

VIKING FOOTBALL TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE AT SHS

Reserved-seating tickets for Viking football are on sale now at the Siuslaw High School office.

Reserved seats are \$25 each and are available at the office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except for Sept. 1.)

Previous ticket holders get first pick to buy their same seats for the 2017 season, regardless of date of purchase. Reserved seats are center field and most have a back rest to lean on.

Siuslaw will host five home games this season, including preseason games against

Elmira (Sept. 1) and Pleasant Hill (Sept. 8), and Douglas (Sept. 22), Marshfield (Homecoming, Oct. 6) and South Umpqua (Oct. 13) in regular season play.

The traditional Blue and Gold game is this Friday, beginning at 7 p.m.

A Fall Season Family Pass is also available for \$50 and is good for general admission per household to regular-season home football and volleyball games.

For more information, call the Siuslaw High School office at 541-997-3448.

Registration continues for Prefontaine Run

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 Prefontaine Memorial Run.

The 10,000-meter road run is slated for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, in downtown Coos Bay, and is held in conjunction with the Bay Area Fun Festival, Coos Bay's largest annual community celebration.

This year's Prefontaine Run has been designated as the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) Oregon State Championship 10K race.

RRCA Championship medals will be presented to the top overall masters (40-

49), grandmaster (50-59) and senior grandmaster (60 and older) male and female winners.

A stand-alone 5K high school cross-country team competition will start at 9:45 a.m. Participating teams last year included Brookings-Harbor, Cascade Christian, Douglas, Grants Pass, Henley, Hidden Valley, Marshfield, North Bend, Reedsport, St. Mary's, Sutherlin and Toledo.

Awards for the open 10K Pre Run will be given in five-year age groups. First through third place finishers in each division will receive awards.

The awards ceremony for both races will be held adjacent to the finish line on the Prefontaine Track at Pirate Stadium.

The entry fee is \$30 if made prior to Sept. 13, and \$40 thereafter. High School team competitors must register on athletic.net and receive a discounted registration fee.

All race entrants will receive a T-shirt especially designed to commemorate the Pre Run. Online registration is encouraged by logging on to the Pre Run website at www.prefontaineun.com

Registration forms are

available at the Coos Bay Visitor Information Center, Farr's True Value Hardware and Nasburg Huggins Insurance in Coos Bay.

Applicants may also call for applications or more information at 541-267-3165.

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includes spectators.

"For the most part, the kids are great. It's the spectators and, in some cases, coaches," says Folliard.

To address the issue, the OSAA established a special committee last year that includes high school athletic directors and coaches who meet to discuss the problem and coming up with solutions to curb the trend.

Siuslaw High School Athletic Director Chris Johnson says that he feels the issue is quickly approaching a crisis stage. The struggle to create and maintain a workable game schedule for sports like baseball, football and volleyball are compounded when the availability of officials becomes a factor.

"We had an athletic director workshop and it was clear that we all needed to take a hard stance before we get to that crisis stage," says Johnson. "It's going to require a mindset

change for everyone."

As a result, athletic directors and principals from all schools in the Far West League, in conjunction with the OSAA, have agreed to take steps to foster a safer, more respectful environment at athletic events.

In a message shared by schools throughout the Far West League, parents, coaches and players are being reminded that "high school athletics are an extension of the classroom, and that lessons are best learned when we show respect to everyone involved."

The message has been appearing on school websites and social media pages since last week in preparation for the start of fall sports contests Aug. 31.

"In the past 10 years, we have seen the number of officials decline by 35 percent. Officials' number one reason for leaving the profession is the lack of respect they receive from spectators," the message adds. "Far West League schools are taking definitive action to help stem this trend."

The message from school administrators explains that overtly negative speech or actions will be dealt with by immediate removal from the contest.

"If there are no referees willing to work at our schools, there will be no games at our schools," the message warns.

At Siuslaw, the cheerleading squad is taking a preemptive stand by modifying or eliminating cheers in order to foster sportsmanship.

"We're really hoping our fans will realize the importance of this," says Johnson. "It's not just about the games. It's also about being an example to our kids. I do feel like our fans and students are as good and respectful as fans anywhere."

"But I want us to be a leader."

Siuslaw's fall sports season officially kicks off Thursday, Aug. 31, when the Viking volleyball opens with pre-league competition at Junction City at 4 p.m.

Join a League!

Fall Bowling League Registration Going On Now

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November 18
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