



# TOSS-UP!!

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## General Membership Meeting October 3 Highlights

### Action Items: Take Care of Immediately!

The season is fast approaching. We've already concluded our New Officials Clinic, our first membership meeting on Oct 3, and the State Rules Clinic.

Here are some tasks that Scott Johnson & Bob McGrath want all of us to address pronto on TheArbiter.net. They need you to input/verify this info so they can start scheduling games shortly.

1. **Check that your SSN** and other personal information—address, phone numbers, e-mail address—are all correct.
2. If you have **ANY Closed Dates** for the entire season and especially through the end of December, then **Block** those dates.
3. If you have **Any Teams** that you have a **conflict of interest** with or **clash with the coach** and you should not work for that school, then you should **Block them**. Be sure you specify what level you are blocking, e.g. Varsity, JV, or Freshman. Currently, the system at Bob McGrath discretion limits us to 10 blocks total. (Normally, I would think varsity officials would not have to block lower levels.)

**Assigner Fees:** Shortly Bob & Scott will finalize their "official varsity list". What's important about this is:

Varsity officials must pay a \$25 assigner fee to the KBOA to cover Bob's fee.

Non-Varsity officials then must pay \$25 assigner fee Directly to Scott. It Will Not go through the KBOA books.

Both officials have reaffirmed that

**NO Assigner Fee Paid — No Schedule/  
No Games.....**



## WHISTLE - STOP: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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### The 2nd & 3rd Year Clinic is fast approaching.

The clinic is conducted in two parts: classroom and on-the-floor. Mark your calendars for Thurs Oct 25 and Tues Oct 30 for the classroom work at the JCC. Registration starts 5:30—6 pm. The floor work will be in conjunction with some jamborees in late November. More at the Oct 24 membership meeting. Scott, Tom Wallace, and Dale Ramsay will be leading this effort. Your help will be needed especially as evaluators and videographers at the jamborees.

### Federation Test Date & Location

NFHS Part II Test will be administered on Monday Dec 3 at Male High School in the cafeteria from 6 –10 p.m.

Are you cracking those books and knocking off at least two rule sections a week?

### Next Membership Meeting Wed Oct 24 Male H.S. 7 pm

Tim Amshoff and possibly Jerry Wyman will be our guest. Tim is the newly elected President of the 6th & 7th Region Policy Board and AD at Fern Creek H.S. A few years back he even went through our new officials clinic. Jerry is the Director of Athletic Activities and Academic Competition for Jefferson County. Both are friends of all officials. Be sure to attend this meeting and be prepared to ask that important question that has been bugging you for quite awhile.

**Respectful and meaningful questions only!!**

**We never want to embarrass or put anyone on the spot.**

*Bob James*

## KBOA DATES AND DEADLINES

2ND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TRAINING CLINIC FOR 2ND/3RD YR OFFICIALS

NATIONAL FEDERATION TEST PART II

WED OCT 24 MALE H.S. 7 PM

OCT 25 & 30; AT JCC  
FLOOR WORK LATE NOV.

MONDAY DEC 3 MALE H.S.  
CAFETERIA 6–10 P.M.



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# THE BACKSIDE

## Focus on You!

Dale Ramsay—

### Mentor, Teacher, Excellent Official, Good Person

[This is the third in a series of articles that focuses on people that have or will significantly impact us and our mission. I want to give you some insight into who they are and what that impact was or will be.]

Dale **hails from New Hampshire** during the Eisenhower Administration. He attended Strafford High School where he lettered in basketball (1,000 pt scorer), baseball, and ran cross country (19th in the state—probably dog sled assisted time!). At Keene State College he majored in Physical Education and was the manager for the basketball and baseball teams (he has something in common with Jeff Morrow). Luck had it that a prof there had ties to the Intramural Dept at UofL. In 1980 Dale moved to 'The Ville' on a graduate assistantship and worked in the Intramural Dept while working on his MAT in Physical Edu. Two years later he graduated and was hired as an Assistant Director of Intramural Sports. One year later he was promoted to Director. (Flew up rapidly for a grinder eating man from N.H.)

Dale **refereed his first high school game at 15**; in college he called intramural and joined IAABO and worked JV and varsity high games his first year. He even filled in for a college game when one official could not make the game. He joined the KBOA in 1982; worked JV ball for two years; and then made it to varsity.



He met **his wife Laurie** (a New Yorker) in Louisville at the elegant Bambi Restaurant. 13 months later they were married; they just celebrated their 22nd anniversary. They have two children: Ryan a freshman at UofL majoring in Sports Administration and Elizabeth a sophomore at Sacred Heart Academy.

**Blessed is a word Dale used over and over in this interview.** Dale says he is very blessed with his job. He provides recreational opportunities for over 20,000 students. Part of his job includes intramurals and thus he gets to work with basketball every day. He has recruited, trained, and scheduled officials for numerous sports. In his 28 yrs at UofL he has helped over 100 students get into high school and college officiating. Seeing several of his students makes it to the State Tournaments has been very rewarding. Dale teaches in the College of Edu in the Sports Admin Dept. He teaches administration of recreational sports and a sports officiating class which concentrates on basketball. Part of their requirements is two observations of our high school games, keep the scorebook, and actually get out onto the floor. He formerly was the Spirit Group Director. During his 7 year tenure his cheerleaders, Ladybirds, and Cardinal Bird Mascot won 8 national championships.

Dale expressed **his passion for helping young officials.** He keeps tabs on his students that have joined the KBOA. He believes that there is a right and wrong way of doing things. If he thinks you are straying, you'll get a call from him. For the past 10-12 yrs he has given a talk at the 2nd & 3rd yr clinic—"Keep Officiating in Perspective". "Officiating can be a narcotic. While traveling your spouse has to handle the fast breaks at your home." The kids can full-court press the one left at home. He also values his ability to assign quality games. Whether its the summer camps at UofL or Bellarmine, the annual trip to Vegas, the AAU trip to Conn, or the recent Senior Olympic games. These provide an opportunity to grow both personally, professionally, and build camaraderie while having a good time.

Dale's **advice to new officials** is to work all the games you can. The best experience can only be obtained on the floor. Training clinics help but you learn

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and grow from your own mistakes. Seek out advice from older, experienced officials. Take constructive advice. Lastly, take care of business. If you let a coach get out of hand, take care of it yourself. Don't leave it up to the next crew. Set your goals high and respect your avocation. We have some great officials coming up.

After 25 yrs Dale **still has a passion for officiating.** He officiates in 5 women's conferences and wants to stay actively involved for yrs to come in officiating, teaching, assigning people in the summer and helping young officials.

I had to pull Dale's **officiating accomplishments** out of him: qualified to work regional finals for the past 12 yrs, 2 Girls KHSAA State Tournament, 2 All A Tournaments, and KHSAA Official of the Yr for basketball in 2006 and field hockey a few yrs earlier. KBOA awards include the #1 Official Award, the Ed Taylor Award, and the President's Award.

*Dale has indeed been blessed but so has our KBOA with his friendship. BJ.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Date      Location

Wed Oct 24 Male H.S. 7 p.m.  
Sat Nov 3?? Mandatory Trng from Varsity & JV Assigners  
Wed Nov 14 Male H.S. 7 p.m.  
Sun Dec 16 Amer Legion Post 2:30  
Sun Jan 20 Amer Legion Post 2:30