

West Coast Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association

WCISOA

Membership Guide



2019

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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.

Who does WCISOA assign for?

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 2, NCAA Division 3, NAIA schools and Community Colleges. WCISOA officials work NCAA D1 games for D1 conference assignors. WCISOA assigns more than 1000 games each season.

When is the college 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.

Who is eligible to join?

To be considered for membership in WCISOA, an applicant must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- 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.



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.Arbitersports.com
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 new membership is \$105. Plus, a full referee kit, from \$146 to \$234, 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.



UNIFORMS

All of them?

NISOA came out with a new uniform in 2018. The new uniform is available at OfficialSports.com. It comes in three colors: Red, Yellow, & Blue.

Which ones?

Yellow is the most common, but it is best to have at least two colors. Short sleeve or long sleeve is your preference.

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 can 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 OfficialSports.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 a single stripe. You will also 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.

