

I would like to thank all members for their valued cooperation and assistance in again making memories for high school football players and coaches in 2018. A special note of gratitude to those that subscribe to the "I'll go anywhere at any time" to officiate philosophy, and to those that accepted their assignments in a timely manner.

It was a pleasure working cooperatively for the betterment of high school football with the high school schedulers - George Oswald, Alexis Sanschagrín, Brien Gemmell and webmaster Bernie Crump. This high degree of cooperation resulted in only 1 miscommunication during the entire season involving a grade 8 team that had to move fields due to a double booking at the last minute and did not notify anyone. I met with George in June and made numerous requests for changes to the schedule almost all of which were met. VP Roberto, and Educator DeJulius and I met with the coaches at their fall meeting as well. Field availability and their allocation continues to be an obstacle for us to have total satisfaction in our allocating needs. Numerous changes (179) were made to game times and locations due to the weather conditions et al. We welcomed Sandy Bains to the high school side who worked several games at the jv level.

Games were allocated at least one week in advance.

The SPRING season saw us officiate the North Shore grade 8 league. This was followed by 11 spring scrimmage games. Many officials due to officiating other spring sports, again elected to BLOCK the month of June when spring scrimmages normally occur.

The FALL season saw us officiate 267 games (2017 = 292) (2016 = 305) which translated to 1,300 slots (1,418) (1,465) being filled. High school teams have dropped from 57 in 2009 to 45 in 2018. Only 4 teams played 11 man football this season. We also timed and held the sticks for 5 GNAC games involving SFU Clan football. ALL games were allocated to the full capacity required. There were 5 games officiated with an official no show. We also had Wayne Steele, Ken McKinnon, and Ted Baranyai work games on the Island. Lee Brien and Ted Baranyai also worked games in the Interior. During the play-offs Jamie Graham from Princeton worked games at BC Place.

This year we had only 46 declines down from 99 declines, and 4 turn backs. Thank you for keeping your Blocks current this season. It was truly appreciated.

A special thank you to our other regional allocators for their hard work this season.

Play-off games at the grade 8 and junior varsity levels were scrutinized, and Varsity and Subway Bowl assignments were dictated by the play-off committee comprised of Dave "Ottawa" Sullivan, and Mark Newlove.

Recommendation:

Training needs to be done before spring football begins so our newcomers get a feel for the position and are able to start the season immediately in the fall.

In conclusion. I would like to wish everyone and their families a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a safe and healthy 2019.

Yours in FOOTBALL.

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