



NEW OFFICIALS TRAINING

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI & JOPLIN FOOTBALL OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATIONS

JUNE 29, 2025



**National Federation
of State High School
Associations**



INTRODUCTION

- PRESIDENT
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- ASSIGNORS
- TRAINER
- TRAINING STAFF
- NEW OFFICIALS





PURPOSE



- Provides Opportunity for individuals to become Registered High School Football Officials
- You acquire Knowledge, Skills and Motivation to become a good official
- Officials for High School, Varsity, JV, Freshman and MS/JH contest.



PROGRAM DESIGNED

- New, Inexperienced, or Veterans
- Knowledge of Rules
- Mechanics of Officiating
- 16 Hours of Basic Instruction
- On Field Work and Live Scrimmages





SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

- **Register with MSHSAA (Now-August 15) (You must be Certified to get Schedule for games)**
 - **www.mshsaa.org enter officials portal.**
- **PASS Part 1 NFHS Rules Exam (75%)**
- **Join SMFOA**
- **Attend the New Official and Regular Member Training**



MEMBERSHIP



- **REGULAR MEMBER**
 - Qualified to Officiate MSHSAA/NFHS Football Games
 - Complete all Membership Requirements of this Association
 - In Good standing with MSHSAA
 - Who are not Probationary Members



PROBATIONARY MEMBERS

- Official who has not been in Association for at least one season
 - Approved by 75% Vote of Membership
 - 12 Probationary Reports on at least 12 Games
- Official failed to comply with Continuing Membership Requirements
- Transfer Member from another Association with Letters of Recommendation
- Any other Member not approved by a Vote.
- Any Other member placed on Probation for Discipline



CREW SYSTEM



- **VARSITY GAMES**
 - Regular Member Crews that submit a Crew Agreement by 1 March each year.
 - Crew Chief Coordinates Schedule, Personnel and Logistics of the Crew
- **SUB VARSITY GAMES**
 - Assignor assigns a Designated Regular Member as Crew Chief. (Coordinates the Crew)
 - Crews Made up of a mix of Experienced (different crews) and New Officials



REQUIRED FEES / EXPENSES

- **MSHSAA** \$30 per Sport +
 – \$35 Admin Fee (Open now)
- **SMFOA** \$25 New Members
- **Uniforms and Equipment**



GAME FEES



- **VARSITY \$140 5 Man Crew**
- **Jr. Varsity & Frosh**

	4 Man Crew	3 Man Crew
– 9 Min Qtr	\$65	\$85
– 10 Min Qtr	\$70	\$90
– 11 Min Qtr	\$75	\$95
– 12 Min Qtr	\$80	\$100
- **MS/ JH**

– 8 Min Qtr	\$60	\$80
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- **Single Game add \$20 to Single Game Fee (JV/F/MS)**
- **Mileage: \$.50 per mile Round Trip (crew driver)**



Break Down of Instruction

- **16 Hours of New Official Training**
 - 3 Training Sessions, Scrimmages
 - 3 Hours of State Specified Training
 - State Rules Meeting
 - State Mechanics Meeting
- **6 Hours of Regular SMFOA Training**
- **Rules and Mechanics NFHS**
- **Sources of Individual Training online**



REFREPS

- **5.5 Hours of New Official Training**
 - At your Pace online.
 - Cost \$45
- **Separate Training of Rules & Mech**
 - Video Interpretations
- **Certificate of Completion**
 - MSHSAA Pays your Registration Fee



artofofficiating.com

Training Programs for New and Old Officials

Video Resources:

New Officials Roundtable

Position Training

**Basics: Spotting the ball, Forward Progress,
Sideline Management, Chain management and Many
more Mechanics of Officiating Position Clips.**

Publications: Purchase through web site.



Other Online Instruction Aids

MSHSAA Web Site; MSHSAA INSTRUCTION
VIDEOS

Located on your Officials Dashboard at Links tab, then
Miscellaneous.

YouTube: High School Football Mechanics.



TRAINING DATES



Refer to Handout

- **Jun 29 INTRODUCTION, The Association, Joining State and Local Associations, Equipment, How to Study the Rules, Rule 2 (Definitions) & Fundamentals. How to Take Part 1 Test . Rule books and Study Materials.**
- **JULY 27 On Field Mechanics Round Robin. 6:00PM; Fundamentals of Officiating Mechanics Round Robin. Learn Positions of Umpire (U), Linesman (L) and Line Judge (LJ)**
- **On Field Experiences Team Camp at Kickapoo July 30 at 7:00PM and July 31 at 9:00AM Scrimmages (Aug 16-26) Various Sites.**



Training Dates Con't.

- **August 16 MSHSAA State Mechanics Clinic (All 1st, 2d, and 3d Year Officials)**
 - **Catholic / Kickapoo HS**, 8:30 AM (** 2d and 3d Yr. at Kickapoo after Class at 8:30 till 9:00 at Catholic)**
- **August 17 SMFOA New Official Orientation Meeting**
Springfield Catholic HS, 2:00 - 4:00 pm (Required of all new officials)
- **August 18 MSHSAA State Mechanics Clinic (All 1st, 2d, and 3d Year Officials) Nixa HS, 5:45 PM**



Training Dates Con't.

- **August 25 SMFOA New Official Orientation Meeting**
Springfield Catholic HS, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Make -up if needed (Required of all new officials)
- **Follow The SMFOA Training Schedule: * Mandatory Rules Meetings, You must Make 5 out of 7 Meetings.**
 - See Handout
- **(Potential) Aug 24 or 31 MS Jamboree (Optional)**
 - At Ozark and/or Camdenton
- **Chane Crew at Catholic HS Varsity Games (Paid event \$35) Follow crew through Pre game.**



REQUIRED Uniform and Equipment

- **BASIC UNIFORM**
 - Hat, Fitted, Black Referee w/wt. piping
 - 21/4" Short Sleeve Shirt
 - 21/4" Long Sleeve Shirt
 - Lightweight 'Warm Weather' FB Pants
 - Black Leather Belt
 - Black Socks





REQUIRED

Uniform and Equipment

- **Basic Equipment**
 - **Flag**
 - **Bean Bag**
 - **1” Black Elastic Down Indicator**
 - **Fox 40 Classic Whistle**
 - **Black Full Circle Whistle Lanyard**
 - **Clip-on Yard Marker**
 - **Combo Wallet w/Game Card**

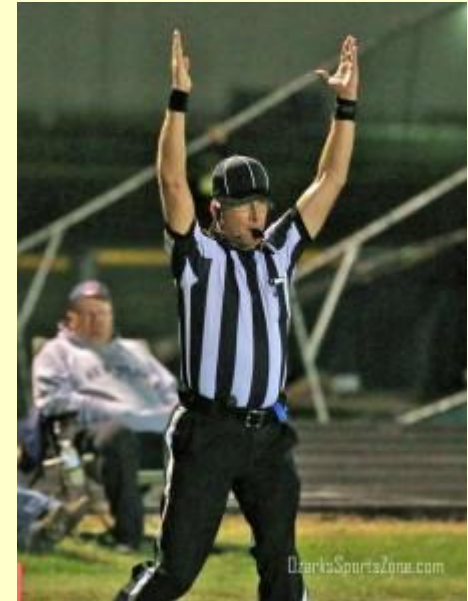




REQUIRED

Uniform and Equipment

- **Undergarment**
 - **Compression Shorts**
 - **Compression Tights**
 - **Black Crew neck t-Shirt**
 - **Black Socks**
- **Shoes**
 - **New Balance Men's Low Turf Shoe or**
 - **Any Basic Black Turf or Training Shoe works, white trim allowed.**





OFFICIALS ONLY

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Online Store Deadline: Sunday May 23rd, 2021 (11:59pm CDT)

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STUDYING

THE RULES OF THE GAME

- **Basic Resources**
 - **National Federation Rule Book & Case Book**
 - **NFHS Mechanics Manual Pub every 2 Years**
 - **Study Guides, Illustrated Rules & Rules by Topic, Film Studies, Specialty books (REFEREE / NASO Library)**
 - **Film Study Guides (Internet)**
 - **Internet NFHS Resource Library (New Official's Course) \$10**



STUDYING

THE RULES OF THE GAME

- **FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS**
 - I. POSSESSION**
 - II. DOWNS**
 - III. DEAD BALL**
 - IV. KICKS**
 - V. FREE KICKS**
 - VI. TOUCHING of LOW SCRIMMAGE KICK**
 - VII. PASSES**
 - VIII. BLOCKING**
 - IX. FOULS**
 - X. PENALTY MEASUREMENT**



STUDYING

THE RULES OF THE GAME

- **RULE 2 DEFINITIONS**
 - The formal statement of the meaning or significance of a word, phrase, idiom, etc., as found in The Rule Book.
 - Terminology used in the Rules to make it clearer.
 - Basis for all Rules.
 - To Understand the Rules 1st Understand Definitions



STUDYING

THE RULES OF THE GAME

- **STUDY GUIDE**
 - **How it works**
 - **Able to take small bites vs the hole book**
 - **Spend an hour a day or half hour**
 - **Surprise what you comprehend in a week or 6 weeks**
 - **Not to make you an expert but familiarize.**
 - **Practical application.**



STUDY GUIDE



• DATE	STUDY PAGE(S)	
• Week One	FUNDAMENTALS & DEFINITIONS	
• _____	Football Fundamentals, I - V	83 - 84
• _____	Football Fundamentals, VI - X	84 - 85
• _____	Rule 2, Sections 1 - 3	25 - 26
• _____	Rule 2, Sections 4 - 8	26 - 27
• _____	Rule 2, Sections 9 - 13	27 - 29
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• Week Two	DEFINITIONS	
• _____	Rule 2, Sections 14 - 16	29 - 30
• _____	Rule 2, Sections 17 - 23	30 - 31
• _____	Rule 2, Sections 24 - 25	31 - 32
• _____	Rule 2, Sections 26 - 28	33
• _____	Rule 2, Sections 29 - 31	34

Taking 100 /50 Questions NFHS Test

PART 1 and PART 2

1. A defenseless Player is a Player who, because of his /her physical position and focus of concentration, **is not vulnerable to injury. **2-32-16****

A. True

B. False

2. If a field-goal attempt touches R1 in the end zone and then caroms through the goal, the ball becomes dead when touched and no points are scored. **4-2-2d**

Exception

A. True

B. False

3. To start each half or to resume play after a field goal or after a try the ball shall be put in play by a _____. **4-1-1**

A. Kickoff

B. Punt

C. All the above.

D. None of the above.



MENTORSHIP PROGAM



- The Goal is mentor, guide and assist new officials through the First year.
- Crew will mentor one or two new Officials
- Crew members will be assigned games with new Official.
- Crew will invite member on Jamborees and Varsity Games.





ARBITER SITE



- www.arbiter.com (Once you Join Asso.)
- Game Assignments Management
- Association Announcements and News
- Schedules Varsity, Sub-Varsity & MS
- Forms
- Constitution and By Lays
- Links/Rules Discussions
- Training Materials
- Contact for Information





SMFOA WEB SITE



- www.smfoa-mo.org
- Association Information and News
- Meetings and Events
- Forms
- News and Links
- Training Aids and Tools
- Training Materials
- Hall of Fame and Awards
- Photo Gallery
- Info on Joining





NEW OFFICIALS TRAINING

NEXT SESSION



July 27, 2025

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

6:00 PM

