

The SNOA Newsletter

[The Southern Nevada Officials Association](#)

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Banquet Reminder: This year's annual banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at the Orleans Hotel. World Championship boxing referee Kenny Bayless will be our guest speaker and we are adding some new twists to this year's banquet. Doors open at 5:00pm and the banquet will then start at 6:00pm sharp. If you would like to bring a guest with you to the banquet the charge will be \$15.00 and can be paid at the door. If you plan on attending please RSVP with the online invitation that was recently sent out.

Upcoming Elections: The Board of Control will be holding their annual elections at this year's banquet. If you are interested in running for one of the four positions up election and you meet the qualifications for the office of 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President or the two Board Members at Large you need to contact the elections committee. The elections committee members are Track Board Member Betsy Reed, Volleyball Board Member Bill Robinson and Football Board Member Cris Griffith. The contact information for these board members can be found on the SNOA Website in their individual sports sections.

Winter Sports Seasons Approaching: Please check the SNOA website for information on the upcoming meeting dates for the winter sports season. The winter sports which in which we provide officials for are basketball, wrestling, girl's soccer and scoring and timing. All meetings will be starting sometime in late October or early November. If you are a current official in these sports we encourage you to bring a friend along with you that may be interested in officiating.

SNOA Survey: The Board of Control would like to thank all of our officials that took the time to complete the survey that was sent out. Almost 500 officials participated in the survey and the results have already been shared with your individual sports boards. We have been able to look at all aspects of SNOA as it will help us with the direction of the association. The Board of Control will be sharing the results of the survey with all members of SNOA on our website. The results will be posted sometime over the next month so please keep checking the website if interested.

Speaking Of The Website: The SNOA website has undergone a complete makeover. We hope you like it. For those that are interested in advertising their business on the website for a small fee, we will be providing information regarding this sometime over the next month.

Get Your Gear: SOS sports and Honigs will be selling their officiating gear for the winter sports season at Valley High school. SOS Sports will be at Valley High School on either 10/18 or 10/25 and Honigs is set for November 15th.

Recent Passing: Former longtime SNOA official and SNOA Honorary member John Tartan has recently passed away. John was not only an outstanding football and basketball official for the associating but also a well respected coach in the valley. Tartan coached at Basic High School and later led the newly opened Rancho High School Rams baseball teams to three state championships, 1958-1960. John was a member of the Southern Nevada Officials Association for 25 years, officiating football for high school, college and semi-pro games, and basketball in high school and college. He was inducted into the Southern Nevada Baseball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 2008.

NOA: During a recent meeting with the NIAA, both SNOA and the Nevada Officials Association (NOA) had their opportunities to address the NIAA Board of Control concerning the sanctioning of the NOA. The decision was not to sanction the NOA for the 2009-10 school year.

RefPay: We thank all fall sports officials for their patience with our new payroll system RefPay. There were a few minor bumps that we encountered during the first payroll but they were immediately handled. When signing up for an account it is very important to follow the instructions very carefully which are provided on your Arbiter homepage. Don't forget that you must link your Arbiter account to your RefPay account, and this can be found in steps 13-16 with the instructions provided. If you are an official in a winter or spring sport you are also advised to sign up for RefPay at this time. The SNOA Board of Control will be releasing funds a few days earlier for the next payroll so you will have extra time to transfer your funds. The last day for payroll each month will continue to be the last Saturday of each month. As an added bonus we were able to reduce your administrative fees from 8% to 7% with our additional savings that we have encountered.

Fall Sports Update: The most important time of the year is now upon us. The playoffs are just on the horizon and all conference games for all levels are well under way. We ask each of you to continue with your commitment that you have shown to the student athletes so far this year. Please continue to attend all scheduled meetings, show up in plenty of time before the game starts, have a great pre-game and give the student athletes the best performance that you can give on that particular day. Remember

that every game played is the most important game just not for the student/athletes, but also the coaches, the parents and the fans that are attending.