A MESSAGE FROM JENN ROBERTS UHLIG, CHSAA ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

I hope you and your family are doing well during this unique and trying time we are in. Like most, I had great sadness to not have the 2020 T&F season or Championships. I’ve missed each and every one of you this season! I look forward to catching up and seeing you soon! We all remain hopeful that we will have Track & Field as close to normal this spring.

The Student-Athletes need our great sport for their physical, mental and social wellbeing! As always, I thank you for your dedication and commitment to high school student athletes. Stay safe and healthy!

OFFICIATING DURING THE PANDEMIC

On June 9, 2020, I participated in a ZOOM discussion led by Tom Robinson for the CHSSO (Colorado High School Sports Officials) which included all of the sports presidents from our State. As you can imagine there was a lot of ground to cover. Presently, there are still more questions than answers as we move forward but we will get there at some point. Because only the Spring sports were impacted so far, we in T&F and Cross Country are still in the process of working with CHSAA to get it all worked out. As you might imagine, CHSAA is dealing with more than a full plate 24 hours a day. We will keep you up to date as often as possible as we move forward. Tom stated that “we all agree that there are many unknowns going into this next school year and CHSAA will have a better sense how to handle issues in the near future.

CTFOA DUES FOR 2021 SPRING TRACK & FIELD AND 2021 FALL CROSS COUNTRY

The structure for paying your CTFOA dues has changed. You will remember in the past that we paid our dues at the end of the 2019 T&F season in the spring for the 2020 T&F season which included the Fall 2020 Cross Country season. Starting now, our dues year will run from January to January of every year unless changed by CHSAA. With that being said, you will NOT START PAYING YOUR 2021 DUES UNTIL DECEMBER 1, 2020 and not by the end of this month as in years past. Please see “Important Dates” below for more information. It does appear at this point that for 2021, officials will have to register and pay the fee to the state in the CHSAA Central Hub 103372 for a background check, insurance, and the Arbiter Registration, testing, and eligibility platform. The total amount is yet to be determined. Our association did incur some expenses for this past 2019-2020 track season by way of rule books, case books, insurance, online services from NFHS, etc. prior to the cancellation of the season. More information will be coming your way via future Newsletters.

Background Checks

If you are wondering when your present background check expires, please go to CHSAANOW.com, arrow over to CHSAA.org, then arrow down to officials and click. On the next screen, click on Track and on the next screen click on 2020 T&F Officials. There you will find a list of officials for the 2020 T&F season. Go to your name and toward the end of the columns to your right and you will find the date you last renewed. Your background check is good for three years.

If you still have a question about the date your background check expires, please contact Monica Tillman mtillman@chsaa.org or by phone at 303.364.1337. The new list of certified officials for 2021 will be posted on the CHSAA Officials Website in February of 2021 for the 2021 Spring T&F season and the 2021 Fall Cross Country season.

NFHS ONLINE TEST & POWER POINT RULES PRESENTATION 2021

The State of Colorado will continue to purchase the online test & the power point rules presentation from the NFHS in 2021 for our officials. The cost to the CTFOA from NFHS to provide the test & the power point will be included in our dues. It has been brought to our attention that there are some states that are planning on designing their own online rules test as well as their rules power point presentation and will not be using the NFHS test and power point for their officials in 2021. Colorado will continue to use the
NFHS online programs UNLESS something changes between now and then. Our Rules Test will still be taken online through ARBITER in 2021. There are some tentative dates listed below under IMPORTANT DATES below for your information.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OFFICIATING THE UPCOMING 2020 CROSS COUNTRY SEASON PLEASE READ**

I have a partial list of officials who stated that they would like to officiate this upcoming Cross-Country Season as your dues have already been paid for the 2020 Fall Cross Country Season. The previous cross-country list of officials from 2019 has been removed from the CHSAA website. **THEREFORE, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING THE REGULAR CROSS-COUNTRY SEASON THIS COMING FALL, PLEASE EMAIL ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO I CAN ADD YOUR NAME TO MY LIST AND GET IT TO MONICA TO POST ON THE CHSSAA OFFICIALS WEBSITE FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND MEET DIRECTORS TO ACCESS.** I have already been contacted by one athletic director for a list of cross-country officials. I may be reached at gharleyclassic@gmail.com (Gary)

**CROSS COUNTRY OFFICIALS REQUIRED AT ALL REGULAR SEASON MEETS FOR 2020**

If you will recall, over the last couple of years, certified officials were **NOT** required at regular season Cross Country Meets. THAT IS NO LONGER THE CASE FOR THIS UPCOMING 2020 CROSS COUNTRY SEASON. At our last Cross-Country Committee Meeting at the end of the 2019 season, it was voted on and approved by the Cross-Country Committee to require certified official(s) at all cross-country regular season meets starting this fall. As a result, CHSAA is recommending that all regular season meets with **1-9 teams** have one certified official, **10-19 teams** have two certified officials, **20-39 teams** have three certified officials, **40 or more teams** have four certified officials. **ALL REGIONAL MEETS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AT LEAST FOUR CERTIFIED OFFICIALS PER SITE. COACHES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SERVE IN THE CAPACITY OF A CERTIFIED OFFICIAL AT REGULAR SEASON MEETS, REGIONAL MEETS, OR AT THE STATE MEET IN WHICH THEIR ATHLETES ARE PARTICIPATING.**

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

As you know there are still many more questions than answers at this point. However, we will attempt to keep you up to speed and informed as best we can via Newsletter and/or email to you. The biggest question that is out there so far is: What are we going to do different at the *Start Line* and the *Finish Line* in Cross-Country this Fall regarding social distancing for example and especially dealing with the athletes that come across the finish line sweating, coughing, spitting, bleeding from a fall, and vomiting after giving it their all? What are your thoughts? Remember, everything is subject to change on a moment’s notice. If you have questions, suggestions, etc. please email me (Gary) at gharleyclassic@gmail.com

**ON A BRIGHTER NOTE**

Jim Gjerde has been out of the hospital for a while and is back at home with his daughter and making great progress once again. We continue to send positive thoughts Jim’s way. Jim is a real champ!

2021 Track & Field & Cross-Country Satellite Clinics for Officials (Updated 6-15-2020). The time & content at these clinics are designed for officials and are scheduled to last longer. Coaches may attend to satisfy their yearly requirement for CHSAA. **NOTE: It is a possibility that future Satellite Clinics in 2021 may be offered online, virtually or by Zoom, etc. More information will be forthcoming.**

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This information below and the Satellite Clinic information above are ON HOLD and will be updated in future Newsletters. The CTFOA & CHSAA have approved the above State Satellite Clinics designed specifically for officials for the 2021 Track & Field and Cross-Country Seasons. Coaches may also attend. However, these clinics are greater in length and will cover information above and beyond the New Rules for 2020. Coaches who attend one of the above clinics will receive credit from CHSAA for attending a yearly mandatory clinic.

Out of the blocks, league meetings, etc. are being offered around the state for coaches to satisfy the CHSAA requirement for a New Rules Clinic. These “New Rules Clinics” for coaches are being scheduled independently by schools / leagues around the state. Coaches Rules Clinics are designed specifically for coaches. Schools / Leagues must make arrangements with a Certified Rules Presenter that has been identified by the CTFOA to present at their site. A list of these presenters can be obtained from Gary Strubel, President of the CTFOA gharleyclassic@gmail.com. The rational for requiring certified officials who attended the Master Clinic in Aurora on 1-24-20 or 1-25-20 is designed to maintain a consistent presentation of the rules across the state. All officials must attend one of the clinics listed above as NO other clinics will be offered.

IMPORTANT DATES (Subject to Change)

**August 10, 2020**
*First day of Cross-Country Practice.*

**August 15, 2020**
*First day Cross-Country Scrimmages.*

**August 20, 2020**
*First day Cross-Country Meets may be held.*

**December 1, 2020**
*First day to pay Spring 2021 T&F season & Fall 2021 XC season Dues.*

**January 22, 2021**
*NFHS online test opens on ARBITER at 6:00 p.m.*

**February 15, 2021**
*Last day to pay your CTFOA Dues to CHSAA. Make checks to CTFOA*

**February 27 2021**
*NFHS Online test Closes on ARBITER at 11:59 p.m.*
2020-2021 TRACK & FIELD "REQUIRED OFFICIALS UNIFORM" FOR REGULAR SEASON, REGIONALS & STATE

When working in the capacity as a certified official, all Certified Officials are required to be in official uniform. If you are in need of an optic yellow or fluorescent orange CTFOA shirt or jacket, please contact Christine at Rock Soft Chenille as soon as possible and she will assist you. Christine has some shirts in stock for men and women and they are available for immediate shipping. You are required to wear this CTFOA approved shirt(s) and not one that is not the correct color, style, etc. along with Black, Khaki, Tan, Stone colored shorts and/or long pants ONLY when working these meets. Order yours now.

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Christine accepts credit/debit cards and she will mail your shirts/jackets to your home or business. Embroidery and shipping are included in the price of all shirts and jackets. Shirts come in women’s and men’s sizes. S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL are $2.00 more. CTFOA jackets including embroidery are available in Optic Yellow and/or Fluorescent Orange for $50.

If you have questions, suggestions, concerns or compliments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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