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## CRITERIA TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL

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**To become an official in the sports of Football, Basketball, Baseball & Softball the following criteria will apply effective June 16, 2015.**

*To become REGISTERED, an official must:*

1. Register with the LHSAA and a local officials' association.
2. Attend the state rules clinic.
3. Make 70% or above on the LHSAA test to work varsity games.
4. Work at least 10 freshmen or junior varsity contests before working varsity.
5. Be a high school graduate and/or be eighteen years of age.
6. Shall not work past the first week of playoffs in any sport.

NOTE: Officials will not receive a card until he/she has met all the criteria listed above.

**\*\*\*ANY OFFICIAL FAILING TO TAKE THE TEST OR ATTEND THE CLINIC MUST RETURN AS A REGISTERED OFFICIAL THE NEXT YEAR OF REGISTRATION WITH HIS/HER LOCAL ASSOCIATION.**

*To become CERTIFIED, an official must:*

1. Register with the LHSAA and a local official's association a minimum of two (2) years.
2. Attend the state rules clinic.
3. Make 85% or above on the LHSAA officials' test.
4. Attend 70% of the local association meetings.
5. Work at least 5 varsity contests the prior season.
6. Attend a LHSOA sponsored camp or an approved continuing education workshop once every two years.

**Out-of-State TRANSFER OFFICIAL:** All transfer officials coming into the state will be recognized for years experience and their test score and will be able to work on the court/field immediately in varsity games, once they have registered and paid their dues. They must have their years experience and test score verified from the state association's central office and be in good standing before it will be accepted.

NOTE: Regional Coordinator of Officials will always consider an individual's rating, past performance, experience of an official, and importance of the game to be worked when assigning officials. Officials failing to pass the online test may work as clock operators in varsity games and on the field, in junior varsity and junior high games.

**\*\*\* *Your registration with the LHSAA does not guarantee you any game assignments at any level of play.***