many D-1 games at night but officials need to be approved to work these games.

When are games played?

Most JC games are at 4 PM on Tuesday & Friday. D-1 & D-2 usually play on Friday and Sunday. NAIA & D-3 teams play a various times.

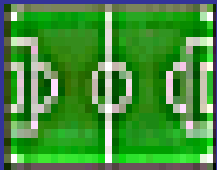
Can I decline game assignments?

It is expected that officials will accept most assignments but they may decline games when they get assignments without penalty. Declines must be done in a timely manner to help get replacement officials. Games declined within 14 days of game date- \$10 fine, within 7 days of game date - \$25 fine, declines within 24 hours of start time - Game fee fine.

Where are games played?

Sacramento Valley - San Joaquin Valley

American River	Sacramento	Butte College	Oroville
Cosumnes River College	Sacramento	CSU Stanislaus	Turlock
CSU Chico	Chico	Feather River College	Quincy
Lassen College	Susanville	Sacramento City College	Sacramento
Sacramento State University	Sacramento	San Joaquin Delta College	Stockton
Sierra College	Rocklin	Solano Community College	Fairfield
UC Davis	Davis	University of Pacific	Stockton
William Jessup University	Rocklin	Yuba College	Marysville
Modesto JC	Modesto		



Q & A's Games TRAVEL

Where are games played?

Redding - Humboldt Area

College of the Redwoods	Eureka	Humboldt State University	Arcata
Shasta College	Redding	Simpson University	Redding

Alameda County - Contra Costa County

Cal Maritime Academy	Vallejo	Chabot College	Hayward
Contra Costa College	San Pablo	CSU East Bay	Hayward
Diablo Valley College	Pleasant Hill	Holy Names University	Oakland
Las Positas College	Livermore	Los Medanos College	Pittsburg
Merritt College	Oakland		
Mills College	Oakland	Ohlone College	Fremont
St Mary's College	Moraga	UC Berkeley	Berkeley

North Bay

College of Marin	Kentfield	Dominican University	San Raphael
Mendocino College	Ukiah	Napa Valley College	Napa
Sonoma State University	Rohnert Park	Pacific Union College	Angwin
Santa Rosa Junior College	Santa Rosa		



San Francisco Area

City College of San Francisco	San Francisco
San Francisco State	San Francisco
University of San Francisco	San Francisco
Skyline College	San Bruno

Peninsula

Foothill College	Los Altos Hills
Menlo College	Atherton
Notre Dame de Namur University	Belmont

South Bay

Canada College	Redwood City	De Anza College	Cupertino
Evergreen Valley College	San Jose	Mission College	Santa Clara
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara	San Jose State University	San Jose
Stanford University	Stanford	West Valley College	Saratoga

Far South Bay

Bethany College	Scotts Valley	Cabrillo College	Aptos
CSU Monterey Bay	Seaside	Gavilan College	Gilroy
Hartnell College	Salinas	UC Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz
Monterey College	Monterey		

Q & A's Misc

Do we have insurance coverage?

Yes, \$1 million liability for policy for all members while performing their duties in clinics, practices, and games, through NISOA. You have secondary accident insurance through WCISOA, for injuries at games, clinics and practices.

You mention Area Rep, who is mine?

Look for your Area Code:

Area Code	Area Representative	Email address
415 /707	Steve Larsen	susclarsen2@comcast.net
650	Tony Vertongen	tpvdds@aol.com
408 /831	Dick Wilkerson	jarhead05@aol.com
510	Harold Brazil	hbrazil@mtc.ca.gov
925	Chris Morss	cmorss@comcast.net
916/209/530	Alberto Marin	betete4ref@aol.com
North 707/ 530	Francisco Avalos	fravalos@thegrid.net

What do they do?

They know the process and can help you if there are problems with membership. They host mini-clinics and fun runs. They represent your interests to the Board of Directors.

On my Profile, you ask for my Social Security number. I don't want to post it on a web site.

Contact the web master. He can set your profile to not include a SS#, however, you must supply it in writing so it can be given to the book keeper. Since we file 1099's, we need you SS# to do that. We must have one on file. No SS#, no games.

I want to send it to the book keeper.

Deal with the web master, we use a professional book keeper who does not need to receive calls from officials who she does not know. We limit the contact of officials with the book keeper. This applies, also, to times when there is a question about a paycheck.



Q & A's Pay

How will I know What I am to be paid?

Once you complete a game, the amount will show on your schedule under Accounting. Under Referee.

What will I get paid?

Pay rates are set by each conference or league and they vary. We adjust most of them each year but it depends on how the contract is set.

Typical rates for 2008

LEVEL	REFEREE	AR
D-1	*	125 * paid by Conference Assignor
D-2	135	105
D-3	125	100
NAIA	108	82
JC	108	82

Do I get mileage?

D-2 and a few JC's pay mileage, usually this is figured out at the end of the season and a separate check is issued.

When do I get paid?

Checks are issued near the end of September, end of October, and after mid November to finish up all checks.

Are there any deductions?

A 10% Association fee is deducted from all game fees.

The dues for the next year, (\$35-WCISOA & \$90 NISOA), are deducted from the first paycheck. If you wish to not have the deductions made, notify the Membership Chair. You will be responsible for paying your dues for the next year, there are fines if the dues are late.

Do you mail out 1099's?

Yes, for all game fees paid through WCISOA.

UC Davis & UOP will
pay on the field



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New Candidate Membership Application Form 2009
NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE SOCCER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
WEST COAST (CALIFORNIA) CHAPTER

(New Members Only. Type or Print Only)

Do not use P.O. Box Numbers for Address (uniforms will be shipped to this address)

Last Name	First	Middle
Street Address	City	State Zip Code
Primary Email Address		Second Email
Home Phone ()	Work Phone ()	Cell Phone ()
Chapter: West Coast (California)	Birthdate	SSN

Items On-File with Chapter?

Match Evaluation: Pass Fail **Qualifying Exam:** Pass Fail

Letters of Recommendation _____
Completed Fitness Test Results _____ **Medical Exam Form/Waiver** _____ **Take to Fitness Test**

Uniform Selections: *(Circle one each. One for Shirt AND one for Shorts)*

Shirts Size : XS (30-32) S (34-36) M (38-40) L (42-44) XL (46-48) XXL (50-52)

Short Size: SM (30-32) MD (34-36) LG (38-40) XL (42-44) XXL (46-48) XXL (50-52)

(Check Sleeve Length for each Color) Kit Options: Select one -- All Kits Include NISOA Flags and Whistle

Long	Short	Option A	Option B	Option C
		2 Colors	3 Colors	4 Colors

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Gold Grid Shirt</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Orange Grid Shirt</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Blue Grid Shirt</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Black Grid Shirt</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Option A (\$142.95) Option B (\$188.95) Option C (\$233.95)

Black socks with stripes the color of shirt unless otherwise requested

Sock size **Med Size 9 or less** **Large 9 ½ or more**

POLICY – Except for Size Adjustment, No Returns, No Refunds, No Exchanges

Submit Application: Complete Personal and Uniform Information and Mail to:

Jon Dwyer Home: (925) 829-8216 Jon_Dwyer@yahoo.com
101 Medinah Place Cell (925) 785-4664
San Ramon, CA 94583

Application/Registration Fee:	NISOA \$100 + WCISOA \$40	\$140
<i>(Check payable to WCISOA)</i>	PLUS Kit Option A or B or C	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

