

Hiring Basketball Referees

Basketball season is fast approaching, and Referee Trainings are being scheduled. This year, the Pacific Northwest Basketball Officials Association (PNBOA) is offering a series of in-person and online (Zoom) training sessions to help officials get ready for the start of the CYO Basketball season. The first trainings last month were not as well attended as we'd hoped.

Additional trainings are scheduled for **10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, and 11/22 at St. George** (5117 13th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98108), as well as Zoom meetings in between sessions. The expectation would be that all hires can attend at least 3/5 in-person trainings and complete all the training quizzes.

This can be a great job opportunity for our high school aged students or older, with a passion for basketball and looking for the flexibility to set their own schedule. Referees will work for the PNBOA and receive official training and assigning through the Arbiter website. This not only allows for covering CYO games, but year-round opportunities to officiate rec and select level basketball. After a few years, the progression would allow referees to work high school and eventually Varsity high school level. The PNBOA is the referee association that works with the WIAA for all high school basketball in King County and covers our grade school CYO Basketball games as well.

The partnership with PNBOA is a win-win, because our league greatly benefits from trained, licensed officials assigned to our games, and our league provides a healthy, and safe space for new referees to learn the craft of basketball officiating in an encouraging environment. Additionally, it is often our own CYO alumni who come back and serve as CYO Basketball officials.

Please help spread the word with your friends and their children in high school, who might be able to attend the upcoming trainings at St. George.

For more information, interested referees can contact CYO Athletics at athletics@seattlearch.org with questions, or visit the PNBOA website at www.pnboa.org