

Hello All;

As the summer approaches, it is a reminder that the fall football season and summer meeting (August 8, 2023) are not far away. The RIFOA Board of Directors, committees, and referees, have been working together with the RI Football Commissioner over the past six months to advance the association's commitment to consistency in our football officiating. As a group, we have been meeting regularly over the winter and spring to identify ways to promote communication and consistency among crews, specifically relating to: NFHS rules interpretations; on field mechanics; and communication/interaction with teams & coaches; and RIFOA member engagement with the organization. Additional information relating to our announcements is available on the association's website, RIFOA.org.

We are continuing to improve the registration process, by offering the use of Google docs ([Registration Form \(Click Here to Access\)](#)), which allows members to easily complete the form and send it directly to the RIFOA Secretary (RIFOASecretary21@gmail.com), please submit dues & registration documentation by July 19, 2023. Please read the payment directions below if you will be using an online payment app to submit your dues for 2023.

The Banquet Committee will be sending out invitations to the annual summer meeting being held on August 8, 2023, once the details are finalized. The Uniform Committee has also been hard at work in the offseason. We will be updating our uniform policy to include an optional game shirt for crews, which will be available with our standard uniform shirt with a sublimated patch, through Ump-Attire.com. Additionally, we will have the FlexFit logo hats available again at a discounted rate for members, please see the registration form to pre-order for the season.

Finally, the Classroom Committee will again have the Continuing Education discussions before every regular meeting during the season. All RIFOA officials with less than 3 years varsity officiating are required to attend. Additionally, we are putting together a Referee Curriculum for those position officials with an interest in learning more about the position. Please reach out to the RIFOA Secretary if you have interest in attending.

In closing, consistency, communication, and active participation in the organization are a betterment of the service we provide. Making all members aware of expectations is the BOD's task this year, hold us to that.

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to the summer meeting to kick the year off right.

Marc DiSalvo
RIFOA President 2023