

Rochester Area Officials Association
June 22, 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Rochester Area Officials Association was called to order by President Eric Okstad at 6:02 PM. The meeting was held at Rochester Lourdes High School's Forum room.

NEW BUSINESS:

Service awards for officials that retired in previous years were presented to Brian Krings and Andrew Moore. Making the presentations were Jeff Newton and Mj Wagenson. Recipients have the choice of a service plaque or RAOA clothing attire.

Vice Presidents presented RAOA's State Tournament officials from the 2024-2025 seasons. All were recognized and congratulated.

The 2025 meeting agenda, 2024 meeting minutes, and 2024-2025 Treasurer's Report were read and approved as published.

The scheduling coordinator responsibilities will continue to be shared. The coordinators for 2025-2026 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 –	Jared Butson
Basketball –	Jesse Kralewski
Softball –	Mj Wagenson
Baseball –	Jeff Newton/Marshall Behrens

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

Football –	Issac Bowe	Volleyball –	David Barnett
	Jeremy Delger		Bailey Johnson
	John Christian		Elle Johnson
	Nathaniel Fox		Sam Klaehn
	Rob Jarrett		Lillian Rau
	Joe Klunder		Amy Roethler
	Don Leisen		Jolene Sandquist
	Justin McNamara		
	Jason Moen		
	Amy Moen		
	Eric Williamson		

Softball –	Dan Lammert Jonny Marshman Eric Sonnek Patrick Walsh	Basketball –	Luke Decker Collin Ferguson Willy Heitmann Bailey Johnson Dalen Johnson Kris Johansen Brenna Nelson
Baseball –	Benjamin Flack Travis Frank Brett Lettner Kevin Lynch Logan Mann Eric Sonnek Russell Swanson Coltt Ullom Patrick Walsh		

Dues for 2025-2026 will be structured as follows. Each official associated with RAOA will pay a base fee of \$38. 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, 2025.

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

Emeritus Status dues for 2025-2026 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 2025 dues for varsity football crews will be covered by the Education Fund going forward.

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 16, 2025
Winter Sports -	March 15, 2026
Spring Sports -	June 14, 2026

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 individual membership at an annual rate of \$91. This is still a \$38 savings as a non-RAOA NASO membership is \$129. Payment must be made to RAOA by July 25, 2025 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 voted on and approved. The amendments include Article III and VI (Meetings), Article VII (Dues), Article V (Charter Clinicians), and Article V (Vice President compensation).

Amendments to current By-Laws were presented. The amendments include Article V (Secretary-Treasurer duties clarified). Voting on this amendment will occur at the Annual Meeting June 2026.

Election of officers was held for President, VP's for Volleyball and Basketball. The new executive committee for 2025-26 is:

Past President:	Eric Okstad	(term ends June 2026)
President:	Jesse Krlewski	(term ends June 2026)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Jared Butson	(term ends June 2026)
VP-Volleyball:	Tracy Reilly	(term ends June 2027)
VP-Basketball:	Jeremy Zacher	(term ends June 2027)
VP-Baseball:	Chris Zollner	(term ends June 2026)
VP-Softball:	Mj Wagenson	(term ends June 2026)
VP-Football:	Joel Traver	(term ends June 2026)

Charter Clinicians continue for the 2025-2026 season. Four-year term elected June 2024. Carol Jaquith will replace Todd Stellmaker for volleyball who stepped down during the fall of 2024.

Volleyball:	Carol Jaquith	(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)

Jeff Newton will take the lead on another RAOA apparel order. Look for this in July 2025 with shipment by mid-August.

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 2025-26 School year:

Miles – Figured One Way	Payment for each official (Using current Federal rate of .70)
0 – 15	\$10
16 - 30	\$20
31 - 45	\$30
46 - 60	\$40
61 - 75	\$50
76 - 90	\$60
91 - 105	\$70
106 - 150	\$85

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 2025-26

The following game fees for each sport were discussed and approved for the 2025-26 seasons. Each sport is reviewed yearly at the Annual Meeting in June. The next review will occur in June 2026.

Volleyball Game Fees

<u>Volleyball with 2 officials</u>	<u>2025</u>
Varsity (best 3 of 5); UV (best 2 of 3)	
- Varsity Only match	\$85
- Varsity plus 1 UV match	\$135
- Varsity plus 2 UV matches	\$170
<u>Volleyball with 1 official</u>	
UV (best 2 of 3)	
- 1 UV match	\$50
- 2 UV matches	\$85
Note: Playing a mandatory 3rd set in UV.	Add \$10
<u>Volleyball Tournament</u>	
- (best 2 of 3) or (2 sets to 25)	\$45
- Alternate format (mandatory 3 sets)	\$55

Notes:

- 1) UV = Under-Varsity. Under-Varsity entails (JV, B-squad, C-Squad, and/or 9th grade)
- 2) Not going to differentiate between if officials are split or not split.
- 3) Mileage fee is added on and paid to each official.
- 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>2025</u>
- Varsity game	\$125
<u>Football with 3 or 4 officials</u>	
- 9th grade, B, or JV - 12 minute quarters	\$90
- 9th grade, B, or JV - Less than 12 min quarters	\$85
- 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>2025-26</u>
- Varsity only game	\$90
- B or JV and Varsity game	\$135
- Double Varsity games	\$180
- 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
- Double B or JV games	\$110
- Double 9th grade games	\$110
- Double Junior High games	\$80

Notes:

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

Baseball Game Fees

Baseball with 2 Umpires	2026
- 1 Varsity game	\$105
- 1 Varsity game and 1 UV game	\$190
- 2 Varsity games (Doubleheader)	\$210
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (7 innings))	\$210
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (5 innings))	\$170
Baseball with 1 Umpire	
- 1 UV game (7 innings)	\$105
- 1 UV game (5 innings)	\$85
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (7 innings))	\$210
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (5 innings))	\$170

Softball Game Fees

Softball with 2 Umpires	2026
- 1 Varsity game	\$95
- 1 Varsity game and 1 UV game	\$170
- 2 Varsity games (Doubleheader)	\$190
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (7 innings))	\$190
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (5 innings))	\$150
Softball with 1 Umpire	
- 1 UV game (7 innings)	\$95
- 1 UV game (5 innings)	\$75
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (7 innings))	\$190
- 2 UV games (Doubleheader (5 innings))	\$150

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
- 4) 7th and/or 8th grade is not assigned by RAOA in the Spring.

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, 2026 payable by May 15, 2026.

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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted—Jared Butson, Secretary/Treasurer