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To learn more about becoming an official contact the Kansas State High School Activities Association at 785-273-5329 or kshsaa@kshsaa.org



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The Youth Deserve YOU! Officiate!

Interscholastic athletic programs are in need of officials so our youth can continue to play games. Youth love to play but need officials to adjudicate rules. There are many former student athletes or parents who have watched their kids play who will make good officials. The KSHSAA is seeking individuals to join our team and help kids learn, lead and grow through interscholastic activity programs. Get out of the stands and become an official. The Youth Deserve You!!

Every school activity needs competent and qualified officials. The KSHSAA actively recruits new female and male officials, and this includes you!

The need is great! The time is now for you to join a network of educators from which students learn about treating people with dignity and respect, and about being part of activities that enhance and encourage healthy lifestyles.

As a KSHSAA official, you can make the values of fair play and honorable competition part of the action for students playing the game. You have the opportunity to teach good sportsmanship, fairness and equality – how to play by the rules.

We welcome your questions and encourage you to contact the KSHSAA, an athletic director, coach or official who can provide guidance and direction to keep you in the game.

Make the Right Call

Registration is very easy and can be done online or by sending a registration form to the KSHSAA. The registration fee is \$55 for the first sport and \$25 for each additional sport. The fee includes: NFOA insurance, rules books, case books, officials manuals and many publications from the KSHSAA. It also provides access to a lot of information on the KSHSAA website. Registration is good for one school year.

Become an Official

To learn more about how to take time to become an official, call the KSHSAA at 785-273-5329 or visit www.kshsaa.org and go to the Officials tab to complete the application form online. Once registered, officials are required to attend a KSHSAA sponsored rules meeting either online or face to face prior to each sport season and complete the rules test prior to the deadline.

Uniforms

As an independent contractor, you are required to purchase your own uniforms and equipment. You can find sport-specific uniform and equipment needs in the KSHSAA Officials Handbook. Information is also on the KSHSAA website under *Officials>Apparel*.

Insurance

Part of your KSHSAA registration fee provides NFOA (National Federation Officials Association) membership. NFOA membership provides liability and accident insurance.

How to Get Games

Contact athletic directors and league commissioners for games. As a KSHSAA official, your name will be listed in the Officials Directory and on the KSHSAA website - www.kshsaa.org. Be patient. Officials work many years to advance to the varsity level. Establish your ability and credibility by working sub-varsity and junior high contests. Officiating fees are based on the level of competition, the number of games officiated and the travel distance.

Tips for Success

- Read and study your rules book, case book and officials manual.
- Maintain peak physical and mental condition for the demands of your sport. A physical examination should be a priority.
- Attend area supervisor meetings and any clinics available in your sport.
- Attend contests officiated by others and observe mechanics and application of rules.
- Honor all contracts. Write down each date to avoid accepting two contracts for the same date. Return contracts promptly.
- Purchase the appropriate uniform and contest equipment and keep in good condition.
- Return telephone calls and written correspondence promptly. Keep copies of all correspondence for your files.
- Report all incidents to the KSHSAA office promptly and provide all written reports as requested.
- Remember, the contest you are working is the most important contest in the eyes of the athletes, coaches and fans. It must also be your priority.

Benefits from Officiating

- It's a great way to stay involved in the sports you love. You can continue to be an active participant in contests to ensure that the games are played safely and fairly. Officiating gives you the best seat in the house...you just have to stand.
- Officiating allows you to give back. School sports are an integral part of the fabric of our communities, and without officials, the contests couldn't be played. The best officials exemplify hard work, dedication and integrity, and they demonstrate the importance of fairness, impartiality and doing the right thing.
- Remaining active in school sports through officiating provides individuals an opportunity to stay physically and mentally fit. It challenges you in areas simply watching sports cannot provide.
- Officiating school sports is a great way to earn extra income. Whether it be to put away some savings, add to your kids' college funds or to use for family vacations, officiating allows you an enjoyable way to earn disposable income on your own schedule.