

A quarterly newsletter brought to you by the Arizona Football Officials

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**** Kick off meeting will be August 6, 2016 at 9:00am.
**Location: Moon Valley High School
Rule meetings are posted www.azfoa.org/meetings.php**

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2016 AzFOA 5-Man Mechanics Camp Notes



This March 30 participants signed-up to officiate Youth Football Games and received a breakdown of their mechanics from volunteer veteran officials. The Participants ranged from Level 3 to Certified Officials. They chose a position to work (RUHLB) and in some cases, chose positions they have never worked before. The evaluations touched on correcting hand/arm signals, sideline positions, fumble situations and where officials should be located during punts.

Although no participant was 100% accurate on game mechanics, many were well-rounded and showed their AzFOA Mechanic knowledge. A second camp may take place this September 2016. Keep your eyes open for sign-ups. With more and more officials being evaluated for upper-level football contests, the main emphasis will be put on their mechanics. If an official has good mechanics it will allow their rule knowledge and other strengths to shine. Keep studying and asking questions. Have a great officiating season.

AzFOA Awards Nominations Needed



The Awards Crew is currently accepting nominations for induction to the AzFOA Hall of Fame. Please consider nominating someone who you feel has gone above and beyond to serve the sport and our Organization. The Nomination link is available on the AzFOA Website Hall of Fame Page.

New AzFOA By-Laws



AzFOA over the last few years has been working to expand representation, scope and benefits of the members. When Tucson Football Association approached AzFOA about a way to combine resources on training. It was discovered that the AzFOA By-Laws had no mechanism to be able to do this. To facilitate the Tucson Association, the AzFOA Board approved an amendment that would allow another organization to become an affiliate of the AzFOA. In addition to the Tucson issue, several other shortcomings were

identified. The AzFOA By-Laws committee undertook a complete revision of the By-Laws. In February, the AzFOA Board of Directors approved the new By-Laws that the organization is now governed.

What does this mean to the members of AzFOA

Affiliates are better defined and can more easily be accepted into AzFOA.

There is a defined Non-Voting membership that can be extended to other organization, educational facilities, non and for profit companies. This would allow for additional revenue sources for AzFOA.

There are now only 2 standing committees, Finance and Governance/Nominating rather than the previous 7. This allows the Board to add and delete annually other committees as the organization and membership grow and change.

Annual membership meeting. Typically this will coincide with the Kick-Off meeting. The President and Board, will inform the membership as to the current state of affairs of the AzFOA. Such things as membership, affiliate status, youth football, awards, etc.

Would encourage all members to take a look at the By-Laws. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Cripe (bcnolater@cox.net), any of the Officers or Board members.