

CRITERIA TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL

To become an official in the sports of Football, Basketball, Baseball & Softball the following criteria will apply effective July 1, 2011.

To become REGISTERED, an official must:

1. Register with the LHSAA and a local officials' association.
2. Attend the state rules clinic.
3. Make 70% or above on the LHSAA test to work varsity games.
4. Work at least 10 freshmen or junior varsity contests before working varsity.
5. Be a high school graduate or be twenty-one years of age.
6. Shall not work past the first week of playoffs in any sport.

NOTE: Officials will not receive a card until he/she has met all the criteria listed above.

*****ANY OFFICIAL FAILING TO TAKE THE TEST OR ATTEND THE CLINIC MUST RETURN AS A REGISTERED OFFICIAL THE NEXT YEAR OF REGISTRATION WITH HIS/HER LOCAL ASSOCIATION.**

To become APPROVED, an official must:

1. Register with the LHSAA and a local official's association a minimum of two (2) years.
2. Attend the state rules clinic.
3. Make 80% or above on the LHSAA officials' test.
4. Attend 70% of the local association meetings.
5. Work at least 5 varsity contests the prior season.
6. Attend a LHSOA sponsored camp or an approved continuing education workshop once every two years.

To become CERTIFIED, an official must:

1. Register with the LHSAA and a local official's association a minimum of four (4) years.
2. Attend the state rules clinic.
3. Make 90% or above on the LHSAA officials' test.
4. Attend 70% of the local association meetings.
5. Work at least 5 varsity contests the prior season.
6. Attend a LHSOA sponsored camp or an approved continuing education workshop once every two years.

NOTE: Any transfer official with 5 years or more experience must serve 1 year as a registered official before he/she is eligible to become approved or certified.

NOTE: Assignment secretaries will always consider an individual's rating, past performance, experience of an official, and importance of the game to be worked when assigning officials. Officials failing to pass the online test may work as clock operators in varsity games and on the field, in junior varsity and junior high games.

***** *Your registration with the LHSAA does not guarantee you any game assignments at any level of play.***