



NJFOA - Shore Chapter
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ANNUAL BULLETIN 2023

1. MEETING/ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Our first meeting will be conducted **TUES., AUGUST 15TH**, 7pm **MANASQUAN ELKS** and will include the **2023 rules interpretation**. The **Aug 15TH** meeting counts as both a rules and a regular meeting. The **Aug 29TH** meeting will count as both also if needed or just as a regular meeting.

If unable to attend the August 15th meeting, then attendance at the AUGUST 29th MEETING is mandatory for all Shore Chapter Officials-Active Members, ECO's and Cadets to meet your State Interp requirement.

All Chapter Meetings will be held on **Tuesdays** at **the Manasquan Elks, 17 Stockton Lake Blvd, Manasquan, NJ 08736** and will begin at **7PM**.

Dates:	August	15	State Interp & Chapter Meeting 7PM
	August	29	Chapter Meeting 7PM
	September	12	VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM 7pm
	September	19	Chapter Meeting 7pm
	October	3	Chapter Meeting 7PM *Nominations Meeting*
	October	10	VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM 7pm
	October	17	Chapter Meeting 7PM** 2024 Local Dues payment due** **Banquet Money Due**
	November	8	Chapter Banquet – Spring Lake Manor, 630PM 415 Hwy 71, Spring Lake Heights

Active Members and ECO's must either view or attend a State interpretation meetings PLUS four (4) regular weekly local chapter meetings. Attendance at other Chapter meetings may be used to fulfill the meeting attendance requirements. Proof of attendance at the other Chapter meetings shall be filed with the Chapter Secretary. Failure to satisfy minimum requirements will result in disciplinary action per the Chapter By-Laws. **If any member will have difficulty making the minimum number of meetings required, the member must inform the Chapter Attendance Chair ROB BOYLE rboyle@njtransit.com PRIOR to the start of the meeting season.**

2. CONCUSSION COURSE/ANNUAL EXAM:

All members must complete and submit proof of completion for the online NFHS Concussion Awareness Course. Per the NJSIAA, Certificates are valid for one (1) calendar year. **For 2023, the course must have been completed no earlier than July 1, 2023 and no later than July 31, 2023.** The link to register for the concussion course is <http://nfhslearn.com/courses/concussion-in-sports-2> Login to your NFHS account first. If you do not have an account, create one.

Course completion certificates should be **UPLOADED** using the following RefSec link <https://njfoa-shore.refsec.com/web/concussion.aspx>

The Annual Football Rules Exam is available online now. Access exam by logging onto your ZebraWeb account, choose NJSIAA, go to Documents then Online Test then Online Football Test. **The Exam must be completed by August 12, 2023 with a passing grade of minimally 80%.** ECO's are exempt from the exam.

3. DUES (2024): You will be **again** paying 2 sets of dues for 2024:

	<u>NJSIAA</u>	<u>NJFOA SHORE CHAPTER</u>
- Active		
Field Official	\$TBD	\$60.00
- ECO	\$TBD	\$40.00

- A.** Dues to the NJFOA SHORE CHAPTER, covering the group membership, are due **November 1, 2023 and can be paid online through RefSec or by check.** Checks are to be made out to the NJFOA-Shore Chapter and can be either turned in at a local meeting or mailed to NJFOA Shore Chapter, PO Box 1522, and Toms River, NJ 08754 prior to Nov 15th. Detailed RefSec info and how to pay via RefSec will be sent out to each member.
- B.** After November 15th, the dues to the NJFOA SHORE CHAPTER will increase to include a \$50 late fee until December 15th. After December 16th, the dues will increase to include a \$75 late fee. **If you do not pay by January 15th, you will no longer be a member of our group and will be dropped from the roster.**
- C.** Dues for the 2024 season to the NJSIAA will be paid directly to them through the online registration process beginning April 1, 2024 and CLOSES August 1, 2024. Details will be emailed to you directly from the NJSIAA early Spring/2024.

You must pay both sets of dues in order to be eligible to officiate in 2023! Please take care of this before both deadlines. Failure to pay local dues by the November deadline will prevent you from being able to register with the NJSIAA in May!

Additionally, you will be required to submit to and pay for a new background check through the NJSIAA. The background check is not affiliated with the NJFOA SHORE CHAPTER. It will be an annual charge, but if you do multiple sports, one background check will cover you for any and all sports you officiate.

4. 2023 GAME FEES:

	<u>2023</u>
Varsity Field Official	\$120.00
Sub Varsity Official	\$ 67.00
ECO	\$ 80.00
Chains	\$ 67.00

5. UNIFORMS:

Field Officials: the wider stripe shirt with the NJSIAA logo and American flag sublimated directly onto the shirt are now mandatory uniform wear as is a hat with the NJFOA logo, long black pants with white stripe, black belt, black athletic shoes and laces. Hats with the NJSIAA logo may be worn but for varsity games all field officials must wear same hat.

Chain Crews: Black shirt with no visible logo or printing (ex. Golf shirt, sweatshirt, mock turtle neck, hooded sweatshirt or jacket. Black pants, preferably striped football pants. Any sneaker or athletic shoe that predominantly black and a black baseball cap.

6. CHAPTER BANQUET:

Please remember to save the evening of Weds., Nov. 8th to attend our Annual Chapter Banquet. This year once again the banquet will be held at the Spring Lake Manor, 415 Hwy 71, Spring Lake Heights, 630pm. Cost is \$45.00 per member. Checks payable to NJFOA Shore Chapter can be handed in at a local meeting or mailed to NJFOA Shore Chapter, PO Box 1522, Toms River, NJ 08754.

7. ELECTIONS:

For the 2024 membership year, the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules Interpreter, NJFOA Rep, Assignor and 1 Trustee are up for election. Any active member with a minimum of five (5) years active membership and in good standing may run for office. Term for the Trustee position is a three (3) year term.

Any member wishing to run for an office must submit his name to the Election Manager, Mike Kilmurray gmakilmurray@verizon.net prior to the October 3rd local Chapter meeting.

Start getting yourself physically and mentally ready. Check your uniforms and equipment. The season will be here soon!

Hope you all have a great season!

Bill Van Schoick

President NJFOA-Shore Chapter