

## **G-9. IHSAA Selection of Football Officials for Tournament Series Policy**

1. **Tournament Series Assignment.** To be considered for a Tournament Series assignment, the following criteria must be met.
  - a. Must be a currently licensed IHSAA Football Official.
  - b. Each crew chief must file a Football Tournament Series Application with the IHSAA office by the designated date. Crews of five (5) Officials will be chosen to work specific games; Officials should apply as a crew.
  - c. Crew's experience is based on the 3 crew members with the highest years of experience.
  - d. An Official's crew must have worked a minimum of four (4) varsity Football games the current season; one (1) of the schools at a game must be an IHSAA member and a scrimmage or jamboree may not be counted as a varsity game.
  - e. Must have received a score of ninety percent (90%) or above on the open book, NFHS Part II Test.
  - f. Must have attended an IHSAA Football certification clinic within the last two (2) years.
  - g. Must have attended an IHSAA Football rules interpretation meeting.
  - h. Must have received a minimum of ten (10) School ratings on the IHSAA Official's Rating.
2. **Advancement Beyond Sectional Assignment.** For advancement in the Football Tournament Series beyond the first round, the following criteria shall be followed:
  - a. A crew advances rather than individual Officials; Reminder: ALL members of a crew must be certified to advance beyond the first round of the Football Tournament Series.
  - b. The strength of the rating received through the IHSAA Official's Rating.
  - c. The score received on the National Federation's Football Rules Examination--Part II.
  - d. Previous experience in the Tournament Series.
  - e. Advancement can be only one (1) step at a time i.e. your team must have worked the championship game of the sectional before they can be considered to work at the regional level.
3. **Additional Assignment Guidelines.**
  - a. For the championship games of the sectional level, the top forty-eight (48) rated crews of Officials, who meet the specified criteria, will be assigned, so long as approximately fifty percent (50%) of those crews have never officiated a state championship game.
  - b. For regional level games, the top twenty-four (24) rated crews of Officials, who meet the specified criteria, will be assigned, so long as

- at least fifty percent (50%) of those crews have never officiated a state championship game.
- c. For semi-state level games, the top twelve (12) rated crews of Officials, who meet the specified criteria, will be assigned, so long as at least fifty percent (50%) of those crews have never officiated a state championship game.
  - d. The top three (3) officiating crews, who have previously worked a state championship game, will be selected to return to the state championships along with the top three rated officiating crews who have never officiated a state championship game.
  - e. Once an officiating crew has worked a state championship, the following year they can advance no further than the championship game of the sectional. If their rating justifies it, they may then return to the state championship by advancing one level per year. (No crew may officiate a state championship more often than once every four (4) years.)
4. **Work Assignments to Advance.** No Officials will advance from one level to the next unless the Official worked all assigned contests at the previous level. Exception: Unforeseen circumstances approved by sport Commissioner.
5. **Selection of Officials.** Selection of an Official by the IHSAA to officiate a Tournament Series contest is a privilege, not a right. The IHSAA, in its sole, unfettered discretion may assign, may choose not to assign, may re-assign, or may un-assign a Tournament Series Official to any Tournament contest, all as it deems expedient, appropriate, and in the best interest of the Tournament Series and the IHSAA.