

**South Carolina Football Officials Association
Board of Directors Meeting (via Zoom)
June 9, 2020
7:00PM**

Those present were:

President: Jeff Cockrell
Vice President: Doug Hudson
Past President: Terry Troutt
Secretary: Paul Pool
Commissioner: Charlie Wentzky
Officials Representative to the Executive Committee of SCHSL: absent

District 1: Jeff Thomas
District 2: Mike Cohen
District 3: Brad Smith
District 4: Smiley Bryant
District 5: Larry Saunders
District 6: Darryl Jackson
District 7: Sam Felder
District 8: Tim Cahill
District 9: Granderson James
District 10: Lee Blackmon
District 11: Keith Hajnal
District 12: Ricky Robinson
District 13: Brian Shealy

1. Call to Order: Jeff Cockrell

2. Invocation: Jeff Cockrell

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Darryl Jackson, Second by Ricky Robinson: Minutes approved 16 yea – 0 nay.

4. Review Board Rating Proposal: Todd Johnson explained the Proposal for Rating document for transfer and returning officials. Proposal is included in Minutes.

Motion by Paul Pool, Second by Mike Cohen: Motion approved 16 yea – 0 nay.

5. Rules Modules and Webinars: Tim Cahill advised approximately 215 officials each attending last two webinars. He will send attendance lists to the Directors. Some issues with attendees not being shown as attending/registering. Tim will investigate for possible issues.

4. Clinic and Season plans: Jeff Cockrell presented five options:

1. Clinic at Spring Valley High School
2. Clinic at another location
3. Virtual clinic at several locations
4. Clinic in the fall
5. Virtual clinic and on-line exam

Discussion centered around the concern of having a large group in one location due to Covid-19 virus. Directors commented on the various options and what they thought was best. In addition reading room concerns were mentioned. At the conclusion of the discussion a tentative plan was agreed to: If the Clinic cannot be held on July 25, have a virtual Clinic on the same date and to take the Ratings Test on a Saturday or Sunday in the fall. A vote by the Board would be needed to move the Clinic date.

5. Next Meeting: To be decided once it is known we cannot meet at Spring Valley High School.

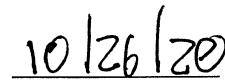
7. Adjourn

Motion by Brian Shealy, Second by Tim Cahill: Motion to adjourn passed 16 yea – 0 nay.

Adjournment



Paul Pool, Secretary SCFOA



Date

Approved June 9, 2020 by SCFOA Board of Directors

SOUTH CAROLINA FOOTBALL OFFICIAL'S ASSOCIATION

STATE REVIEW BOARD RATING PROCEDURE

The following is an explanation of the grading process for officials transferring into the South Carolina Football Officials Association from other associations or states or those returning to the association after an absence.

The current exam score is multiplied by 40% just as currently done for all officials.

The number of years of service in another association is divided in half and the appropriate number of years calculated into our current evaluation system. An official transferring from another state may not receive more than five years of experience in South Carolina entitling them for 10 of the possible 15 points. (Experience in other states or associations must be confirmed in writing by the athletic association of the state in which the official was certified.) An official must complete a minimum of four seasons in South Carolina before becoming eligible for a State Championship game. A transferring official becomes eligible for a state championship game in their fifth season in South Carolina.

An official who has only worked in a junior varsity association will be entitled to one year of credit (2 points for experience) in the South Carolina Football Officials Association. This is done to encourage them to join our association while recognizing that there is usually not testing or evaluation in these types of associations.

The official's rating has a maximum possibility of 25 points. All officials with no experience are assigned a rating of 20 as would those coming to our association via the one year of credit for membership in a junior varsity association. The review board will assign a rating of 21 for those with five years or less of experience in another state association and 22 for those with more than five

years of experience in another state association or associations. The review board may assign additional points or reduce the number of points assigned to an official based upon proper documentation; however, such occasions should be rare and must be fully supported by documentation from the previous association(s) and/or district director.

To ensure that a returning member could not use a high exam score to move to the top of a position after not officiating, a returning official may not receive an official's rating of higher than 24. Further, an official who was a previous member of the South Carolina Football Officials Association who does not officiate one or more seasons and then returns must work one season before becoming eligible for a state championship game assignment. However: a person returning to the association after an absence for a valid and documented reason such as active military duty, medical reasons, or other such valid reasons may have their case reviewed by the South Carolina Football Official's Association Board of Directors who may restore them to the previous evaluation including their official's rating and be allowed to work a state championship game based upon that rating.

The official would receive appropriate credit for meetings and cooperation based upon the information received from their current district director. These are a maximum of 15 points for attending all meetings and 5 points for cooperation.

The final rating will be approved by the committee and forwarded to the South Carolina High School League for game assignment.