

2015 Report Member Services – Metro

The start of 2015 saw the executive meeting every month up till June when summer holidays commenced. During this period we had a great interest by newcomers expressing an interest in officiating the up coming High School season. At one time we had as many as 27 inquiries. Due to different reasons we had this number drop to approximately 8 taking our clinics. Even from those who participated last year as new recruits we saw a down turn in their renewing participation. We had one clinic for the new recruits on June 6th that only saw two new applicants. I believe one of the reasons we lost these people's interest is our slow response in getting them involved. New members clinics should be done early in the spring season prior to the up coming spring football season on the North Shore. We should be using them during this period instead of all seasoned officials.

As might be brought up in other reports we have quite a few members whom we pay for insurance and Arbiter cost who never see the field. This is a cost that the Association ends up absorbing and drives up the rest of our member's operating costs. This situation needs to be resolved.

From the members I had several complaints on the following situation surrounding allocations.

- Seeing the same teams too many times and as well, some of the coaches indicating the same concerns.
- On going field training for officials in new positions saw less then favourable match up of crews to assist them in learning their new roles.
- 4 man coverage for AA Varsity games and doubled up games with long drives in between games.
- And as always how the playoff allocations were done. The lack of and input of observers. These problems seem to exist on a constant basis regardless of efforts to change the process. We will never please everyone and the executive are always open to a system that works for the majority of those officials involved.
- Another issue that continues to see us have mixed reviews from our members is our on going training process. Depending on the group and what they get out of our sessions it is either good or a waste of time. I believe where we fall down is on field training during the season and hope we can resolve the situation.

I wish to thank all the members in the BCFOA and have a Merry Christmas.