

Rochester Area Officials Association
June 23, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Rochester Area Officials Association was called to order by President Eric Rain at 6:06 PM. The meeting was held at Rochester Lourdes High School's Forum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Service awards for officials that retired in previous years were presented to Laurie Mickow, Donna Mundell, and Lee Meyer. Making the presentations were Tracy Reilly, Jeff Newton, and Mike Graf. Recipients have the choice of a service plaque or RAOA clothing attire.

Acknowledgement of Jon Springer's MSHSL Hall of Fame Induction in April of 2024. This was the absolute pinnacle of an amazing career!

Vice Presidents presented RAOA's State Tournament officials from the 2023-2024 seasons. All were recognized and congratulated.

The 2024 meeting agenda, 2023 meeting minutes, and 2023-2024 Treasurer's Report were read and approved as published.

The scheduling coordinator responsibilities will continue to be shared. The coordinators for 2024-2025 will be:

Football: Jared Butson	Basketball: Jared Butson
Volleyball: Jeff Newton	Baseball/Softball: Jeff Newton/Marshall Behrens

Vice President reports were read.

Volleyball –	Jeff Newton
Football –	Eric Okstad
Basketball –	Jesse Krlewski
Softball -	Ron Giles
Baseball -	Jeff Newton

The following New Officials in each sport were accepted for membership after passing required criteria:

Football –	Kyle Dessner	Volleyball –	Brian Becker
	Bill Duncan		Kent Bruinsma
	Justin Dunker		Brooke Lea
	Rick Erickson		Chris Pack
	Jordan Jensen		Corey Wagner
	Chad Schmitz		
	Kyle Schoneck		

Softball – Matt Bloxham
Travis Bray
Erik Christensen
Rob Jarrett
Jeremy McNamara
William Weems

Baseball – Matt Bloxham
Mitchell Buerkle
Alex Evenson
David Foley
Rob Jarrett
Jeremy McNamara
Paul Schneider

Basketball – Emily Anderson
Michael Andring
Brian Brecka
Mitchell Buerkle
Bryan Cassellius
Alex Chicos
Kyle Dessner
Carl Ekern
Carey Freeburg
Kevin Fox
Bou Gazley
Jamey Lockhart
Joey Mueller
Bradley Myers
Mark Opsahl
Austin Rafetto
Davin Thompson
William Weems
Jordan Whitcomb

Dues for 2024-2025 will be structured as follows. Each official associated with RAOA will pay a base fee of \$36. This includes member officials, under-varsity only officials, and transfer officials. Any first-year official with RAOA and no prior varsity experience will pay a base fee of \$15. Any student official (under the age of 18) will pay a base fee of \$15. The base fee will be due by July 31, 2024.

An option will be available to officials that want to donate to the Memorial Fund.

Emeritus Status dues for 2024-2025 will be \$10. Included is email communication and inclusion in all meetings of emeriti interest. This is a non-voting membership status for people who have retired from the court/field and would like to remain involved with RAOA's business and mentorship.

Hudl 2024 dues for varsity football crews will be billed at \$25 per crew.

Each official will also be billed for each RAOA event that they are scheduled for on Arbiter. An "event" could be a varsity game, an under-varsity game, or a volleyball tournament. The dues per event will be \$2 for an under-varsity event/game and \$3 for a varsity event/game. Volleyball tournaments (regardless of level and number of matches) are \$10 per day. Officials will receive a reminder from the secretary regarding the dues date following the completion of each sports season.

Due dates for the sport seasons will be:

Fall Sports - November 15, 2024
Winter Sports - March 15, 2025
Spring Sports - June 8, 2025

A late fee of \$25 will apply for dues paid after the respective due dates. This applies to base dues and sports specific dues.

As a reminder, any member that is still delinquent on dues at the time of the next annual meeting is subject to removal from the RAOA roster. Dues must be paid on time to maintain good standing with RAOA.

Association Insurance will continue through NASO, each RAOA member is offered a NASO membership at an annual rate of \$91. A \$2 increase from last year. This is still a \$38 savings as a non-RAOA NASO membership is \$129. Payment must be made to RAOA by July 31, 2024 if interested.

Online Transactions via www.raoamn.org will continue as the preferred method of making Dues payments. A debit card is preferred vs. a credit card due to the lower cost of the interchange fee. Cash or check will still be accepted.

Amendments to current By-Laws were presented. The amendments include Article III and VI (Meetings), Article VII (Dues), and Article V (Charter Clinicians) Voting on these amendments will occur at the Annual Meeting June 2025.

Election of officers was held for President, VP's for Football, Baseball, and Softball. The new executive committee for 2024-25 is:

Past President:	Eric Rain	(term ends June 2025)
President:	Eric Okstad	(term ends June 2025)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jared Butson	(term ends June 2026)
VP-Volleyball:	Darci Meyer	(term ends June 2025)
VP-Basketball:	Jesse Krlewski	(term ends June 2025)
VP-Baseball:	Chris Zollner	(term ends June 2026)
VP-Softball:	Mj Wagenson	(term ends June 2026)
VP-Football:	Joel Traver	(term ends June 2026)

Election of charter clinicians was held for the next four years. The new Charter Clinicians are:

Volleyball:	Todd Stellmaker	(term ends June 2028)
Football:	Royce Ruter	(term ends June 2028)
Basketball:	Eric Rain	(term ends June 2028)
Baseball:	Joe Klunder	(term ends June 2028)
Softball:	Ron Giles	(term ends June 2028)

Mj Wagenson, Darci Meyer, and Jeff Newton will take the lead on another RAOA apparel order. Look for this in July 2024 with shipment by mid-August.

New Business:

Discussion on a future amendment centered around verbiage of Vice President compensation (Article V). The Board will prepare and present at sport specific meetings during 2024-25. Voting on this amendment will occur at the Annual Meeting June 2025.

Discussion on a possible name change of the Association in the future. The Board will take an in-depth look into this during the 2024-25 year and report back in June 2025.

RAOA – Mileage Payment for Officials

The following mileage chart will be used. Each official sent to officiate a contest will be paid mileage individually. The mileage will be figured from the official's home zip code to the school zip code. Schools should use the miles listed in the Arbiter Entry where the officials are assigned. Another option is Google Maps if Arbiter is inaccurate using address to address.

The following RAOA sports will use the below table when figuring mileage:

- Football – all levels
- Volleyball – all levels
- Basketball – all levels
- Softball – all levels
- Baseball – all levels

Mileage Chart for the 2024-25 School year:

Miles – Figured One Way	Payment for each official (Using current Federal rate of .67)
0 – 15	\$10
16 - 30	\$16
31 - 45	\$25
46 - 60	\$35
61 - 75	\$45
76 - 90	\$55
91 - 105	\$65
106 - 150	\$80

Notes:

- 1) Mileage payment will be paid to each official.
- 2) The mileage used will be the mileage that is in the Arbiter entry where officials are assigned. Another option is Google Maps if Arbiter is inaccurate.
- 3) Athletic Directors will need to look at the Arbiter entry when figuring official payments.
- 4) This chart will be reviewed yearly at the RAOA Annual meeting to accommodate any changes to the Federal rate.

RAOA Game Fees 2024-25

The following game fees for each sport were discussed and approved for the 2024-25 seasons. Each sport is reviewed yearly at the Annual Meeting in June. The next review will occur in June 2025.

Volleyball Game Fees

<u>Volleyball with 2 officials</u>	<u>2024</u>
- Varsity Only match	\$85
- Varsity plus 1 UV match	\$125
- Varsity plus 2 UV matches	\$165
<u>Volleyball with 1 official</u>	
- 1 UV match	\$55
- 2 UV matches	\$80
<u>Volleyball Tournament with 2 officials</u>	
- Varsity (best 2 of 3)	\$45
- Varsity (2 game pool play)	\$45
- Varsity (Mandatory 3 sets (3rd to 15))	\$50
- Varsity (Mandatory 3 sets (3rd to 25))	\$55
<u>Volleyball Tournament with 1 official</u>	
- Under-Varsity (best 2 of 3)	\$45
- Under-Varsity (2 game pool play)	\$45

Notes:

- 1) All game fees are paid per official plus mileage to each official per mileage chart.
- 2) UV = Under-Varsity. Under-Varsity entails (JV, B-squad, C-Squad, and/or 9th grade)
- 3) Not going to differentiate between if officials are split or not split
- 4) JV match is best 2 out of 3
- 5) No 7th and/or 8th grade matches are assigned by RAOA in Volleyball.

Football Game Fees

<u>Football with 5 officials</u>	<u>2024</u>
- Varsity game	\$125
<u>Football with 3 or 4 officials</u>	
- 9th grade, B, or JV	\$80
- Junior High - normal timing	\$70
- Junior High - running time	\$60

Notes:

- 1) All game fees are paid per official plus mileage to each official per mileage chart.

Basketball Game Fees

<u>Basketball with 3 officials</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
- Varsity only game	\$85
- B or JV and Varsity game	\$130
- Double Varsity games	\$170
- B or JV game	\$55
<u>Basketball with 2 officials</u>	
- Varsity only game	\$90
- B or JV and Varsity game	\$140
- Double Varsity games	\$180
- Single B or JV game	\$55
- Single 9th grade game	\$55
- Single Junior High game	\$40

Notes:

- 1) All game fees are paid per official plus mileage to each official per mileage chart.

Baseball Game Fees

<u>Baseball with 2 Umpires</u>	<u>2025</u>
- 1 Varsity game	\$100
- 1 Varsity game and 1 UV game	\$180
- 2 Varsity games (Doubleheader)	\$200
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (7 innings))	\$180
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (5 innings))	\$160
<u>Baseball with 1 Umpire</u>	
- 1 UV game (7 innings)	\$100
- 1 UV game (5 innings)	\$80
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (7 innings))	\$200
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (5 innings))	\$160

Softball Game Fees

<u>Softball with 2 Umpires</u>	<u>2025</u>
- 1 Varsity game	\$85
- 1 Varsity game and 1 UV game	\$155
- 2 Varsity games (Doubleheader)	\$170
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (7 innings))	\$170
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (5 innings))	\$140
<u>Softball with 1 Umpire</u>	
- 1 UV game (7 innings)	\$85
- 1 UV game (5 innings)	\$70
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (7 innings))	\$170
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (5 innings))	\$140

Notes for both Baseball and Softball:

- 1) All game fees are paid per official plus mileage to each official per mileage chart.
- 2) UV = Under-Varsity. Under-Varsity entails (JV, B-squad, C-Squad, and/or 9th grade)
- 3) UV game before or after Varsity game with Varsity umpires.
 - o 70 minute game (no inning starts after time) or 5 innings
 - o 4-runs allowed per inning
 - o Open substitution and no batting restrictions

RAOA Game Called Off/Postponement Compensation Protocol:

1. Called off before on the road—nothing.
2. On the road, phone call and called off—nothing.
3. Arrive at site and never start the contest—half game fee and mileage.
4. Start contest—full game fee and mileage.
5. Contest is rescheduled to another date—full game fee and mileage.
6. Baseball/Softball only: If rescheduled game is added onto another previously scheduled game, then each umpire is compensated \$10/inning played, maxing out at full game fee.

RAOA Assigning Fee to Schools:

Beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year and continuing going forward, schools will be billed \$125 for RAOA assignments if the following criteria is met.

1. Any school that RAOA provides varsity scheduling services.
2. Any school that RAOA schedules 5 or more Arbiter varsity games in an academic year.
3. Schools will be assessed a \$125 fee April 15, 2025 payable by May 15, 2025.

How will the monies collected be used?

1. 60% will be divided prorated among all sport schedulers.
2. 30% will be used for educational purposes which will include marketing for recruitment and retention, training, observer's stipend and travel reimbursement.
3. 10% will go towards Secretary-Treasurer administrative stipend.

Please note that officials already pay dues at the end of each sport season and base dues. Sport season dues go towards the scheduler of said sport. Base dues cover education, Arbiter, insurance, and the administrative cost of the business of RAOA.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted—Jared Butson, Secretary/Treasurer