



WHAT'S NEW?

FOR 2021-22

Rules Meeting Requirements

- Rules Meetings will now be required in each sport to officiate regular season contests at the high school (both varsity and subvarsity) level.
- Season deadlines will remain in place to complete Rules Meetings to be eligible for postseason assignments.
- Does not apply to middle school/junior high contests.
- \$25 penalty for *Working Improperly* if violated.

Tournament Exams

- Officials will now be permitted two attempts at a successful score for tournament exams.
- Encourages officials to get into the rulebook.

Postseason Availability

- Officials must now opt-in to tournaments through the MHSAA website by selecting dates they **ARE AVAILABLE**.
- If an official fails to select him/herself as **AVAILABLE** on the MHSAA website, it will be presumed that they are unavailable. No availability = no assignments.
- Blocks in Arbiter **ARE NOT** considered to determine the availability of an official for a variety of reasons (e.g., *intentional blocks for the MHSAA, some officials are not assigned through Arbiter, the need for advanced notice of availability, etc.*).

Officials Rating System

- 5-pt scale (5 is now the highest rating, 1 is now the lowest rating).
- Officials are rated in four categories to allow for more specificity for areas of improvement.
- Officials are rated for each contest they officiate separately – regardless of how many times they officiate a single school.
- There is no “challenge” to a rating that a school assigns to an official.
- Only the middle 90% of ratings will be used to calculate an official’s 3-year average.