



STUDENT OFFICIALS PROGRAM

The Student Officials Program is on an experimental level in all sports. The use of high school students to register (with affiliate status) will receive training through a local association. High schools are asked to recruit high school students who are interested in officiating athletic contests. Student officials will register with TSSAA as Student Official with affiliate status.

There will be no registration fee charged with TSSAA for affiliate status and they must be associated with a TSSAA recognized local officials' association. The student official will work within the local association to receive education, training, and observation as a student official. The registered student official may work B-team or J.V. athletic contests only in football, basketball, baseball, and softball when working with qualified official (s) assigned by approved local association. They may work B-team, J.V. or middle school in volleyball, wrestling, and soccer when working with qualified official (s) assigned by approved local association. The student official will receive the same game fee as the middle school fee for that particular sport. Schools will recruit and recommend students that are willing to register as student officials.

Instructions for Registration:

1. Go to the TSSAA website at www.tssaa.org and click on Contest Officials.
2. Click on "Officials' Registration"
3. Click link for "Begin Registration"
4. Complete the online registration, when prompted for payment type – simply "Sign Out".

TSSAA will then complete your registration.

RULES BOOKS

Your lead supervisor or assigning officer will distribute physical "hard copy" rules books to registered officials at your local association meeting. The state office will no longer be mailing books.

If you prefer to have an electronic form of the rules book on your smartphone or tablet, you may request a digital copy at <https://tnhs.us/rulebook4officials>. Please allow up to 48 hours after receiving this email to request your digital copy. You will access the digital rules book through the NFHS Digital app on your device. When you create an account in the app, you use the same email you use to sign into ArbiterSports.

If you have any questions, please email Kim Alley, kalley@tssaa.org.