STUDENT OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

UW-L IM SPORTS
WHAT IS THE S.O.A.?

- organization centered on personal and group development related to sports officiating and the impact officiating has in a campus and community setting
S.O.A. VALUES

• hard work
• determination and passion
• striving for improvement
• attention to detail
• willingness to learn
• professionalism
• confidence
• providing top service to participants
• helping others/being a family
• having fun!
S.O.A. STRUCTURE

- bylaws overseeing:
  - institutional relationship
  - membership
  - financing
  - leadership/voting
  - community involvement
S.O.A. LEADERS

• faculty advisor
• student advisory board
  – president
  – game assigner
  – recruiter
  – secretary
  – treasurer
  – community outreach
SPORTS SUPPORTED

• baseball
• basketball
• football (flag and tackle)
• soccer
• softball
• volleyball

• we’re always open to adding more!
WHO CAN JOIN?

• anyone!
  – must be current UW-L student

• primarily for those interested in:
  – intramural officiating
  – WIAA officiating
  – community involvement
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

• improve your abilities
• help implement new rules
• aid in training clinic planning
• consistent feedback
• video review by WIAA officials
• evaluate other officials
• monthly points of emphasis meetings
• receive assistance on certifications
• free access to REFEREE magazine
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- get out in the community
- make extra money
- attend guest speaker presentations
  - current officials
  - athletic administrators
- discounts on officiating equipment
- purchase members only S.O.A. apparel
- attend staff socials
- great resume builder!
MEMBERSHIP DUES

- $10 per official/semester
- $15 per official/academic year

- dues go towards:
  - publications and other capital material
  - socials
  - prizes and giveaways
  - officials of the week program
  - white whistle championship program
COMMON QUESTIONS

• i’m an IM official. do i have to join?
  – no, but membership is strongly encouraged

• what are some time commitments to joining?
  – mainly attend meetings and work as an IM official, but your level of involvement is up to you!

• am i guaranteed games in the community?
  – not necessarily, but your (and our) passion and dedication will get you there!

• are S.O.A. officials treated differently than typical IM officials?
  – no, all of our officials will be treated and scheduled in the same manner
COMMON QUESTIONS

• am i required to be at all meetings?
  – no, but meetings are held for your development, so attendance is highly encouraged

• am i guaranteed a supervisor position by joining?
  – no, if interested for a service staff position with Rec Sports, members must apply and go through the application channels like all other applicants

• how do i apply for a leadership position?
  – come to our meetings, be active, and fill out the online application form once it is activated

• what kind of jobs could I apply for upon graduation with S.O.A. experience?
  – any job you want! We help with the development of confidence, decision-making abilities, customer service, networking, and many more qualities that make you an ideal job candidate!
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