

## **SPSOA 2026 Pre-Season Update #1 – June 1, 2026**

**PIAA Registration Fees for 2026-27-** These fees were billed beginning in November 2025 and are now overdue and penalties apply. If you have not paid these yet, please pay them at [www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org). If they are not paid, you will be dropped from the PIAA roster on July 1st. If you are unsure whether you paid them or not, log into your account on the PIAA site and click on “View or Pay Officials Registration Fees”. **If you will not be officiating PIAA soccer games this season, please let me know ASAP.**

**PIAA Officials Convention-** The PIAA Officials Convention will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg. Please note that to be considered to officiate state playoff games, you must attend the convention at least once in the previous five years. Registration is open now and can be done online at [www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org). The deadline to register is July 10<sup>th</sup>. If we have five or more attendees from our chapter, we can register as a group and save \$10 off the \$100 fee, BUT we must register as a group at the same time. **If you will be attending the convention and want to take advantage of the discount, DO NOT register online. Let me know by June 15th that you will be attending and I will coordinate the group registration.**

**SPSOA Meeting Schedule-** Our chapter meeting dates are listed below. **ALL MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL** (via GoToMeeting)

Sunday	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM RULES INTERP
Sunday	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter Meeting around 8:45 PM
Monday	August 31 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 PM
Monday	September 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM
Monday	September 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM
Monday	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM
Monday	October 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM

Please note that each official is REQUIRED to attend at least four chapter meetings PLUS the Rules meeting. At least one meeting must be attended in September and one in October. PIAA does NOT allow meeting requirements to be waived due to conflicts with games. We have sufficient meetings scheduled so that meeting the requirement should not be a problem. Remember, you can attend meetings of other chapters if needed. These are listed on the PIAA website.

**Chapter Dues-** Dues will remain at \$45. Per our approved bylaw change last year, chapter dues for 2026-27 will be payable beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 1st, 2026 and will be considered late if not paid by September 15th. They are payable by check or via PayPal. Dues may be paid as follows:

1. Mail a check payable to SPSOA to Jon Gatta at 162 Wildflower Dr., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462.
2. Dues may also be paid using PayPal to [Jon.Gatta@spsoa99@gmail.com](mailto:Jon.Gatta@spsoa99@gmail.com). The QR code below will direct you to the proper account



**Inactive Status-** If you intend to be inactive for the 2026-27 season due to injury or other commitments, you must file an inactive status form with our chapter secretary, Dave McGowan, by September 1st. The form must be submitted for each year you are inactive. You may only be inactive for two consecutive years, unless an exception is granted by PIAA. **Note that PIAA registration fees are still payable while you are on inactive status.** Chapter dues are waived for officials on inactive status. Please advise me ASAP if you intend to go inactive, so we don't pay the officials insurance premium for you.

**Officials Insurance-** We will continue to provide insurance for our active officials through Arbiter. Coverage is based on your email that is in Arbiter. Our membership list is based on your email in piaa.org. **Please check your PIAA and Arbiter email addresses. If they are different, please let me know ASAP (by June 15<sup>th</sup>), so that I use the correct email for the insurance coverage.**

**Chapter Website-** Please check our website – [www.spsoa.net](http://www.spsoa.net) for information related to our chapter, PIAA and the leagues we serve.

#### **Preparation for the Season-**

- Check your equipment and uniforms – replace worn out items
- Make sure your clearances are up to date. Renew if needed and allow sufficient time for processing
- Update your contact information (phone number, address, etc.) in the Arbiter and PIAA websites. Please let me know if your Arbiter email address is different than your PIAA email address. The insurance coverage is linked to your Arbiter email address.
- Get in shape – start exercising and stretching now. As we get older, we are more susceptible to injuries
- **Please let me know ASAP if you will NOT be officiating PIAA games this season, so I can remove you from our active member list.**

Feel free to contact me about these or any other issues or questions you have.

Best Regards,

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