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SPORTS CODES

Codes used for the sports included in this Guide are as follows:

BB – Baseball

BK – Basketball

FB – Football

SC – Soccer

SB – Softball

TK – Track

VB – Volleyball

WR – Wrestling

INTRODUCTION

The registration and regulation of officials is a basic function of the Alabama High School Athletic Association. According to Rule IV of the AHSAA Bylaws, only officials who are registered with the AHSAA may be used by member schools as officials in football, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, wrestling, track and soccer interscholastic contests.

This Officials' Guide is designed to familiarize officials with all the procedures and guidelines of the AHSAA officiating program. Each official association affiliated with the AHSAA, as well as each member school, is provided a copy of this guide.

All officials have access to the AHSAA Officials Guide and the Officials Manual for their sport on the AHSAA web site (www.AHSAA.com).

Officials receive NFHS Rules Publications. Official rulings and interpretations of special play situations which are made by the AHSAA Executive Director before and during the season of each sport. The AHSAA abides by the National Federation of High School Associations playing rules in all sports. The final authority concerning interpretation of all playing rules remains with the AHSAA. The AHSAA has authority to implement playing rules in addition to those of the National Federation of High School Associations.

The AHSAA reserves the right to change any procedure or statement located in this Officials' Guide without prior notice in order to better serve our officiating program.

AHSAA GOAL FOR OFFICIALS

To attempt to provide an opportunity for all officials to improve themselves as officials while upgrading the quality of their local associations. This attempt should coincide with a greater effort by the officials to provide consistency throughout the state in all officiating. The officials will then promote an enhanced spirit of the high school philosophy as teachers and role models for all students involved in interscholastic competition.

CODE OF ETHICS

This Code of Ethics for all officials has been established by the Alabama High School Athletic Association. The purpose of the Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all officials.

1. An official must devote time, thought and study to the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to carry out these rules so that one may render effective and creditable service in a fair and unbiased manner.
2. An official must work with fellow officials and the state association in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate of points or rules at issue.
3. An official must resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an official to benefit oneself. Under all circumstances, officials must avoid promoting the special interest of any person or group of persons other than the athletes we serve.
4. An official must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the avocation in all personal conduct and relations with the student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues and the public to be a worthy example to the athletes under one's jurisdiction.
5. An official will be prepared both physically and mentally, dress according to expectations and maintain a proper appearance that is befitting the importance of the contest.
6. An official must remember and recognize that it is important to honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.

Every member of the officiating profession carries a responsibility to act in a manner becoming a professional person. The conduct of any official influences the attitude of the public toward the profession in general as well as toward the official in particular.

Officials may be reprimanded, fined and/or suspended for any conduct unbecoming of an official registered with the AHSAA. The Code of Ethics falls into this category.

LETTER OF INQUIRY

The AHSAA may at anytime send an Official Letter Of Inquiry to a local association or to an individual official. This Letter Of Inquiry seeks information pertaining to the subject matter as it is stated in the letter. A local association or an individual official shall respond to the Letter Of Inquiry within one week. If a response from the appropriate party is not received by the AHSAA within this one week period, disciplinary action may be taken against the party. The local association contact person and President are the people primarily responsible for getting this done. They are subject to disciplinary action if it is not done within the allowed time period.

2009-2010 CALENDAR

June - 2009

June 24- VB Directors Initial Meeting 10:00 AM
June 25 - FB Directors Initial Meeting 10:00 AM

July - 2009

July 13 - AHSAA Begins Accepting Application Fees For Official's Registration (All Sports)
July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 - AHSAA All-Star Sports Week (Huntsville)

August - 2009

August 2 - AHSAA Officials Awards Luncheon (Montgomery) 12:30 PM

September - 2009

September 17 - BK Directors Initial Meeting 10:00 AM
September 24 - WR Directors Initial Meeting 3:00 PM

October - 2009

October 12, 13 - VB Area Tournaments
October 17 - VB Regional Tournaments
October 18 - Volleyball Online Classification Exam
October 22 - VB Sub-State Round
October 28, 29 - VB State Tournament (Pelham)

November - 2009

November 6, 13, 20, 27 - Football State Playoffs
November 22 - Football Online Classification Exam

December - 2009

December 3, 4 - FB Super Six (Birmingham)
December 10 - BB Directors Initial Meeting 10:00 AM
December 12 - Alabama/Mississippi All-Star Football Game (Mobile)
December 15 - TK Directors Initial Meeting 10:00 AM
December 16 - SC Directors Initial Meeting 10:00 AM
December 17 - SB Directors Initial Meeting 10:00 AM

January - 2010

January 30 - Wrestling Online Classification Exam

February - 2010

February 1 thru 8 - BK Area Tournaments (Boys and Girls)

February 6 - WR Section Tournament

February 11 - BK Girls Sub-Regional Games

February 12 - BK Boys Sub-Regional Games

February 11 thru 13 - WR State Tournament (Huntsville)

February 16 thru 20 - BK Regional Tournaments (Boys and Girls)

February 21 - Basketball Online Classification Exam

February 23 thru 27 - BK State Finals Tournament (Boys and Girls) (Birmingham)

March - 2010

March 19 - All-Star Basketball Game (Alabama vs Mississippi) (Pelham)

March 22 - Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame Induction (Montgomery)

April - 2010

April 11 - Soccer Online Classification Exam

April 16 & 17, 23 & 24 - BB State Playoffs

April 18 - Track and Field Online Classification Exam

April 23 thru May 1 - SB Area Tournaments

April 25 - Baseball Online Classification Exam

April 27 - 1st SC Sub State Round

April 30 & May 1, 7 & 8 - BB State Playoffs

April 30 & May 1 - TK State Meets

May - 2010

May 1 - 2nd SC Sub-State Round

May 2 - Softball Online Classification Exam

May 7 & 8 - SB Regional Tournaments

May 7 & 8 - SC State Tournament (Huntsville)

May 11 thru 14 - BB State Finals (Montgomery)

May 13 thru 15 - SB State Tournament (Montgomery)

AHSAA AFFILIATION

Local officials associations are affiliated with the AHSAA as a Regular Association or a Restricted Association. Each member of the local association is deemed an Independent Contractor and must apply to become registered with the AHSAA in order to qualify to work AHSAA contests. Each local association is not limited to working only AHSAA contests. Each member school of the AHSAA must contract their contests with an AHSAA-affiliated association. All AHSAA-affiliated associations and their members must abide by the policies set forth in the AHSAA Officials Guide.

Regular Associations and their members who maintain AHSAA affiliation are eligible to work Varsity, Junior Varsity, Junior High or Middle School contests played by the AHSAA member schools. Other policies or assignment procedures outlined in this guide may limit which contests an individual official will work.

Restricted Associations and their members who maintain AHSAA affiliation are eligible to work Junior High or Middle School contests played by the AHSAA member schools. Other policies or assignment procedures outlined in this guide may limit which contests an individual official will work.

APPLICATION & REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Local association begins collecting application fees from prospective members and submit the application fees to the State Office. (New and Returning Prospective Members) All Application fees sent via mail must be sent from the appropriate local association officer to the state office via check or money order. Cash will not be accepted unless delivered in person. Application fees are non-refundable.
2. Local association officers attend district meeting to obtain books and materials.
3. Local associations begin meeting, distributing rule books and preparing applicants for the online rules clinic and exam.
4. Applicants must complete an online required clinic and take the online pre-registration exam. Applicant will not be allowed to test for registration until his application fee has been processed by the state office via his local association.
5. Online Rules Clinic and Test Results automatically entered into database. Results are obtained online by designated officers and individual applicant.
6. State Office begins registration of each applicant.
 - (a) Current classification determined and confirmed.
 - (b) Current classification entered into each applicant's record.
 - (c) All eligible applicants processed in computer.
 - (d) Officials cards printed with receipts.
 - (e) Daily transaction journal printed.
 - (f) Master history file updated.
 - (g) Officials cards with receipts along with patches mailed to each local association.
7. Officials are considered to be registered when they receive their officials cards and patches from a designated local association officer. If additional patches are desired by individuals, each individual will make the request to the designated local association officer. The designated local association officer will then place the order with the State Office. These registration cards are for identification purposes only and do not entitle the bearers or anyone else free admission to any AHSAA event. Also, these cards are non-transferable. A registered official may identify themselves in non-AHSAA contests by wearing the AHSAA logo. If this is done, the complete AHSAA required uniform must be worn. Anyone who improperly uses these cards or patches will be subject to penalty.

8. All AHSAA registered officials automatically become members of the National Federation Officials Association. The State Office forwards a list of all registered individuals to the NFOA at the conclusion of the application and registration process.
9. The AHSAA reserves the right not to register an individual applicant or group of applicants. This AHSAA action voids the applicants membership in any AHSAA sanctioned local association.
10. Any college or high school student age 16 or above is exempt from taking the Pre-registration Exam if they have completed a current (same year) sports officiating course in that sport.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATEMENT

All officials understand that they are independent contractors officiating for the schools serviced by their local associations and the AHSAA. They agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of their local association with whom they voluntarily choose to affiliate. They also agree to abide by all the rules and regulations of the AHSAA with whom they voluntarily choose to affiliate.

They also understand that they are independent agents choosing to affiliate with their local association and the AHSAA. Therefore, they release their local association officers and the AHSAA staff from any liability or responsibility for any damage or injury incurred by them to themselves or anyone else because of their officiating during the current registration year.

They understand that from time to time the AHSAA or its designee may film, record or photograph certain games they officiate. They further understand that the AHSAA or its designee may use their voice, image or likeness from these games in connection with certain video, audio or print reproductions designed to be used for educational purposes, and they hereby consent to the use of their voice, image and likeness for such purposes.

They voluntarily choose to contract with the AHSAA member schools through their local association by which they will receive their game assignments and payment of game fees.

Finally, they understand that all taxes due on the income collected by them because of their officiating are their responsibility to file and not the responsibility of their local association or the AHSAA.

RECIPROCITY OF REGISTRATION

1. If an individual is already registered for the current registration year in another state and wishes to apply and register in Alabama, the individual will still have to pay the application fee in Alabama, then view the online clinic and pass the online exam in order to be registered in our state.
2. Written notification from the previous state's Executive Director will be needed to verify a transfer of experience from the previous state. Officials who transfer into Alabama from another state may receive credit in Alabama for experience in the other state.
3. In order to transfer membership from one local association in Alabama to another during the season, a letter from the individual needs to be sent to the State Office requesting the transfer. The State Office will update the individuals state file and will check to make sure all obligations have been fulfilled to the previous association. The State Office will then send a letter back to the individual and a copy of the letter to both associations approving the transfer.

Registration Comparison

SPORT	08/09	07/08	06/07	05/06	04/05	03/04	02/03	01/02	00/01	99/00	98/99	97/98
BASEBALL	1037	992	985	940	903	984	926	922	890	886	869	923
BASKETBALL	1899	1884	1873	1780	1807	1849	1835	1802	1739	1745	1730	1690
FOOTBALL	1711	1720	1723	1615	1653	1670	1634	1606	1577	1524	1529	1549
SOCCER	414	459	426	402	369	393	395	399	385	354	328	299
SOFTBALL	804	802	815	797	781	753	750	735	761	754	682	712
TRACK	276	253	146	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
VOLLEYBALL	623	603	597	530	512	493	463	421	402	366	336	326
WRESTLING	74	73	70	66	76	82	62	56	59	58	57	51
Yearly Total	6838	6786	6635	6130	6101	6224	6065	5941	5813	5687	5531	5550

CLASSIFICATION

- Baseball — Class IV, Class III, Class II, Class I and Restricted
- Basketball — Class IV, Class III, Class II, Class I and Restricted
- Football — Class IV, Class III, Class II, Class I and Restricted
- Soccer — Class IV, Class III, Class II, Class I and Restricted
- Softball — Class IV, Class III, Class II, Class I and Restricted
- Track — Class IV, Class III, Class II, Class I and Restricted
- Volleyball — Class IV, Class III, Class II, Class I and Restricted
- Wrestling — Class IV, Class III, Class II, Class I and Restricted

New Classification Requirements

- 1) District Director's Ratings - This counts 25 points of the overall classification rating. A rating of 0 through 5 is given by the District Director based upon the ratings in the AHSAA Official's Guide. This rating remains in place until changed at a future directors meeting.
- 2) District Camp Attendance - This counts as 5 points of the overall classification rating. This is added to the overall classification rating. This bonus for district camp attendance will remain in effect for 2 years.
- 3) Local Meeting Attendance - This counts 9 points of the overall classification rating. This is a percentage of association meetings. Association attendance will be verified by the District Directors. This will be calculated annually.
- 4) Classification Test Score - This counts 35 points of the overall classification rating. This is the score made on the classification test given each year. The most recent classification score will be the one used. The classification test must be taken every 3 years. If no test taken, this will result in a zero for this part of the classification rating.
- 5) Years of Experience - This counts 10 points of the overall classification rating. This is a scale of years experience:
 - a. 1 - 4 years = 1 point
 - b. 5 - 8 years = 2 points
 - c. 9 - 12 years = 4 points
 - d. 13 - 16 years = 6 points
 - e. 17 - 20 years = 8 points
 - f. 21 years and above = 10 points

- 6) Assignment Acceptance - This counts 5 points of the overall classification rating. This is a percentage of assigned games by the local association, accepted and officiated by the official. This will be calculated annually.
- 7) Coaches Ratings - This counts 3 points of the overall classification rating. This is an average of the ratings given by coaches throughout the officials career.
- 8) Local Association Ratings - This counts 3 points of the overall classification rating. A rating of 0 through 5 is given by the Local Association based upon the ratings in the AHSAA Official's Guide. This will be calculated annually.
- 9) Observer's Evaluation Ratings - This counts 5 points of the overall classification rating. This is an average of the ratings given by all observers throughout the officials career.

BONUS OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1) State Camp Attendance - This counts as a 4 points bonus of the overall classification rating. This is added to the overall classification rating. This bonus for state camp attendance will remain in effect for 5 years.
- 2) State Camp Ratings - This counts as a 2 points bonus of the overall classification rating. A rating of 0 through 5 is given by the State Camp Staff based upon the ratings in the AHSAA Official's Guide for those officials who attended the state camp. This bonus for state camp attendance will remain in effect for 5 years.
- 3) State Office Ratings - This counts as a 3 points bonus of the overall classification rating. A rating of 0 through 5 is given by the State Office based upon the ratings in the AHSAA Official's Guide for those officials who work in the championship events.
- 4) Multiple Sport Officiating - This counts as a 2 points bonus of the overall classification rating. This is added to the overall classification rating. This bonus for multiple sport officiating will be applied to all sports worked by the official. This will be calculated annually.
- 5) Recruitment - This counts as a 3 point bonus of the overall classification rating. This is added to the overall classification rating. This bonus is for each new official recruited for that school year up to 3 new officials. This bonus will be calculated annually.
- 6) Mentor - This counts as a 3 point bonus of the overall classification rating. This is added to the overall classification rating. This bonus for each official that remains an official for 3 years (no more than 3 officials per year). This bonus remains in effect from the 4th year until the end of the 6th year that official remains active.

The classification scale is as follows:

Class IV =	95 and above
Class III =	85 to 94.9
Class II =	75 to 84.9
Class I =	74.9 and below

AHSAA CAMPS

AHSAA Officials Camps are held to aid in the improvement of officials. Intensive training, including rules study and on-the-field/court mechanics, prepare the officials for the next year's season. These camps are open only to officials who were registered in that sport the previous year. Officials are not required to attend AHSAA camps to work state championship contests.

Member School Participation

An AHSAA member school may participate at any time during the year in one local official's workshop or one AHSAA District Official's Camp and one AHSAA State Official's Camp. AHSAA District or State Official's Camps may occur during the summer months or during the school year after the first practice date for that sport and before the regular season in that sport begins.

ASSOCIATION CODES

Baseball

Alabama BBUA	BB501	Limestone County BBUA	BB801
Alex City BBUA	BB404	Marengo County BBUA	BB305
Andalusia BBUA	BB201	Marvel City BBUA	BB506
Brewton BBUA	BB102	Metro-Mobile BBUA	BB103
Butler County BBUA	BB208	Metro-Montgomery BBUA	BB306
Chattahoochee Valley BBUA	BB406	Northeast Alabama BBUA	BB804
Colbert County BBUA	BB701	Northwest Alabama BBUA	BB702
Dallas County BBUA	BB304	Sand Mountain BBUA	BB805
Decatur BBUA	BB802	Shelby County BBUA	BB503
Druid City BBUA	BB502	South Central Alabama BBUA	BB204
East Alabama BBUA	BB601	Southeast Alabama BBUA	BB205
Etowah County BBUA	BB602	Valley BBUA	BB405
Greater Huntsville BBUA	BB803	Walker County BBUA	BB505

Basketball

Andalusia BBOA	BK203	Mountain Valley BBOA	BK805
Birmingham BBOA	BK501	Mount Cheaha BBOA	BK605
Brewton BBOA	BK101	North Alabama BBOA	BK803
Capital City BBOA	BK302	North Central BBOA	BK807
Central Alabama BBOA	BK301	Northeast Alabama BBOA	BK804
Decatur BBOA	BK801	Northwest Alabama BBOA	BK703
Druid City BBOA	BK502	Phenix City BBOA	BK401
East Alabama BBOA	BK601	Quad-Cities BBOA	BK702
East Central BBOA	BK405	Selma BBOA	BK303
Gadsden BBOA	BK602	South Central Alabama BBOA	BK201
Georgia-Alabama BBOA	BK402	Southeast Alabama BBOA	BK202
Greater Enterprise BBOA	BK207	Tennessee Valley BBOA	BK810
Jeffco BBOA	BK504	Tri-Central County BBOA	BK802
Magic City BBOA	BK505	Tri-County BBOA	BK103
Metro-Birmingham BBOA	BK508	Walker County BBOA	BK503
Mid-State BBOA	BK604	West Central BBOA	BK304
Mobile County BBOA	BK102		
Montgomery BBOA	BK305		

Football

Alabama FBOA	FB502	Metro-Tuscaloosa FBOA	FB506
Bay Area FBOA	FB105	Mid-State FBOA	FB302
Big East FBOA	FB404	North Alabama FBOA	FB801
Big West FBOA	FB509	North Central Alabama FBOA	FB805
Birmingham FBOA	FB501	Northeast Alabama FBOA	FB802
Central Alabama FBOA	FB301	River City FBOA	FB401
Cullman FBOA	FB804	Selma FBOA	FB304
Decatur FBOA	FB803	Shelby FBOA	FB508
East Alabama FBOA	FB602	South Central Alabama FBOA	FB203
East Central Alabama FBOA	FB405	Southeast Alabama FBOA	FB201
Gadsden FBOA	FB601	Southwest Alabama FBOA	FB106
Georgia/Alabama FBOA	FB402	Tennessee Valley FBOA	FB701
Marvel City FBOA	FB507	Tri-County FBOA	FB202
Metro-Mobile FBOA	FB101	West Central Alabama FBOA	FB303
Metropolitan FBOA	FB503		

Soccer

Baldwin County SOA	SC103	Marshall County SOA	SC806
Central Alabama SOA	SC301	North Alabama SOA	SC801
Coosa Valley SOA	SC601	Northeast Alabama SOA	SC602
Decatur SOA	SC803	Shoals Area SOA	SC701
East Central SOA	SC402	West Alabama SOA	SC502
Greater Birmingham SOA	SC501	Wiregrass SOA	SC201
Gulf Coast SOA	SC101		

Softball

Butler County SBUA	SB204	Marshall County SBUA	SB805
Central Alabama SBUA	SB509	Metro-Montgomery SBUA	SB305
Central Counties SBUA	SB308	Mobile SBUA	SB103
Chilton County SBUA	SB303	North Alabama SBUA	SB804
Colbert County SBUA	SB701	North Baldwin SBUA	SB105
Covington County SBUA	SB201	Northwest Alabama SBUA	SB702
Cullman SBUA	SB807	Opelika SBUA	SB402
Dallas County SBUA	SB302	Phenix City SBUA	SB403
East Alabama SBUA	SB601	South Central Alabama SBUA	SB203
Gadsden SBUA	SB605	Southeast Alabama SBUA	SB202
Lawrence County SBUA	SB703	Walker County SBUA	SB505
Limestone County SBUA	SB801	West Alabama SBUA	SB506
Marengo County SBUA	SB307	Wiregrass SBUA	SB205

Track

Central Alabama TOA	TK501	Sand Mountain TOA	TK803
North Alabama TOA	TK801	Southeast Alabama TOA	TK201
Northeast Alabama TOA	TK802	East Alabama TOA	TK601
Northwest Alabama TOA	TK701	Chattahoochie TOA	TK401
Port City TOA	TK101	Metro-Montgomery TOA	TK301

Volleyball

Birmingham VBOA	VB501	Morgan County VBOA	VB805
Brewton VBOA	VB104	North Baldwin VBOA	VB102
Cullman VBOA	VB802	Phenix City VBOA	VB403
Central Alabama VBOA	VB301	Quad-Cities VBOA	VB701
East Alabama VBOA	VB601	Selma VBOA	VB305
East Central Alabama VBOA	VB402	South Alabama VBOA	VB203
Etowah County VBOA	VB602	Tuscaloosa VBOA	VB503
Huntsville VBOA	VB803	Wal-Win VBOA	VB504
Limestone County VBOA	VB804	Washington County VBOA	VB103
Marion County VBOA	VB702	West Central VBOA	VB302
Mobile VBOA	VB101	Wiregrass VBOA	VB201

Wrestling

Birmingham WOA	WR501	Southern Alabama WOA	WR301
Eastern Alabama WOA	WR601	Western Alabama WOA	WR503
Northern Alabama WOA	WR801		

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LOCAL ASSOCIATION CONTACT PERSON

The contact person in each local association is a currently registered AHSAA official who is responsible for communicating any and all information to and from the AHSAA office, schools and coaches to the appropriate officers, board members or the general membership of the local association. This individual should be a responsible person who is easily accessible. This person shall establish a valid and current email address and report it to the state office upon becoming the local association contact person. This person must be able to navigate within the AHSAA Online Officials Section. This person must be approved by the AHSAA.

AHSAA ONLINE MEMBERS SECTION

The AHSAA Official's Member Section is: (www.AHSAA MEMBERS.com)

The Arbiter Online Assigning Program is: (www.ARBITERSPORTS.com)

AHSAA MINIMUM STANDARDS

Regular Associations

1. Each Association must consist of a minimum number of AHSAA registered officials and must have an Employer Identification Number. (See list below).

Baseball 12	Softball 12
Basketball 12	Track 8
Football 20	Volleyball 8
Soccer 12	Wrestling 8
2. Each association shall conduct at least four associational rules meetings prior to any of its members working a regular season contest. The local association shall conduct a minimum of two associational meetings each month during the regular season.
3. All officials registering with the Alabama High School Athletic Association must complete the AHSAA Online Rules Clinic plus two associational rules meetings before being assigned to officiate during the current season.
4. Any official registered with the Alabama High School Athletic Association shall be a member of only one local AHSAA affiliated association. An official can only receive AHSAA contest assignments through his or her local association.(Assignment Committee or Booking Agent) Any violation will result in suspension from the AHSAA for a period of one year. A local association may borrow officials from another association with the permission of both booking agents.
5. Each association will hold a dress inspection of uniforms prior to its first scheduled contest. All necessary adjustments will be made so that all officials are in the exact uniform, and all patches are the same and in their proper place. Any official out of uniform will be suspended for two weeks. (Failure to wear the AHSAA patches in their proper places constitutes being out of uniform!) Two such violations in the same year will result in a suspension for a period of one year.
6. An official will not be assigned to officiate two consecutive varsity contests for the same school. All scratches by home and visiting teams must be honored. Each association will send a scratch list to the contracted school and upon written request to the visiting school at least one week prior to the beginning of the school's sport season. Coaches shall not influence the local association assignment of officials.
7. Any official having close ties with a school shall not officiate any contest involving that school. For example but not limited to: close relatives, school employees, former school employees (within 5 years), or recent school graduates (within 5 years).
8. A maximum of 10% or a minimum of one official of an association's roster may be scratched by each participating school at least one week prior to the beginning of the school's sport season. (This may not exceed more than a maximum of 10% or a minimum of one official of any race or gender within the membership of any association.) Thereafter, scratches are permitted only through the sanction of the State Office.
9. A planned rules program will be conducted at each meeting. Topic assignments will be made in advance and covered thoroughly before other areas or topics may be discussed.
10. Any person at least sixteen years of age may be recruited and registered as an

AHSAA official. Any individual convicted of a felony shall not be allowed to register with the AHSAA until the sentence has been completed.

All AHSAA officials must take and pass a pre-registration exam. A grade of at least 80% is required to pass the pre-registration exam. Any official age 16-18 can only register as a restricted official. Any official ages 16 and above who makes at least 70% and below 80% on the pre-registration exam may register as a restricted official. Restricted officials can only work contests at the Junior High or Middle School level. They may serve as clock operators at the varsity level.

All officials must complete the STAR Sportsmanship Program before officiating an AHSAA contest. This is required only once during an officials career.

11. Officials who use tobacco of any kind in the vicinity of the playing field before, during, or after the contest shall be suspended for two weeks.
12. The association must not adopt any rules or regulations that conflict with the rules and regulations of the Alabama High School Athletic Association.
13. An official will be suspended for a minimum of one year if he consumes alcoholic beverages on the same day he officiates prior to a contest.
14. An official's use of profanity or other unsportsmanlike conduct shall be grounds for a minimum two-week suspension.
15. An official may be suspended up to a period of one year if he accepts an AHSAA local association assignment and then rejects it for another assignment with a Non-AHSAA organization.

An official may also be suspended a minimum of two weeks for failing to fulfill an AHSAA Playoff assignment or failing to attend a State Officials campe once accepted

16. Any official suspended from a local association shall not be allowed membership in any other local association for the remainder of that season or until such time during the same season as the suspension may be removed by the local association.
17. Each association must include the following standing committees:
 - A. Membership Committee
 - (a) To recruit new officials for the association.
 - (b) To screen all applicants and make recommendations for membership.
 - (c) All members of this committee must be a currently registered AHSAA official.
 - B. Program Training Committee
 - (a) To train, instruct, or direct inexperienced and experienced officials through a well-planned program of instructions on rules and mechanics of officiating.
 - (b) Be responsible for a planned program on the rules or mechanics for each meeting. Plan and conduct programs on specific problem areas as reported by members of the association or State Office.
 - (c) All members of this committee must be a currently registered AHSAA official.
 - C. Assignment Committee
 - (a) To make all initial assignments according to the schedule of the schools being served.
 - (b) The secretary or booking agent makes any necessary adjustments after the initial assignments are made as needs arise and is responsible for assuring every school of a complete crew of officials.
 - (c) All members of this committee must be a currently registered AHSAA official.
 - D. Grievance Committee
 - (a) Investigate charges, disputes, and complaints made by coaches, school officials, or members of the association.
 - (b) Conduct hearings on problems pertaining to or within the local official's association and report its findings to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors upon appeal will make a binding decision and will notify the

State Office.

- (c) Board members and officers cannot serve on this committee.
 - (d) All members of this committee must be a currently registered AHSAA official.
- E. Ethics Committee
- (a) To observe the conduct of the officials at the meetings, on the field, and when possible, after contests.
 - (b) To hold meetings on the proper conduct of an official in a general manner, and hold individual conferences in a professional way with an official who has personal problems in or with his officiating responsibilities.
 - (c) All members of this committee must be a currently registered AHSAA official.
- F. Election Committee
- (a) To conduct annual elections of all officer positions by the general membership for the association. All officer positions may be elected for 2 years staggered terms if the local association chooses to do so.
 - (b) To assure that current AHSAA registered members are the only members allowed to vote.
 - (c) To assure that officers or board members are elected by proper procedure as directed by the association constitution for the following season at the conclusion of the current season.
 - (d) An individual member of an association cannot be elected to more than one officer's position during the same year.
 - (e) All members of this committee must be a currently registered AHSAA official.
18. A local affiliated association cannot assign officials to non-AHSAA contracted contests during that AHSAA sport season until all AHSAA member school contests have been assigned.
19. A current copy of the Association's Constitution and By-Laws must be filed with the AHSAA office. An association that does not have its Constitution and By-Laws on file with the State Office may not receive registration of its officials. A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws along with a local association financial statement must be made available to each official at the beginning of each season.

Restricted Associations

Items numbered 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 17, and 18 are not required for Restricted Associations.

LOCAL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP GUIDELINES

1. A school cannot participate in more than one workshop.
2. The officials association can only invite the schools with whom they contract during the current season. Every school with whom you contract must be invited.
3. No admission can be charged.
4. Modified rules regarding length of activity shall be used to ensure that a team does not play a regulation game against another team.
5. National Federation Rules will always apply concerning safety.

6. Score will not be kept for the purposes of declaring a winner.
7. The workshop can last no longer than one day with no loss of school time.
8. The workshop must be scheduled between the starting practice date and each school's first contest.
9. The officials association can only conduct one workshop per year.
10. An official workshop must be approved by the state office according to the above guidelines.

ASSOCIATION PROCEDURE

Affiliation

1. A letter requesting the approval of a new association must be sent to the State Office. In addition, the following information is to be provided.
 - a. A list of applicants (minimum number as required by the minimum standards) must be submitted in conjunction with this letter to the State Office.
 - b. Evidence must be provided to the State Office that a new association is needed in that location. This evidence must include but is not limited to a list of schools that are willing to contract with the new association. Letters from each of the schools listed must be included in the evidence submitted. (Minimum of 4)
 - c. The letter must indicate to the State Office whether or not the new association is requesting Restricted (see classifications in Officials Guide) status or Regular status.
2. The State Office will approve or disapprove the application for affiliation based on all information provided to or obtained by the State Office prior to the officers' meeting for that sport.

Dissolution

1. If a regular local association fails to meet any of the minimum standards specified in the Officials Guide, it is subject to being dissolved of AHSAA affiliation. If a regular local association fails to contract with a minimum of 4 AHSAA member schools for a season, it may be placed on probation, reduced to Restricted Status or be subject to being dissolved of AHSAA affiliation. The local association will be notified in writing at the time this is done.
2. When dissolved, a local association must wait a period of two years before it will be eligible to regain affiliated status. After two years have passed, regular or probationary status may be granted to the dissolved association when it has followed the application procedure given in the Officials Guide for new associations. The local association will be notified in writing at the conclusion of the current school year as to its status for the following school year.

OFFICIAL UNIFORMS

The official uniforms for each AHSAA sport are listed below. No exceptions will be made for the uniform of any sport. It is considered being out of uniform if long sleeves of any color are worn visibly under an acceptable short sleeved officials shirt. If the weather is cold enough for long sleeves then wear the acceptable long sleeved shirt or the acceptable jacket. This applies to all sports.

BASEBALL

Gray Long Pants, Cliff Keen Major League Style Pro Knit Navy Blue Mesh Shirt, short sleeved with three-button placket and with white, navy and scarlet knit trim on collar and cuffs or long sleeved Navy Blue Shirt (Cliff Keen), AHSAA Navy Blue New Era or Richardson fitted cap with 1 1/2 in. full block lettering, Navy Blue or Black Belt, Navy Blue Undershirt, two Navy Blue or Gray Ball Bag(s), Predominantly Black Shoes and Navy Blue or Black Socks, AHSAA Navy Blue Pullover Jacket if worn. "The Hook" (optional). A black on black or black on tan face mask is proper. Hockey style masks are allowed. The AHSAA cap is not required while wearing the hockey style mask. It must be worn at all other times. **Wrist watches are not part of the uniform and shall not be worn. AHSAA baseball patch centered below the top hem on the left breast pocket area. No other patches or organization logos of any kind on the uniform at all except the American Flag. It may be worn on the left sleeve. Local Association Numbers if worn, shall be worn on upper right sleeve of the shirt or AHSAA Jacket.** Sunglasses may be worn as long as they serve a purpose and are not for show.

BASKETBALL

Standard Black and White Vertically Striped Short Sleeved Regular or Micro-Meshed Shirt with Black V-Neck Collar, Non-Flared, Black Pants, Black Socks, Predominantly Black Shoes and Black Laces, Black Belt (if worn), AHSAA Black Jacket (if worn), **AHSAA Basketball Patch centered below the top hem on the left breast pocket area. No other patches or organization logos of any kind on the uniform at all except the American Flag. It may be worn on the left sleeve. Wrist watches are not part of the uniform and shall not be worn.**

FOOTBALL

Black and White Vertically Striped Long or Short Sleeved Regular Knit or Micro-Meshed Shirt, Standard All White Tapered Knickers, One-Piece Black Stockings with Modified Northwestern Stripe, Low-Cut Predominantly Black Football Shoes and Black Laces, Black Baseball Cap with White Piping (Referee shall wear Solid White Baseball Cap), Black Leather Belt with Plain Buckle, Black and White Vertically Striped Jacket. Adjustable caps are not permitted. Every member of each crew must be dressed alike during the contest. **AHSAA Football Patch centered below the top hem on the left breast pocket area. No other patches or organization logos of any kind on the uniform at all except the American Flag. It may be worn on the left sleeve.** Local association patches may only be worn on jackets.

SOCCER

A Fuschia Collared Shirt with Black Pin Stripes or a Black and White Striped Collared Shirt with One Inch Stripes and a Pocket, Black shorts or pants, Black stockings with White tops or stripes, Predominantly Black shoes and Black laces. Every member of each crew must be dressed alike during the contest. **AHSAA Soccer Patch centered below the top hem on the left breast pocket. No other patches or organization logos of any kind on the uniform at all except the American Flag. It may be worn on the left sleeve.**

SOFTBALL

AHSAA Cliff Keen Powder Blue Major League Style Nylon Dazzle Cloth Shirt, or Major League Style Pro Knit Mesh Shirt with White, Powder Blue and Navy Knit Trim on Collar and Cuffs or Long Sleeved Powder Blue Shirt (Cliff Keen). Gray Long Pants, Navy Blue Undershirt, Predominantly Black Shoes with Navy Blue or Black Socks, and belt, two Navy Blue Ball bags, AHSAA Navy Blue New Era Fitted Cap with 1 1/2 Full Block Lettering, AHSAA Navy Blue Jacket if worn. "The Hook" (optional). A black on black or black on tan face mask is proper. Hockey style masks are allowed. The AHSAA cap is not required while wearing the hockey style mask. It must be worn at all other times. **AHSAA Softball Patch centered below the top hem on the left breast pocket area. No other patches organization logos of any kind on the uniform at all except the American Flag. It may be worn on the left sleeve. Wrist watches are not part of the uniform and shall not be worn. Local Association Numbers if worn, shall be worn on upper right sleeve of the shirt or AHSAA Jacket.** Sunglasses may be worn as long as they serve a purpose and are not for show.

VOLLEYBALL

AHSAA White Outer Banks 100% combed cotton or AHSAA white Harriton mixed blend, side-seamed sport shirt with contoured welt collar and cuffs. Two or three button placket, Navy Blue Slacks or Dress Shorts (mid-thigh length), Navy Blue Belt if worn, Predominantly White Shoes with Solid White Socks. Every member of each crew must be dressed alike during the match. **AHSAA Volleyball Patch centered below the top hem on the left breast pocket area. No other patches or organization logos of any kind on the uniform at all except for the American Flag. It may be worn on the left sleeve.**

WRESTLING

A Black and White Vertically Striped Short Sleeved Knit or Micro-Mesh Shirt with Black V-Neck Collar, Non Flared Long Black Pants, Black Belt (If Worn), Black Socks and Predominantly Black Shoes. **AHSAA Wrestling Patch centered below the top hem on the left breast pocket area. No other patches or organization logos of any kind on the uniform at all except the American Flag. It may be worn on the left sleeve.**

TRACK

AHSAA White Outer Banks 100% combed cotton or AHSAA white Harriton mixed blend, side-seamed sport shirt with contoured welt collar and cuffs. Placket with buttons, Khaki Slacks or Dress Shorts (mid-thigh length), Black or Navy Blue Belt if worn, Predominantly White Shoes with Solid White Socks. A hat or cap may be worn. Sun-glasses may be worn as long as they serve a purpose and are not for show. Every member of each crew must be dressed alike during the meet. **AHSAA Track Patch centered below the top hem on the left breast pocket area. No other patches or organization logos of any kind on the uniform at all except for the American Flag. It shall be worn on the left sleeve.**

MAXIMUM FEE SCHEDULE

Officiating fees should be agreed upon by negotiations between the local officials association and the school. The AHSAA highly recommends that joint responsibility be assumed in the negotiations. The accomplishment of any such agreement can be complete only when the fee or fees agreed upon are within the ability of the school to pay and are also commensurate with the services rendered. Any agreed-upon fees must be within the maximum amount the schools are allowed to pay by the AHSAA Maximum Fee Schedule.

All officials understand that they are independent contractors officiating for the schools serviced by their local associations and the AHSAA. They agree when they register to abide by the constitution and by-laws of their local associations with whom they voluntarily choose to affiliate. They also agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations of the AHSAA with whom they voluntarily choose to affiliate during the current registration year.

They also understand that they are independent agents choosing to affiliate with their local associations and the AHSAA. Therefore, they release their local association officers and the AHSAA staff from any liability or responsibility for any damage or injury incurred by them to themselves or anyone else because of their officiating during the current registration year.

Finally, they understand that all taxes due on the income collected by them because of their officiating are their responsibility to file and not the responsibility of their local association or the AHSAA. The AHSAA will enroll the official in the NFOA (NFHS Organization) which will entitle the official to benefits provided by that organization as soon as the official completes the registration process for the current registration year.

Baseball

Regular Season

High School Varsity	=	47.00 per official per contest.
Junior Varsity	=	42.00 per official per contest.
Junior High (Grades 7-9)	=	37.00 per official per contest.

Championship Playoffs

High School Varsity (All Rounds)	=	53.00 per official per contest.
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Basketball

Regular Season

High School Varsity (3-Member)	=	40.00 per official per contest.
Junior Varsity (2-Member)	=	40.00 per official per contest.
Junior Varsity (3-Member)	=	35.00 per official per contest.
Junior High (7-9) (2-Member)	=	35.00 per official per contest.
Junior High (7-9) (3-Member)	=	30.00 per official per contest.

Championship Playoffs

High School Varsity (3-Member) (Area)	=	45.00 per official per contest.
High School Varsity (3-Member) (Sub-Region)	=	45.00 per official per contest.
High School Varsity (3-Member) (Region)	=	50.00 per official per contest.
High School Varsity (3-Member) (State)	=	55.00 per official per contest.

Football

Regular Season

High School Varsity	=	60.00 per official per contest.
Junior Varsity	=	43.00 per official per contest.
Junior High (Grades 7-9)	=	40.00 per official per contest.

Championship Playoffs

High School Varsity (1st Four Rounds)	=	65.00 per official per contest.
High School Varsity (Championship Game)	=	70.00 per official per contest.

Soccer

Regular Season

High School Varsity	= 45.00 per Referee.
	= 35.00 per Asst. Referee.
Junior Varsity	= 40.00 per Referee.
	= 30.00 per Asst. Referee.
Junior High (Grades 7-9)	= 35.00 per Referee.
	= 25.00 per Asst. Referee

Championship Playoffs

High School Varsity (Sub-State + State Tournaments)	= 50.00 per Referee.
	= 40.00 per Asst. Referee

Softball

Regular Season

High School Varsity	= 37.00 per official per contest.
Junior Varsity	= 32.00 per official per contest
Junior High (7-9)	= 30.00 per official per contest.

Championship Playoffs

High School Varsity (Section)	= 40.00 per official per contest.
High School Varsity (Regional)	= 40.00 per official per contest.
High School Varsity (State)	= 42.00 per official per contest.

Volleyball

Regular Season

High School Varsity	= 37.00 per official per match.
Junior Varsity	= 32.00 per official per match..
Junior High (7-9)	= 27.00 per official per match.

Championship Playoffs

High School Varsity (Area & Region)	= 40.00 per official per match.
High School Varsity (Sub-State)	= 40.00 per official per match.
High School Varsity (State)	= 45.00 per official per match.

Wrestling

Regular Season

High School Varsity (Dual Match)	=	45.00	per official per match.
High School Varsity (Tri-Match)	=	85.00	per official per match.
Junior Varsity (Dual Match)	=	40.00	per official per match.
Junior Varsity (Tri-Match)	=	60.00	per official per match.
Junior High (7-9) (Dual Match)	=	35.00	per official per match.
Junior High (7-9) (Tri-Match)	=	55.00	per official per match.
Eight Team Tournament	=	130.00	per official per match.
Sixteen Team Tournament	=	180.00	per official per match.

Championship Playoffs

Varsity (8 Team Bracket) (Section)	=	140.00	per official per tournament.
Varsity (16 Team Bracket) (Section)	=	190.00	per official per tournament.
Varsity (8 Team Bracket) (State)	=	160.00	per official per tournament.
Varsity (16 Team Bracket) (State)	=	210.00	per official per tournament.

Maximum Mileage

Regular Season and Championship Playoffs

(All sports at all levels) = the mileage rate is posted on the website and it calculates the fee payment based on a per mile rate both ways for one car based from the local association meeting site. (Any contest within 10 miles of the local association meeting site is considered local and no mileage will be paid.)

Electric Clock Operator

Regular Season and Championship Playoffs

Football

Varsity =	Maximum \$40 Clock (Must be an Official); Maximum \$40 25 Sec Clock (If an Official)
Junior Varsity =	Maximum \$30 Clock (If an Official); Maximum \$30 25 Sec Clock (If an Official)
Junior High/Middle School =	Maximum \$25 Clock (If an Official) Maximum \$25 25 Sec Clock (If an Official)

Basketball

\$25 Maximum Fee

All clock operators who are registered officials shall be in proper uniform. Registered officials must be used as clock operators only for varsity football contests.

Miscellaneous

Chain Crew - FB = \$25 per person (If an official)

Alternate Official

\$16 per official - BB

\$20 per official - BK

\$20 per official - Fourth Official - SC

State & District Camp Fees

State Fee: \$195

District Fee: \$30

Other Fees

The fees that the schools are allowed to pay are outlined in the AHSAA Officials

Guide. The schools will not be allowed to pay any other fees without the approval from the Central Board.

The Central Board has previously approved an administrative fee for the local associations if the local associations take responsibility for handling all IRS Tax Requirements. This is the only additional fee that has been approved. A fee of \$35 per school per sport is acceptable for this purpose.

GUIDELINES USED FOR SELECTION TO CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS GAMES

1. Classification Of Official (Only as a Ratings Tiebreaker)
2. AHSAA Minimum Varsity Contest Requirement during Regular Season.
Baseball = 10 Games (State Finals Only)
Basketball = 16 Games (Regionals and Finals Only)
Football = 6 Games (4 Games at Same Qualifying Position for Finals Only)
Soccer = 6 Games (Regionals and Finals Only)
Softball = 12 Games (Regionals and Finals Only)
Volleyball = 10 Matches (State Finals Only)
Wrestling = 6 Matches (State Finals Only)
3. AHSAA District Camp Attendance (Not required but good opportunity for training)
4. AHSAA State Camp Attendance (Not required but good opportunity to be evaluated)
5. AHSAA District Director Rating of Official
6. Local Association's Rating Of Official
7. Camp Instructor Rating of Official
8. Coach Rating of Official
9. Official's Good Standing With AHSAA

OFFICIALS RATING SCALE

Baseball

- (5) Qualifies for State Finals
- (4) Above average playoff quality and has potential for State Finals
- (3) Works regular season varsity and is qualified for Playoffs
- (2) Works regular season varsity and has potential quality for playoffs
- (1) Works regular season varsity and is not ready to work Playoffs
- (0) Is not ready for regular season varsity

Basketball

- (5) Qualifies for State Finals
- (4) Above average Regional quality and has potential for State Finals
- (3) Works regular season varsity and is qualified for Regionals
- (2) Works regular season varsity and has potential quality for Regionals
- (1) Works regular season varsity and is not ready to work Regionals
- (0) Is not ready for regular season varsity

Football

- (5) Qualifies for State Finals
- (4) Above average playoff quality and has potential for State Finals
- (3) Works regular season varsity and is qualified for Playoffs
- (2) Works regular season varsity and has potential for Playoffs
- (1) Works regular season varsity and is not ready to work Playoffs
- (0) Is not ready for regular season varsity

Volleyball

- (5) Qualifies for State Finals
- (4) Above average Regional quality and has potential for State Finals
- (3) Works regular season varsity and is qualified for Regionals
- (2) Works regular season varsity and has potential quality for Regionals
- (1) Works regular season varsity and is not ready to work Regionals
- (0) Is not ready for regular season varsity

Softball

- (5) Qualifies for State Finals
- (4) Above average Sub-State quality and has potential for State Finals
- (3) Works regular season varsity and is qualified for Sub-State
- (2) Works regular season varsity and has potential quality for Sub-State
- (1) Works regular season varsity and is not ready for Sub-State
- (0) Is not ready for regular season varsity

Soccer

- (5) Qualifies for State Finals
- (4) Above average Sub-State quality and has potential for State Finals
- (3) Works regular season varsity and is qualified for Sub-State
- (2) Works regular season varsity and has potential quality for Sub-State
- (1) Works regular season varsity and is not ready for Sub-State
- (0) Is not ready for regular season varsity

Track

- (5) Qualifies for State Finals
- (4) Above average Section quality and has potential for State Meet
- (3) Works regular season varsity and is qualified for Section
- (2) Works regular season varsity and has potential quality for Section
- (1) Works regular season varsity and is not ready to work Section
- (0) Is not ready for regular season varsity

Wrestling

- (5) Qualifies for State Finals
- (4) Above average Section quality and has potential for State Finals
- (3) Works regular season varsity and is qualified for Section
- (2) Works regular season varsity and has potential quality for Section
- (1) Works regular season varsity and is not ready to work Section
- (0) Is not ready for regular season varsity

GUIDELINES FOR PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Baseball

- (a) The State Office assigns first four playoff rounds to the local associations.
- (b) All umpires in each contest are assigned by the local association under State Office instructions.
- (c) The State Office retains the option of selecting any individual umpire for any playoff contest it chooses.
- (d) Recommendations for State Finals are submitted from the local associations.
- (e) Selection and Assignment of the first four rounds are approved by District Directors.
- (f) Selection and Assignment of State Finals are made by the State Office.

Basketball

- (a) The State Office assigns all area contests to the local associations.
- (b) All officials for area contests are assigned by the local associations under State Office instructions.
- (c) The State Office retains the option of selecting any individual official for any area and sub-region contest it chooses.
- (d) Selection and Assignment of Sub-Region officials are made by District Directors.
- (e) Recommendations for Regionals and State Tournament are submitted from the local associations.
- (f) Selection and Assignment of Regional and State Tournament Officials are made by the State Office.

Football

- (a) The State Office assigns first four playoff rounds to the local associations.
- (b) All officials in each contest are assigned by the local associations under State Office instructions.
- (c) The State Office retains the option of selecting any individual official for any playoff contest it chooses.
- (d) Recommendations for State Finals are submitted from the local associations.
- (e) Selection and Assignment of the first four rounds are approved by District Directors. (Minimum of 4 Regular Season Varsity Games at Assigned Position)
- (f) Selection and Assignment of State Finals are made by the State Office.

Soccer

- (a) Host schools for preliminary playoff contests select local associations for contests.
- (b) Section contests are assigned by the local associations under State Office instructions.
- (c) Recommendations for State Tournament are submitted from the local associations.
- (d) The State Office retains the option of selecting any individual official for any playoff contest it chooses.

- (e) Selection and Assignment of State Finals are made by the State Office.

Softball

- (a) Host schools for Area Tournaments select local associations for contests.
- (b) Area tournaments are assigned by the local associations under State Office instructions.
- (c) The State Office retains the option of selecting any individual official for any playoff contest it chooses.
- (d) Selection and Assignment of Regionals are made by District Directors.
- (e) Selection and Assignment of State Tournament are made by the State Office.
- (f) Recommendations for Regionals and State Tournament are submitted from the local associations.

Track

- (a) Host schools for preliminary playoff select local associations for contests.
- (b) The State Office retains the option of selecting any individual official for any playoff contest it chooses.
- (c) Selection and assignment of State Meets are made by the State Office.
- (d) Recommendations for State Meets are submitted from the local associations.

Volleyball

- (a) Host schools for Area Tournament contests select local associations for contests.
- (b) Regional and Sub-State contests are assigned by the local associations under State Office instructions.
- (c) The State Office retains the option of selecting any individual official for any playoff contest it chooses.
- (d) Selection and Assignment of State Finals are made by the State Office.
- (e) Recommendations for State Finals are submitted from the local associations.

Wrestling

- (a) The State Office retains the option of selecting any individual official for any playoff contest it chooses.
- (b) Selection and Assignment of Section Tournaments are made by District Directors.
- (c) Selection and Assignment of State Finals are made by the State Office.
- (d) Recommendations for Regionals and State Tournament are submitted from the local associations.

OFFICIALS DISTRICT ALIGNMENT

BASEBALL

Southwest District

Brewton BBUA
Metro-Mobile BBUA

South Central District

Butler County BBUA
Chattahoochee Valley BBUA
Metro-Montgomery BBUA
Valley BBUA

East Central District

Alex City BBUA
East Alabama BBUA
Etowah County BBUA

Northwest District

Colbert County BBUA
Decatur BBUA
Limestone County BBUA
Northwest Alabama BBUA

Southeast District

Andalusia BBUA
South Central BBUA
Southeast Alabama BBUA

West Central District

Dallas County BBUA
Druid City BBUA
Marengo County BBUA

North Central District

Alabama BBUA
Marvel City BBUA
Shelby County BBUA
Walker County BBUA

Northeast District

Greater Huntsville BBUA
Northeast Alabama BBUA
Sand Mountain BBUA

BASKETBALL

Southwest District

Brewton BBOA
Mobile County BBOA
Tri-County BBOA
Andalusia BBOA

South Central District

Capital City BBOA
Central Alabama BBOA
East Central BBOA
Phenix City BBOA

East Central District

East Alabama BBOA
Gadsden BBOA
Mid-State BBOA
Mt. Cheaha BBOA

Northwest District

Decatur BBOA
North Central BBOA
Northwest Alabama BBOA
Quad-Cities BBOA
Walker County BBOA

Southeast District

Greater Enterprise BBOA
Georgia/Alabama BBOA
South Central BBOA
Southeast Alabama BBOA
Montgomery BBOA

West Central District

Druid City BBOA
Selma BBOA
West Central BBOA

North Central District

Birmingham BBOA
Jeffco BBOA
Magic City BBOA
Metro-Birmingham BBOA

Northeast District

Tri-Central County BBOA
Mountain Valley BBOA
North Alabama BBOA
Northeast Alabama BBOA
Tennessee Valley BBOA

FOOTBALL

Southwest District

Bay Area FBOA
Metro-Mobile FBOA
Southwest Alabama FBOA

South Central District

Big East FBOA
Georgia/Alabama FBOA
Mid-State FBOA
River City FBOA

East Central District

East Alabama FBOA
East Central FBOA
Gadsden FBOA

Northwest District

Decatur FBOA
North Central FBOA
Tennessee Valley FBOA

Southeast District

Central Alabama FBOA
South Central FBOA
Southeast Alabama FBOA
Tri-County FBOA

West Central District

Alabama FBOA
Metro-Tuscaloosa FBOA
Selma FBOA
West Central FBOA

North Central District

Birmingham FBOA
Marvel City FBOA
Metropolitan FBOA
Shelby FBOA

Northeast District

Big West FBOA
Cullman FBOA
North Alabama FBOA
Northeast Alabama FBOA

SOCCER

Southwest District

Baldwin County SOA
Gulf Coast SOA

West Central District

Central Alabama SOA
West Alabama SOA

Northwest District

Decatur SOA
North Alabama SOA
Shoals Area SOA

Southeast District

East Central SOA
Wiregrass SOA

North Central District

Greater Birmingham SOA

Northeast District

Coosa Valley SOA
Marshall County SOA
Northeast Alabama SOA

SOFTBALL

Southwest District

Mobile SBUA
North Baldwin SBUA
Covington County SBUA

South Central District

Butler County SBUA
Central Counties SBUA
Metro-Montgomery SBUA
Opelika SBUA

East Central District

East Alabama SBUA
Gadsden SBUA
Marshall County SBUA

Southeast District

Phenix City SBUA
South Central SBUA
Southeast Alabama SBUA
Wiregrass SBUA

West Central District

Dallas County SBUA
Marengo County SBUA
West Alabama SBUA

North Central District

Central Alabama SBUA
Chilton County SBUA
Walker County SBUA

Northwest District
Colbert County SBUA
Lawrence County SBUA
Limestone County SBUA
Northwest Alabama SBUA

Northeast District
Cullman SBUA
Limestone County SBUA
North Alabama SBUA

TRACK

North District
North Alabama TOA
Central Alabama TOA
East Alabama TOA
NW TOA
NE TOA
Sand Mountain TOA

South District
Chattahoochie TOA
Southeast Alabama TOA
Port City TOA
Metro-Montgomery TOA

VOLLEYBALL

Southwest District
Mobile VBOA
North Baldwin VBOA
Washington County VBOA
Brewton VBOA

Southeast District
South Alabama VBOA
Wiregrass VBOA

South Central District
Central Alabama VBOA
East Central VBOA
Phenix City VBOA
Selma VBOA

West Central District
Marion County VBOA
Tuscaloosa VBOA
West Central VBOA

East Central District
East Alabama VBOA
Etowah VBOA

North Central District
Birmingham VBOA
Wal-Win VBOA

Northwest District
Morgan County VBOA
Quad-Cities VBOA

Northeast District
Huntsville VBOA
Limestone County VBOA
Cullman VBOA

WRESTLING

Southwest District
None

Southeast District
None

South Central District
Southern WOA
Western WOA

West Central District
None

East Central District
None

North Central District
None

Northwest District
None

Northeast District
Birmingham WOA
Eastern WOA
Northern WOA

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Sport	Name	City	Work Phone
Baseball	Craig Cleveland	Hartselle	(256) 318-8985
Basketball	John Robertson	Montgomery	(334) 546-3053
Football	Bob Shoulders	Birmingham	(205) 586-7041
Soccer	Joe Manjone	Mobile	(251) 752-1559
Softball	Max Wilkes	Phenix City	(334) 448-2701
Track	Mary Birdwell	Hoover	(205) 979-7591
Volleyball	Faye Wilson	Birmingham	(205) 915-0549
Wrestling	Perry Butler	Montgomery	(334) 549-1386

AWARDS TO OFFICIALS

ACTIVE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD SELECTION GUIDELINES

There will be one selected from each district. One will be selected from the district winners to be the state winner. The following guidelines should be used in determining a worthy selection.

A worthy selection should have:

- a. Exhibited good moral and ethical character, as judged by acceptable societal standards.
- b. Demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.
- c. Demonstrated a high quality of citizenship within the local AHSAA association, district and state.
- d. Demonstrated a level of achievement or service which stands out from the ordinary.
- e. Achieved honors and recognition which are a credit to that individual's association and the AHSAA organization.
- f. Provided service above the norm to the member schools of the AHSAA.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD SELECTION GUIDELINES

There will be one selected from each district. One will be selected from the district winners to be the state winner. The following guidelines should be used in determining a worthy selection.

A worthy selection should have:

- a. Exhibited good moral and ethical character, as judged by acceptable societal standards.
- b. Demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.
- c. Demonstrated a high quality of citizenship within the local AHSAA association, district and state.
- d. Demonstrated a level of achievement or service which stands out from the ordinary.
- e. Achieved honors and recognition which are a credit to that individual's association and the AHSAA organization.
- f. Provided service above the norm to the member schools of the AHSAA.
- g. Minimum of 30 years service in any combination of AHSAA sports.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

presented by the

Alabama High School Athletic Association

Name	Year Award Presented	Years of Service	Name	Year Award Presented	Years of Service
Sam Short	1992	42	Pete Wilkins	2002	33
James Stallworth	1992	41	Apple Kridakorn	2003	35
Holley Stanley	1992	40	Tony Duncan	2003	30
Pat Adkison	1993	36	James Morrow	2003	40
Ormond Brown	1993	36	Jerry Morrow	2003	40
Joe Fowler	1993	36	Terry Jinright	2003	32
C. P. Newdome	1993	36	L. Z. Johnson	2003	32
Johnny Purter	1993	36	Don Bailey	2004	36
J. C. Brewer	1994	35	Griff Crittenden	2004	34
Fred Hughes	1994	37	Ray Hope	2004	31
Herman Keeney	1994	35	Hoyt Painter	2004	30
Mickey Kirkland	1994	36	Ralph Taylor	2004	47
Fred Thomas	1994	38	Robert Turk	2004	32
Gaynes Waters	1994	42	Bob Pannone	2005	38
Perry Canada	1995	39	Ben Davis	2005	34
William Jessie	1995	35	Wayne Manord	2005	35
W. L. Smith	1995	37	Paul Greene	2005	42
Bill Talbot	1995	36	L. C. Greene	2005	38
Bill Gaulden	1996	33	Auston Davis	2005	33
Jon Ramsey	1996	32	Dale Arnette	2006	30
Luther Redden	1996	31	Ronnie Burns	2006	35
Max Wilkes	1996	31	Ronnie Garner	2006	35
Jack Burton	1997	32	Eddie Newton	2006	31
John Christy	1997	34	Bubba Roberts	2006	32
James Crawford	1997	31	Cheryl Smith	2006	37
Nancy Green	1997	30	John Akins	2007	39
Mike Griffin	1997	34	Owen Butts	2007	31
Lem Jones	1997	31	Anna Ellison	2007	30
J. D. Cartwright	1998	37	Bob Lee	2007	33
Melvin Grant	1998	34	Cecil Leonard	2007	30
Hugh Gunter	1998	38	Harvel Owens	2007	33
Glenn Padgett	1998	31	Tom Amick	2008	35
L. C. Brown	1999	42	Avon Bosarge	2008	39
Eddie Entrekin	1999	34	Carl Davis	2008	42
Billy Ferguson	1999	32	Craig Kelley	2008	32
Ronald Cook	1999	30	Pat Martin	2008	36
James Byrd	2000	34	Charles McKinney	2008	33
Floyd Hambrick	2000	34	Johnny Robertson	2008	36
Bobby Perrigin	2000	31	Wilmer Sigler	2008	40
Bill Gary	2000	33	George Evans	2009	41
Tony Dumas	2001	32	W.J. Maye	2009	44
Wilburn Perry	2001	31	Ken Jones	2009	33
Mo Price	2001	30	Bob Merrill	2009	30
Irvin Rentz	2001	40	Jim Sciple	2009	37
Charles Burgess	2002	30	Don Stanford	2009	40
Tom Foster	2002	35	Joe Howard	2009	30
Troy Sumner	2002	35	Arnold Russell	2009	51

OFFICIATING CONTRIBUTOR AWARD

presented by the National Federation

Name	Year Award Presented	Name	Year Award Presented
Ormond Brown	1996	Ron Henderson	1984
Glenn Hawkins	1998	Bobby Smith	1985
Sam Short	1999	John Pasker	1985

ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Name	Year Inducted	Name	Year Inducted
Dan Gaylord	1993	Scotty Sauers	1998
Sam Short	1993	Dick Burleson	2001
Bill Henderson	1994	Ormond Brown	2001
Ed Balzli	1995	George Evans	2002
Paul Christopher	1996	Glen Hawkins	2006

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Name	Year Inducted
Day Gaylord	1988
Sam Short	2007

NFOA DISTINGUISHED OFFICIAL AWARD – SOUTH SECTION

Name	Year Award Presented
Pat Martin	2002
Apple Kridekorn	2008

ACTIVE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD AHSAA STATE WINNERS

Sport	2006	2007	2008	2009
Baseball	Mark Wehrwein	Billy Owens	Craig Kelley	Mike Norris
Basketball	Stan Dixon	Chuck Mason	Vincent McCaskey	Ron Collins
Football	Harvel Owens	Johnny Scott	Mark Wehrwein	Ron Craddock
Soccer	Dale Lee	Tom Pollard	Laureanne Bond	Ohannes Younanian
Softball	Keith Durham	Andy Latham	Sonny Jackson	Eddie Newell
Track	None	Chris Wisham	Houston Young	Connie McClinton-Tolbert
Volleyball	Lisa Vickery	Rhonda Thompson	Sybil Ingram	Becky Randolph
Wrestling	Brad Bentley	Shannon King	Ryan Hagan	Tim Thomas

AHSAA DISTRICT WINNERS

Sport/District	2006	2007	2008	2009
Southwest				
Baseball	Wilbur Perry	John Phillips	Joey Pilgrim	Garrett Gibson
Basketball	Donald Belle	Chuck Mason	Tim Porter	Bill Wiggins
Football	Harvel Owens	Don English	Willie Crabtree	Allen Duhon
Soccer	Dale Alidor	Ed Oetken	Frank Cunningham	Eric Ackerman
Softball	Karen Hackshaw	Matt Dial	Aden Thomas	Larry Wallace
Track	None	None	Houston Young	Charles Miller
Volleyball	Cindy Dyess	Shirley Christenberry	Dale Vines	Mary Ellen Pearson
Wrestling	None	None	None	None
Southeast				
Baseball	Eleazar Kovalov	Jed Blackwell	Brett Armstrong	Jerry McGlone
Basketball	Vernell McKay	Sabrina Wingard	Levi Knight	Joe Kyles
Football	Warren Bowron	Avon Bosarge	Doug Baxter	Rhonda Kirk
Soccer	Dale Thomas	Miguel Caballero	Dale Thomas	Ohannes Younanian
Softball	Don Nix	Mike Heath	Ray Hope	Larry Smith
Track	None	None	None	Bob Wheatley
Volleyball	Scotty Sauers	Markel Elkins	Melanie Davis	Wanda Weeks
Wrestling	None	None	None	None

Sport/District 2006**2007****2008****2009****South Central**

Baseball	Ty Howard	Jeremy Pridgeon	Marlon Reynolds	Jeremy Pridgeon
Basketball	Stan Dixon	Joe Davis	Joe Cameron	Ron Collins
Football	Bobby Lowe	Mike Claridy	Ron Jones	Stan Dixon
Soccer	Geraldo DeSouza	James Henson	Laureanne Bond	Talha Digitmez
Softball	Ken Allen	Lew Baxter	Sonny Jackson	Mike Greenlee
Track	None	Chris Wisham	None	Connie McClinton-Tolbert
Volleyball	Lisa Vickery	Beverly Duncan	Jennifer Treadwell	Morris Griggs
Wrestling	None	Brandon Harris	Doug Baxter	Justin Miller

West Central

Baseball	Darwin Dyess	Gerald Carter	Steve Foster	Mike Norris
Basketball	Tom Scott	Henry Halbert	Vincent McCaskey	Marvin Wiggins
Football	Glen Woodruff	Jimmy Chaffin	Burt Willis	Tony Reaves
Soccer	Doug Nelson	Bob Johnson	Patrick Murray	Nathan Doehring
Softball	Keith Durham	Wallace Miller, Sr.	Larry Kirk	Roosevelt Spencer
Track	None	None	None	None
Volleyball	Tara Griffin	Nakesha Coleman	Kris Garrison	Barbara Smith
Wrestling	None	None	None	Jeremy Brown

East Central

Baseball	Tim Scruggs	John Ewing	Tim Scruggs	Michael Gladden
Basketball	Mike Sizemore	Don Smith	Billy Williams	Bill Young
Football	Terry Snow	Stan Batey	Karl Nobles	Craig Cannon
Soccer	Ken Wrye	None	Gustavo Vargas	Eric Pollard
Softball	Jamie Champion	Jeremiah Patterson	Scott Bodolosky	Marian Hunter
Track	None	None	Mike Allison	Dick Bell
Volleyball	Kathy Odum	Kathy Odum	Deb Lipscomb	Kathy Odum
Wrestling	Brad Bentley	Shannon King	Brad Bentley	Tim Thomas

North Central

Baseball	Doug Markstrom	Craig Kelley	Craig Kelley	Quincy Brown
Basketball	Ron Craddock	Ricky Henderson	Jason Hill	Elliott Carr
Football	Steve Newton	Johnny Scott	John Moriarty	Ron Craddock
Soccer	Dale Lee	Ken Headley	Scott Bodolosky	Danny Colpo
Softball	Greg Pendley	Don Richards	Patsy Burke	James Naramore
Track	None	John Bahakel	Bill Evans	Walt Bell
Volleyball	Betty Reeves	Greg Farris	Sybil Ingram	Myra Miles
Wrestling	Randy Haught	Jeff Saxon	Ryan Hagan	Dwight Buzbee

Northeast

Baseball	Mark Wehrwein	Al Deerman	Chuck Ellis	Randy Wells
Basketball	Bob Chaney	Bobby Brown	Robert Chaney	Sonja Hard
Football	Bill Cole	David Bell	Mark Wehrwein	Frank Sport
Soccer	Hugh Griffis	Ricky Hyde	None	Charles Stanley
Softball	Keith Thrasher	Andy Latham	Mo Price	Nancy Price
Track	None	None	None	Buddy Jones
Volleyball	Peanza Eggleston-Hayes	Janet Latham	Margaret Helms	Becky Randolph
Wrestling	Willie Staggs	Jeff Haase	Willie Staggs	Erick Pratt

Northwest

Baseball	Ricky Bryan	Billy Owens	Lee Walker	Ken Boster
Basketball	Heath Trousdale	Rod Gillott	Willie Moore	Rebecca Randolph
Football	Gene Dickinson	Eddie Newell	Roger Shireman	Brad Wood
Soccer	Scott Peeden	Tom Pollard	Richard Robinson	A.J. Hicks
Softball	Roger Pennington	Bill White	Eddie Newell	Eddie Newell
Track	None	None	Dawn Guin	Kay Carlo
Volleyball	Ken Galloway	Rhonda Thompson	Ken Galloway	Wanishea Leonard
Wrestling	Hugh Griffis	None	None	None

SPECTATOR MANAGEMENT

The AHSAA suggest these questions be answered before having a spectator removed.

- 1. Did the spectator use profanity or offer personal threats of bodily harm against the official?**

- 2. Did the spectator ever leave the stands and come on the playing surface?**

- 3. Did the spectator do or say anything to disrupt the game in any other way besides intimidating the official by getting the official's attention?**

- 4. Did the situation have to be handled in this manner or could this situation have been handled in a better way?**

CONTRACT FOR OFFICIALS

_____ Alabama _____ 20 _____
 The _____ High School and the _____
 _____ Officials Association of _____

Alabama, an officials association duly sanctioned by the Alabama High School Athletic Association, hereby enters into the following agreement. The said officials association agrees to supply _____ officials and electric clock operator, Yes () No (), to officiate each _____ game or meet to be played at _____, Alabama on the following dates during the school year 20____ - 20_____.

DATE	DAY	HOUR	FEE PER OFFICIAL	MILEAGE EXPENSE
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

The said school agrees to pay the said officials association the amount stated above for the aforementioned services.

It is agreed that if either party hereto fails to fulfill the obligation of any part of this contract, that party shall pay to the other party the sum of \$ _____ as damages for violation of the contract, the remainder of the contract shall not be binding on the offended party, and the breach of contract shall be reported to the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

Signed in duplicate on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

 (Principal) (School) (Officials Association Representative)

It is understood that the above named officials association is serving as an independent contractor.

WARM-UP AND STRETCHING FOR OFFICIALS

Proper warm-up and stretching are important to contest officials because both can **help reduce the risk of injury and improve performance**. Warming up also lowers ones blood pressure and increases blood flow to the heart which **reduces the risk of a heart attack**.

Warm-up improves the rate of muscle contractions, decreases reaction time, increases muscle temperature making the tissue more elastic, and increases circulation to the muscles resulting in a greater oxygen supply. Despite the lack of scientific documentation, it appears that all of these changes result in improved performance and decreased risk of injury.

Warm-up can be performed in three ways: passive, active, general warm-up, and active, specific warm-up. Passive warm-up involves the use of warm showers or whirlpools, heating pads, saunas, massage, or analgesic creams. Evidence has shown that **passive warm-up methods do not penetrate deeply enough into the muscle tissue to result in a significant temperature increase in the muscles** that perform most of the work during activity. In fact, passive warm-up techniques may result in a dilation of the blood vessels near the skin, drawing blood away from the muscles. Reduced blood flow to the muscles results in decreased performance and increased risk of injury. **Passive warm-up should never be the sole method of warm-up prior to activity.**

Active, general warm-up involves performing a few basic activities that require the use of major muscle groups. These activities may include walking, jogging, cycling, jumping rope, or calisthenics. Active, **general warm-up is fairly effective in raising the temperature of the major muscle groups**. This approach is better than passive warm-up, but it still may not warm up the specific muscles used when officiating.

Active, specific warm-up includes movements that are an actual part of the activity to be performed. A baseball player swinging a weighted bat, a tennis player practicing a backhand motion, a quarterback throwing passes, and an official practicing the various movements used during the contest are all examples of active, specific warm-up. **Active, specific warm-up increases the temperature of the muscles and allows for rehearsal of specific skills that will be used in the activity. Active, general warm-up followed by active, specific warm-up is the best way to warm-up.**

The **warm-up period should last 5-15 minutes** depending on the intensity of the activity to follow. The more intense the activity, the longer the warm-up period should be. Warm-up intensity should gradually be increased until it is near that of the activity to be performed. A general rule is **one should break a light sweat when warming up, but not be working hard enough to breathe heavily**. A rest period of 5-10 minutes should follow the warm-up prior to competition. A warm-up remains effective in increasing muscle temperature for about 45 minutes after it has been completed, depending on the environmental conditions.

Stretching also prepares the muscles for work and reduces the risk of muscle injury. The benefits of stretching warm muscles are a decreased risk of injury, improved performance, delay in muscular fatigue, and reduction of muscle soreness. However, **stretching muscles that have not been warmed up may cause them to be more prone to injuries**, such as tears and strains. **Stretching exercises should only be performed after a period of active, general warm-up which lasts at least 5 minutes!**

Pain and/or bouncing during stretching are counterproductive and unsafe!

Pain and/or bouncing activate the stretch reflex in the muscles being stretched. The stretch reflex is a protective mechanism that causes the muscle to contract, or shorten, to avoid excessively stretching to the point of injury. You should feel as though you could maintain a stretch comfortably for five minutes, even though the recommended time is much less than that. **Stretch slowly to the point of mild tension never pain!**

When stretching properly, a mild stretch should be felt in the belly of the muscle, not in any of the joints. For example, when stretching the hamstrings or quadriceps, the aim is to feel the stretch in the back or front of the thigh, not in the knee or hip.

The two most common and effective methods of stretching are static stretching and proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation (PNF). Static stretching is performed by placing the body into a position that places a stretch on a group of muscles. That position is maintained for 30-60 seconds putting a constant, gentle stretch on the muscles. The stretch should be repeated 5-10 times.

An excellent time to perform static stretching is after a workout. Stretching at this time will help to alleviate delayed muscle soreness and has the added benefit of improving flexibility.

When utilizing PNF, instead of maintaining constant tension on the muscles being stretched, the muscles are stretched for 5-10 seconds. Then, while continuing to place a mild stretch on the muscles, they are mildly contracted (tightened) for 10-30 seconds. When this contraction phase is over, the stretch is continued for another 5-15 seconds. This procedure of stretch – contract – stretch should be repeated 3-5 times before moving to the next muscle group to be stretched. **It is often necessary to do PNF stretching with a partner.**

In summary, officials should never use passive warm-ups as the only method of warming up before an activity. The best method of warming up is to use active, general warm-up followed by active, specific warm-up. When warming up, one should break a light sweat, but not be working hard enough to cause heavy breathing. Prior to activity, stretching exercises should only be performed after a period of active, general warm-up. Stretching after exercise can help alleviate delayed muscle soreness and improve flexibility. **Pain and/or bouncing are always counterproductive and unsafe when stretching!**

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You Are Never . . .

- so experienced, *you've seen everything.*
- so smart, *you can't learn something.*
- so good, *you can't get better.*
- so sure, *you can't miss a call.*
- so proud, *you can't admit making a mistake.*
- so right, *you can't listen/talk to players and coaches.*
- so superior, *you can't mentor someone who wants your help.*
- so worthy, *someone else should not get the "big game."*
- so perfect, *you shouldn't seek help when it's needed.*

Never Assume Anything:

*Always Prepare, Concentrate,
Anticipate and Hustle.*

Remember – If you're not working hard, growing and getting better, you are falling further behind.

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