

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 2017. 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. This was especially true on November 17 when 5 officials started a game within 40 minutes of being allocated. Thank you to Craig Nichols, Les Cardwell, Farrell Taphorn, Tim Lederman, and Kent Taylor for making this happen.

It was a pleasure working cooperatively for the betterment of high school football with the high school schedulers - George Oswald, Glen Donaldson, Chad Hurtabise and webmaster Bernie Crump.. This high degree of cooperation resulted in only 1 miscommunication during the entire season involving a jv game in early September. I met with George in June and made numerous requests for changes to the schedule almost all of which were met. VP Eskildsen 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. Many new coaches think that we are available 24/7. One coach thought he only needed 1 official to work his game. Numerous changes were made to game times and locations late in the season due to the weather conditions. We welcomed back Greg Barnes, Tim Lederman, and Farrell Taphorn as well as Robert Van Hage from the Island. but our ranks were also depleted with the unavailability of Thomas Straley and Ed Jerrick.

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 292 games (2016 = 305) which translated to 1,418 slots (1,465) being filled. 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 4 games officiated with an official no show. We also had Wayne Steele, Ken Mckinnon, Gary Kingston and Robert Kozak work games on the Island. During the play-offs Mike Gatto and Al Sleightholme worked games at BC Place.

This year we had 99 declines during the entire season and 6 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 Ben Eskildsen, 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 2018.

Yours in FOOTBALL.

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