

REQUIREMENTS AND RANKING SYSTEM

ONLINE RULES MEETING REQUIREMENT

All active officials, including out-of-state officials, must view an annual online IHSAA rules meeting for each of their registered sports. The annual rules meeting requirement includes anyone not working but wanting to count this year as a year of service. All tournament eligible officials will have a due date to meet this requirement prior to the season's first legal playing date of each individual sport. You cannot officiate unless the online rules meeting viewing requirement has been completed. The printed certificate at the end of the presentation is your confirmation; please keep for your records.

ONLINE RULES EXAMINATIONS

All active officials, including out-of-state officials, must pass an annual online IHSAA examination. A passing score of 75% or higher is required. You will be given 3 opportunities each season to achieve this passing score. All tournament eligible officials will have a due date to meet this requirement prior to the season's first legal playing date of each individual sport. You cannot officiate unless the online exam has been passed. NOTE: Do not complete and submit your exam until you have reviewed your books (or use the previous seasons). It is highly suggested you print your completed score. Your printed copy is your confirmation.

IHSAA CLINICS –

1. **NEW OFFICIALS** within 3 years of their initial registration must attend an IHSAA sponsored clinic. If you have not done so, you will then be ranked as a "Non-Varsity" (NV) official beginning your third year once you have met the exam and rules meeting requirements.
 - a. **If you have been a reciprocal official in Iowa PRIOR to 2014 and have NOT missed more than 3 consecutive years of registration, you will be grandfathered in unless you want to be considered for post season consideration (see #3).**
 - b. **For any NEW Iowa or Out-Of-State official registering for the first time beginning with the 2016 season; you will have 2016, 2017 or 2018 to attend an IHSAA clinic before the 2018 season begins. If not, you will be classified as a Non-Varsity official beginning the 2018 season.**
 - c. **For any Iowa official who first registered for the 2014 season and you have not yet attended a clinic, this is your final opportunity to attend a clinic before the 2016 season begins. If you have not done so, you will be ranked as Non-Varsity this season.**
 - d. **If an official fails to register and/or meet the rules meeting and exam requirements for a period of three consecutive years, and desires to register at a later time, he/she will be required to start anew, including attending the required clinic within your first 3 years.**
2. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** who indicated spring of **2016** as their graduating year will begin their varsity status this season once the above requirements are met. The clinic requirement will commence with the **2016** season. You will have **2016, 2017 or 2018** to meet your clinic requirement to maintain a Varsity status before the **2018** season begins once you have completed the annual exam and rules meeting. If this requirement is not met, you will be listed as Non-Varsity beginning in **2018**.
3. **ALL OFFICIALS SEEKING POST TOURNAMENT CONSIDERATION** must attend an IHSAA sponsored clinic within a 3-year period for as long as you are an official and want to be considered for tournaments. **If you last attended a clinic in 2013, you would need to attend again this year to meet your post season tournament requirement. Check your account often.**

RANKING SYSTEM

Ranks		Annual registration, annual online rules meeting, annual online exam	Tournament request form, submit schedule, previous year's sportsmanship ratings	Annual online rules meeting, annual online exam (completed by due date)	3 Year Clinic (FB, BkB, WR, BsB)
PENDING - All officials will be "PENDING" until completion of criteria specified to the right.		X			
HS	HIGH SCHOOL - High School students must meet criteria to the right. After HS, you will begin with the Varsity criteria.	X			Graduating students have 3 years to meet the clinic requirement (graduating year counting as year #1)
NV	NON-VARSITY - Officials who only officiate JH - JV must meet criteria to the right.	X			Encouraged but not mandatory (refer to clinic requirements). If you officiate non-varsity but have attended a clinic, you will be listed as Varsity.
V	VARSITY -If you are within your first 3 years of service, have met the criteria to the right, but do not meet the tournament eligible requirements, your rank will be V.	X			Varsity officials must attend within first 3 years of service or they will move to NV status.
V (Tournament eligible)	Tournament eligible officials must meet all requirements and due dates to the right.	X	X	X	Must attend at least once every three years to remain tournament eligible
I	INACTIVE - Those officials who have 15 or more years of service in a sport and no longer officiate	X			