

G-7. IHSAA Selection of Basketball Officials for Tournament Series Policy

- 1. Tournament Series assignment.** To be considered for a Tournament Series assignment, the following basic criteria must be met:
 - a.** Must be a currently licensed IHSAA Basketball Official.
 - b.** Must have filed a Tournament Series application with the IHSAA office by the designated date.
 - c.** Must have at least two (2) years of experience in the sport of Basketball. An Official is eligible to apply for the Tournament Series during year three (3) of licensure in that sport.
 - d.** Must have officiated a minimum of ten (10) varsity games in the current season.
 - e.** Must have received a score of ninety percent (90%) or above on the open book, NFHS Part II Test.
 - f.** Must have completed an IHSAA Basketball rules interpretation meeting.
 - g.** Must have attended an IHSAA certification clinic within the last two (2) years.
 - h.** Must have received a minimum of ten (10) School ratings on the IHSAA Official's Rating.
- 2. Sectional assignments.** Unless geographically impractical, and regardless of classification of Schools, sectional Officials shall be assigned as follows:
 - a.** 192 Officials who meet the basic criteria will be assigned to the #1, #2, and #3 positions.
 - b.** The next 192 rated Officials who meet the basic criteria will be assigned the #4, #5 and #6 positions.
 - c.** First year Tournament Officials may not be assigned a final contest.
 - d.** Tournament Series Officials who worked the state the prior year may be assigned no higher than the #3 position.
 - e.** An Official who has been out of the Tournament Series for more than five (5) years will be assigned no higher than the sectional level.
- 3. Advancement from the Sectional to the Regional** (Total ninety-six (96) Officials + 16 Alternates (One at each regional site)). Unless geographically impractical, and regardless of classification of Schools, regional Officials shall be assigned as follows:
 - a.** An Official must have worked at least three (3) sectionals. (Not required to be consecutive.) An official becomes eligible to advance in the same year as working the third sectional.
 - b.** Of the ninety-six (96) Officials assigned, forty-eight (48) qualifying officials shall be those not having worked a state final.

- 4. Advancement from the Regional to the Semi-State** (Total seventy-two (72) Officials). Unless geographically impractical, and regardless of classification of Schools, sectional Officials shall be assigned as follows:
- a.** An Official must have worked at least one (1) regional. An official becomes eligible to advance in the same year as working the regional.
 - b.** Of the seventy-two (72) Officials assigned, thirty-six (36) qualifying officials shall be those not having worked a state final.
- 5. Advancement from the Semi-State to the State Finals** (Total twelve (12) Officials). To be considered for a state assignment, the following basic criteria must be met:
- a.** An Official must have worked at least one (1) semi-state. An official becomes eligible to advance in the same year as working the semi-state.
 - b.** An Official must have worked a semi-state within the past five (5) years.
 - c.** Those Officials shall be assigned as follows:
 - (1)** The four (4) top rated Officials who previously worked at the state finals will be first assigned to the state finals.
 - (2)** The four (4) top rated Officials who have not previously worked at the state finals, will next be assigned to the state finals.
 - (3)** The next four (4) top rated Officials will next be assigned to the state finals. However, if there are less than four (4) Officials who worked the semi-state for three (3) years among the next top ranked Officials, then the next highest ranked Official(s) who worked the semi-state for two (2) years will be assigned to the state finals.
 - d.** After working the state finals, an Official may not advance beyond the sectional level for the ensuing year.
 - e.** An Official, who has previously worked the state finals, will be eligible for the state finals on a four (4) year rotation. An official may return to the state finals by working each level of the Tournament Series prior to returning to the state championship. Example: in 2020 – state final assignment; in 2021-sectional assignment; 2022–regional assignment; in 2023 – semi state assignment; 2024 – state final assignment.
 - f.** If an official’s rating warrants, there will be no limit on the number of times an Official may work the state finals.
 - g.** Official’s ratings shall rank within the top ninety-six (96) to work the state finals.
- 6. 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.

- 7. 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.