

## **BDOA Declining Games Policy**

The recurring issue of officials declining games has now reached a critical mass and the Executive has decided to take drastic but necessary action. Officials are continuing to decline games even though their Calendars show them as being available. This causes the Assignors to re-assign the same game 3 or 4 times. This amounts to a waste of their time that could be better spent assigning other games. I have sent out numerous newsletters and we have made a point of talking about this problem at our monthly meetings. Nothing has changed and it's getting worse.

If you are assigned a game through the OMS you have the following options:

- 1) You fulfill your obligation and do the game(s).
- 2) You put the assignment(s) up for trade on the OMS, and if they are not taken, you are still responsible for them.
- 3) If you decide to hit the decline button, without contacting the assignor beforehand, you will be fined \$2.00 per game which will go directly to the assignor to have the game(s) re-assigned.

This is for games that are assigned to you with more than 72 hours notice. For game assignments with less than 72 hours you will be contacted by phone to accept or decline the game without penalty.

This is a very drastic step, but necessary. Our Assignors have had enough. If this directive causes ALL officials to keep their calendars updated and the number of games declined drops dramatically, the Executive may consider reviewing this policy.