



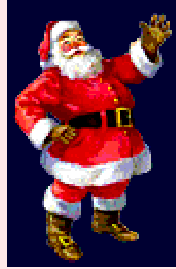
GOAL TO GO

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM SICOA

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO ALL

Happy Holidays
From The SICOA
Board of Directors



SICOA Line Judge Ed Ortiz just relaxing a bit before he takes the field at Raymond James Stadium for his game between Plant City & East Tampa on December 14th.

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL UMPIRES ARE NEEDED FOR UPCOMING YOUTH SEASON

From Jim Parker, SICOA Treasurer & Baseball / Softball Representative to the SICOA Board of Directors...

Eric Aarens, president of Peninsula Umpires Association, (FHSAA sanctioned) Welcomes all members of SICOA to attend their meetings, training and functions throughout the 2003 baseball season.

Their first meeting is on Friday, January 3rd at 7pm at Ridgewood Senior High School in Pasco County.

The FHSAA field clinic will be held on January 24th and 25th, with a fee of \$40.00. However, if you intend to umpire high school varsity and junior varsity games for him or her, (their membership fee is \$50.00) their association will refund \$20.00 of the FHSAA fee and additionally give each member a \$10.00 credit for any new member they bring in.

If you are interested in going to the FHSAA baseball field clinic, please call Jim Parker. Membership with Peninsula is mandatory to work FHSAA contests. Last day to register for the baseball field clinic is January 10th.

Honig's Officials Supply will be at the baseball clinic and will have a full line of umpire equipment for purchase.

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FHSAA GIVES SICOA EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT

Awards Full Football Sanction Status For 2003 Season

After a full season of conditional sanctioning, the Florida High School Activities Association has granted an unconditional full sanction for football to SICOA, starting with the 2003 season.

"That's just great", stated Wharton Senior High assistant football coach Gary Collins upon hearing the news.

"I know a lot of coaches in Hillsborough County will appreciate having another association. I wish you all the best in 2003 and beyond."

Vernon Khorn, Hillsborough District Schools Athletic Director, also gave congratulations to the SICOA board.

Although the current contract for football officiating belongs to another local association, Khorn was receptive to hearing any proposal that SICOA brings to his office for future officiating consideration.

SICOA President Lance Sweat was quick to point out that the eyes of the state will be upon us.

"This is what we have been waiting for over six years," Sweat said. "Now comes the even harder job of getting our football staff ready to take on varsity contests at any level."

The SICOA board will address contracts to interested schools at their January meeting. Already, several schools have contacted SICOA requesting contracts in three bay area county's including Hillsborough.

The preliminary plan is to have five crews together, each working a full ten game schedule. Supplemental crews will be used on heavy nights.

SICOA plans on taking four to eight schools in 2003.

And utilizing our relationships with other sanctioned associations to assist them on lighter SICOA nights, similar to what the association did in 2002.

NFHS RULE QUIZ

1. K-1 attempts to kick an extra point. While the ball is in flight, R-2 roughs the holder. The kick is good. Can K-1 decline the penalty and the yardage on the kick-off or is the referee required to administer the yardage?
2. If A-1 fumbles the ball at B's 5-yard line and B-1 recovers and try's to advance but runs into his own end zone where he is downed, is it a safety?
3. In between downs, the head linesman blows his whistle and informs the referee that he is having problems with players standing in the coach's box. Is this a foul? Is this a warning since it was the first occurrence? Should a flag be thrown?
4. If an official notices that a player has blood on his uniform, that player shall be sent off and cannot return until there is no visible blood on the uniform. If he returns and there is still blood on the uniform, what do you do?

HONIGS OFFICIALS SUPPLY TO BE AT FHSAA BASEBALL CLINIC JANUARY 25th in Pasco

If you are in need of baseball / softball equipment, or additional football equipment, Honigs will be at the FHSAA state field clinic in Pasco County, January 24th. Call Fred Collida at Honigs (800-955-1754) and let him know what you need so he can bring it for you. Their website is www.honigs.com. Also, they will bring football equipment for officials working SSFL if needed.

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