

OSAA to use three-person officiating for basketball

The OSAA Executive Board has approved the use of three-person officiating crews for the 6A, 5A and 4A basketball playoffs beginning in 2017.

The expansion takes effect with this season's early round playoff games at high school sites, as well as the quarterfinals through the state championship games at final and neu-

tral sites.

Schools and leagues in all classifications will continue to have the option of using three or two-person crews during the regular season, provided the local officials associations are able to cover the games.

This option was allowed, for the first time, during the 2015-16 season with nine of 38

leagues choosing to use three-person crews.

"Cooperation between the 17 local associations and OSAA member schools and leagues made the first year a positive one and we are excited to move forward," said Cindy Simmons, OSAA Assistant Executive Director in charge of basketball. "A strong commitment to

training at the local association level has been a key to the success along with the financial commitment from schools and the OSAA Executive Board in adding an official.

"The vast majority of state high school associations in the country are using three-person crews during the regular and post season and we're looking

forward to joining them."

At the conclusion of the 2016-17 season, information will be gathered from schools at all classification levels and a thorough review of the effects of using an additional official will be conducted. The goal is to implement the use of three-person crews in the post-season for all classifications soon.

Win a Ford truck at sixth annual Siuslaw Open next month

This year the grand prize at the Siuslaw Open is a brand new Ford F150 truck. "All that is necessary is to hit a hole-in-one on the designated hole," said David Wiegan, tournament co-chair and former golfer.

"First, get the distance correct, then hit it straight. It's a piece of cake — Well, almost."



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Brian Johnston of Johnston Motors (left) with Bob Teter of Siuslaw Outreach Services show off the hole-in-one grand prize available at this year's Siuslaw Open golf tournament in September.

Johnston Motors is once again the hole-in-one contest sponsor at the sixth Annual Siuslaw Open.

This year, the event will be held at Ocean Dunes on Saturday, Sept. 10, with registration starting at 9 a.m.

Also new this year is a \$5,000 putting contest. One entrant will be selected at random and will have one try to sink a 60 foot putt. "This one is a lot shorter, and is even easi-

er," Wiegan said. The tournament is one of the

netted more than \$7,000 for th service program. This year, the event will be presented by Peacehealth/Peace Harbor and Abel Insurance.

Eagle sponsors are Oregon Pacific Bank, The Firehouse Restaurant, Banner Bank and Carter Brothers Construction.

Hole sponsors are Florence Yamaha, Edward Jones Investments, Integrity Plumbing, The Siuslaw News, Siuslaw Glass and Mirror, Elks Club, Coldwell Banker/Coast Real Estate, 101 Mini-Storage, and On Your Feet With A Splash.

Funds raised support all SOS programs, including advocacy for victims of domestic/sexual violence, low-income families, emergency assistance and basic needs for homeless persons.

The entry fee is \$89 per player or \$320 per team, and this year there is an early registration discount.

The fee will be \$79 per player or \$290 per team if received by Aug. 26.

Dinner will follow golf and prizes will include golf packages, gift certificates at Maple Street Grille and other great restaurants, and many other prizes.

Entry forms are available at SOS, 1576 W. 12th St., Abel Insurance, Oregon Pacific Bank, the Siuslaw News, and online at www.florencesos.org.

For more information, call tournament co-chairs Bob Teter and David Wiegan at 541-997-2816.

Signups ending for Newport Parks, Rec youth basketball clinics

Registration is almost over for the 2016 youth basketball clinic and camp being offered by Newport's Parks and Recreation Department.

Basketball programs will run through the month of August at the Newport Recreation Center. The Summer Basketball

Camp will be run by Coach Doug Sain and his Newport High School staff and players.

The aim of the camp is to teach players the fundamentals skills of shooting, ball handling, defense and coordination through drills and game situations.

The camp will be held Aug. 22-26 at the Newport Recreation Center.

Youth ages 5 through 9 will be from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; ages 10 through 14 will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The camp fee is \$50 per child and includes a T-shirt.

Registration deadline is Aug. 20.

There will also be a British Basketball Clinic Aug 8-10 at the Newport Recreation Center.

British development coach Steve Pearl will travel to the Central Coast to run a clinic for ages 5 through 14.

Coach Pearl will bring his girl players with him to act as assistant coaches. Pearl's teams are having an outstanding season in the English National League. They are unbeaten in

their respective conferences and competing competitively on England's national stage.

Youth ages 5 through 9 will be from 9 to 11 a.m., and ages 10 through 14 will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

The camp fee is \$30 per child. Registration deadline is Aug. 6.

For more information, contact the Recreation Center at 541-265-7783 or visit www.newportoregon.gov.

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