

AND AN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION NEAR YOU

Attend a game or contest in your area and introduce yourself to an official. Ask about the local sport officials associations in your area. An officiating association is a group of officials who meet periodically to discuss rules, mechanics, and philosophy. These meetings are a great way for new referees and officials to learn from veteran officials.

The referee association will be a valuable pool of resources for training, obtaining games, and getting to know the sports officiating community.

Attend the association meetings; some are held before the season starts. At those meetings, you can ask questions about rules, mechanics, and positioning. Those sessions will be the foundation to get you started properly as a referee, umpire, linesman, or judge.



If you have further questions, please contact the sport specific association representative to gain more insight into the world of officiating. If you decide you want to move ahead, they will assist you in getting the process started by providing meeting dates and specific requirements.

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Section X welcomes your interest in high school sports officiating. Officials play a very significant role in the success of interscholastic athletic programs. If you are ready to accept the challenge and move into this realm, we welcome you. If not, perhaps you now have a better understanding and appreciation of the official. If you can't join the ranks now, perhaps you will be able to sometime in the future. **It's your call to make.**



WHY BECOME A SPORTS OFFICIAL?

- You'll maintain a **healthy, fit lifestyle.**
- You'll **earn some money**; game fees are competitive and can make for a nice part-time income.
- You'll enjoy the **camaraderie and fun** of the sports community, officials are a family.
- You'll get the satisfaction of knowing you're helping to **grow the sport.**
- Work **as many or as few hours** as you prefer each week.
- And, of course, you'll get the **best seat in the house!**

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

If you know the game as a player, parent, or fan and like the idea of playing a role in promoting the growth of the sport, this is your opportunity. It helps to have participated in the given sport you wish to officiate in; however, it is not necessary to have been an outstanding performer. It is important that an official possesses a very thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport, a love of athletics and kids, physical ability, self-confidence, the dedication and determination to work hard, and above all, personal integrity.

The athletes and coaches look at each contest as being the most important thing happening in their lives at that moment, and the official must look upon each contest the same way and react accordingly.

WHAT DOES IT PAY?

The pay schedule for regular season games is established by the Northern New York Sport Officials Organization and Section x. Varsity contests pay more than a contest below the varsity level. Fees range from \$65.00 for a non-varsity level contest to \$90.00 for a varsity contest. Schools and conferences will also pay mileage for your travel. Expect to spend some money on uniforms and equipment.



FALL

Football, Volleyball, Swimming,
Soccer, Cross Country

WINTER

Basketball, Wrestling,
Ice Hockey, Winter Track
Swimming

SPRING

Baseball, Softball,
Track, Lacrosse

Rulebooks and meeting dates are posted online prior to the start of each sport season.