

Ratings Proposal for Seasons 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28

Observers Rating: 80% Coaches Ratings: 20%

This rating system is a method of evaluating our officials for possible movement up or down in the groupings. The results are submitted to BOCES for their use in assigning officials.

Board 52 does not assign or assist BOCES with the assigning of officials for regular or post-season assignments.

OBSERVER FEES & REQUIREMENTS:

- The coordinator of observers will be chosen by the Executive Committee as a paid position, amount to be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership.
- All observers shall be approved by the Executive Committee at the beginning of each season and presented to the membership for approval. The coordinator of officials must provide the Executive Committee with a list of potential observers prior to the Interpretation meeting.
- The number of observers needed for sufficient coverage will be determined by the Coordinator of Observers (DA)
- Observers' pay rate is determined by the Executive Committee and voted on by the membership.

OBSERVERS/RATINGS PROCESS:

Officials will be rated by observers based on a ratings form (attached) that has been compiled by the Coordinator of Observers and approved by the Executive Committee. Officials can be rated on any sanctioned high school game (not scrimmages). It must be a regular season game or a holiday tournament game.

Officials may be rated by video on an as needed basis.

All officials in Groups 1A, 1, and 2 will receive at least three observations and up to a maximum of 5. With the lowest observer rating being removed.

Officials shall not be evaluated multiple times by the same observer.

If an official does not receive the minimum number of ratings (3) due to scheduling issues, that official will receive an average rating of the observations received.

If an official fails to receive at least 1 rating – that official will receive a 0.0

To properly assign observers, the full schedule of each 1A, 1, and 2 official is required by the Coordinator of Observers at the start of the season and periodically throughout the season to assist the Coordinator of Observers.

Officials may be required to send their schedules to the Coordinator of Observers by a date to be determined.

Points of Interest:

- Observers shall meet after the game with both officials and offer feedback relevant to the contest just played.
- Observers shall not enter the official's locker room at halftime to offer feedback.
- Observers shall provide the coordinator of officials with the attached rubric as soon as possible. (attached)
- Observers shall contact the Coordinator of Observers immediately following a contest that a member is rated below 7.
- The Coordinator of Observers shall provide members with their comments from evaluators at the end of the season. (Date TBD)
- rated officials in Group 1 will move into Group 2.

Group 3 Definition:

Any official that is not in Group 1 or 2.

Eligible to work modified and freshman and JV as needed.

Ratings will be based on Rat Race observations, and observer rating system higher rated official, coaches if applicable.

Group 3 officials wishing to advance to group 2 must notify the Coordinator of Observers.

The Executive Committee and Coordinator of Observers must be able to recognize, and advance new officials based on their officiating ability as quickly as possible.

Group 4 Definition:

Not working high school sanctioned basketball games.

***Incentive Program:**

40+ games: add .03

30+ games: add .02

20+ games: add .01

*** The incentive points will only apply to the ratings that are for movement, not playoff eligibility.**

*** Games worked in that officials assigned grouping.**

Varsity Officials Observation Program (trial bases):

Group 1A varsity rated officials are required to observe at least 1 non-varsity level game (JV – Modified) and send a game report to the Coordinator of Observers. (Google Doc **SECTIONAL ELIGIBILITY:**

Eligibility is determined by BOCES, a combination of 50% coaches' ratings and 50% observers' ratings from the present season unless BOCES changes their format. Minimum game eligibility is determined by BOCES.

GROUPS:

Group 1A:

Officials rated 1 through 40 based on their ratings from observations (80%) and their coaches rating (20%) + incentives. May work at all levels. Only rated on varsity assignments.

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Officials rated 41 through 80 based on their ratings from observations (80%) and coaches' ratings (20%) + incentives. May work all levels, but are only rated on varsity assignments.

Year End Movement of Officials:

The 8 highest rated officials in Group 1 will move up to Group 1A as the 8 lowest rated officials in Group 1A will move into Group 1.

Group 2:

Officials rated 1 through 40 based on their observations ratings (80%) and coaches' ratings (20%) + incentives.

Year End Movement of Officials:

The 8 highest rated officials in Group 2 will move up to Group 1 as the 8 lowest to be created). These reports are to assist with the advancement of JV and Modified level officials. Failure to provide an observation report will result in a fine (TBD).

Comments:

- Participation in the Rat Race is required by ALL Group 3 candidates on an as-needed basis.
- Officials chosen to work in the semifinals and finals are required to observe the candidates at the Rat Race. If this requirement IS NOT fulfilled, those officials shall be fined 1 Varsity Game Fee.

- 3-person training will be required for advancement into Group 1. The Education committee shall determine when and how this requirement shall be met.
- Any changes or modifications to this ratings system cannot be made without approval from the membership.
- The Coordinator of Observers can petition the Executive Committee to move an official to a higher level based on observations and not coaches' ratings.