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**BASKETBALL OFFICIALS INFORMATIONAL LETTER**

July, 2019

My name is Rick DeGardner and I will again be assigning basketball games for Gopher State Officials for the 2019-2020 season.

It's imperative that every official expecting to receive assignments through Gopher State this upcoming basketball season complete and return the fillable Basketball Officials Information Form. The form is available on the Gopher State Officials website ([www.gopherstateofficials.org](http://www.gopherstateofficials.org)). It's important that you answer every question. **Please be as complete as possible.** The more detailed information you provide me (ie. experience, preferred partner(s), willingness to travel, etc.) the better chance I have of preparing a schedule that fits your expectations. Since Bozo and I anticipate starting the assigning process by mid-September, it would be great if these forms could be returned to me by September 4, 2019. Completed forms can be returned to [rickdeg@comcast.net](mailto:rickdeg@comcast.net) (make sure to put your name in the subject line) or sent via US mail to the address listed on the bottom of the form.

Gopher State Officials will continue to utilize GotOfficials for the 2019-2020 school year. GotOfficials will be the method in which officials will indicate availability, accept/reject assignments, contact schools and partners, receive informational notices, etc. You must have your User Name and Password to access the GotOfficials website ([www.gotofficials.com](http://www.gotofficials.com)). If you can't remember your username and/or password you can click on the "Forgot Password" link on the sign-in page. If you have previously created a GotOfficials account you MUST NOT create another account. Send me an email ([rickdeg@comcast.net](mailto:rickdeg@comcast.net)) if you need help. If you are new to GotOfficials, please go to the GotOfficials website and click on the "New User Register" link.

Please log on to GotOfficials to indicate what days you are not available to work (Under "My Availability" section). This needs to be done by September 13, 2019. It is imperative that you keep your availability updated. Simply block/unblock dates as your availability changes. Since games typically don't start until at least 4:00pm, there is no need to block off mornings and early afternoons for each weekday on GotOfficials. (It's best to just leave dates completely open if you can work an afternoon or evening game). Also, review/update your contact information under "My Profile" and add a photo of yourself if you haven't already done so.

If you are new to Gopher State Officials you must also complete the Gopher State Officials Membership Application Form (available on our website).

Additional information including the date and location of the Gopher State Basketball meeting etc., will be sent out as we get closer to the basketball season.

The best way to get a hold of me with any questions is via email ([rickdeg@comcast.net](mailto:rickdeg@comcast.net)). I check for email messages several times each day. Check out our website ([www.gopherstateofficials.org](http://www.gopherstateofficials.org)) to access pertinent information including upcoming meetings, pay rates, training resources, etc.

*\*\*This letter is also available at [www.gopherstateofficials.org](http://www.gopherstateofficials.org)\*\**

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