CSOA
WORKING OUTSIDE THE LINES
2013 UPDATE

Venue Prep “101”
PURPOSE

- Reenergize the membership on CSOA’s mission
- To address some weaknesses in CSOA’s support to the customer
- Standardize CSOA procedures in and around the school venues but “outside of the lines”
- Answer any questions
The Commonwealth Soccer Officials Association (CSOA) is an independent association of certified soccer officials. CSOA provides soccer officials to officiate at all levels of interscholastic competition in Northern and Northwestern Virginia including Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford Counties. These games are officiated in accordance with the rules of soccer set forth by the National and State governing bodies for high school athletics.
WHAT DOES THE MISSION SAY

- Independent Association, self governing operating within NF/VHSL framework

- Association sets goals:
  - Fair/Just fees to the schools – understand the environment – their constraints
  - Fair/Just pay for the Officials – constant increase annually
  - We provide a level of competency to officiate the games – tested, taught, meet VHSL certification, assessed monitored
  - We will completely cover as much as possible with available resources – superior assigning skills
EXPECTATIONS

- All have knowledge - Rules/POE/Game Savvy
- We are working in an Educational Environment – teaching/learning paramount
- We are working in & creating a Safe Environment
- Hold the Association’s Goals above our own
- Believe in and follow a Code of Conduct
- Communicate the “good” and the “bad”
WHERE WE’RE MISSING THE MARK PREP FOR LAST SEASON (2012)

- Not getting the Venue prepared for the Match
  - Late arrival, no field check, delay in start time
- Not communicating with everyone required
  - School Personnel – Admin & Coaches/Players
  - Game officials (each other) prior to showing up
  - Assignor – He does need to know
- Making changes w/o authority – Wx, Time, Equipment
- Inconsistent application of the Rules/POE
- Not closing out the match completely
- How did we do? Mostly corrected 5 of 5
STANDARD PROCEDURES

- Arrive with enough time to get all the admin done
- Do all of the following:
  - Check the field, the balls and ball persons
  - Talk to the timer/announcer
  - Talk to the game administrator
  - Talk to the trainer
  - Talk to the coaches and get their names
  - Get the rosters
  - Get the game started on time
  - Provide a learning environment
  - Provide a safe environment
  - Work as a team
  - Complete all the match requirements
- Call our teammates – coordinate everything you can
- Thanks