



LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

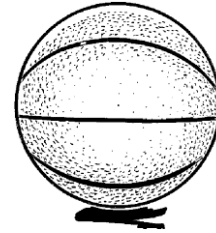
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TO: ALL BASKETBALL OFFICIALS
FROM: KEITH ALEXANDER, ASST. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: SEPTEMBER, 2015
SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION



ALL BASKETBALL OFFICIALS THAT WISH TO BECOME REGISTERED WILL FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE LISTED BELOW:

1. All officials must register and make application through a local officials' association and online registration through Arbitersports.com. **IMPORTANT: No registration will be accepted after October 16.**
2. LHSAA registration fee for all officials shall be \$52.00. (\$35 LHSAA Registration fee & \$17 one time NFHS Membership).
3. All officials must take the ONLINE or IN-PERSON clinic and rules test. No official will be exempt from taking the test. No test will be given in my office.

The online clinic will begin on Monday, September 28 and will end on Sunday, Oct 25, 2015.

The online test will begin on Monday, October 19, and will end on Sunday, November 1, 2015.

Your assignment secretary will assign you a username and password to login to the LHSAA online system.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

1. All officials must be a high school graduate or be 21 years of age. They must also be a member in good standing with a local basketball officials' association in order to register with the LHSAA.
2. All officials must take the online clinic and test and pass it with a grade of 70 percent (70%) in order to be registered.
3. **NEW OFFICIALS**
 - a. All new officials will be on a probationary status until they meet the following requirements:
 - (1) work a minimum of ten (10) "b" squad, junior varsity or junior high ball games with or under the supervision of an experienced official.
 - (2) return the completed form listing dates and games worked and officials' signatures.

When these requirements are fulfilled and the new official has passed the test with a grade of seventy percent (70%), he/she will receive a registered rating. **These requirements must be completed prior to January 1.** Remember that no new official is to officiate varsity basketball games until he has completed these requirements and received a registered rating.

If you do not complete your registration by taking and passing the online clinic and test and meet the above requirements for probationary officials, your registration fee is not refunded, as this covers the cost of your books and testing materials.

NOTE: Officials shall not receive their cards until they have completed all registration requirements.

TRANSFER OFFICIALS

Transfer officials are not required to work the ten junior varsity or junior high games. They will be given credit for their experience from the other state or states if it is validated from the state commissioner's office. They cannot call high school varsity games until they have passed the online rules test. It is the duty of the transfer official to have his/her experience and test grades transferred to our office. If a state administers the part II supervised test, it will be accepted for a transfer official and he can work immediately after his application has been processed. Any transfer official with 5 years or more experience must serve 1 year as a registered official before he/she is eligible to become certified.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

All registration must be completed on Arbitersports.com by October 16, which is the last day for registration.

OFFICIALS ASSIGNED

Only officials assigned by the assignment secretary of the LHSAA approved associations will be permitted to officiate varsity games for member schools.

OFFICIALS RATINGS FOR 2015-16

This year's clinic attendance and test grade will be used in determining officials 2015-16 rating.

ONLINE TEST

All officials must take and pass the online test to be registered. Only officials who make a passing grade of seventy percent (70%) on the online test are eligible to officiate varsity basketball games, tournaments and play-offs.

The online test will be given from October 19 – November 1. No official will be exempt from taking the test.

BASKETBALL RULES CLINICS

The online clinic will begin on Monday, September 28 and will end on Sunday, Oct 25, 2015

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFICIALS

RATING REQUIREMENTS OF

LHSAA OFFICIALS

FOOTBALL – BASKETBALL – BASEBALL - SOFTBALL

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To become REGISTERED, an official must:

1. Be registered 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 freshman 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 CERTIFIED, an official must:

1. Registered with the LHSAA and a local official's association a minimum of two (2) years.
2. Attend the state rules clinic.
3. **Make 85% 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 sanctioned camp or an approved continuing education workshop once every two years.

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.

CRITERIA FOR RATINGS

- A. All transfer officials coming into the state will be recognized for years experience and their test score and will be able to work on the floor immediately in varsity games, once they have registered and paid their dues. They must have their years experience and test score verified from the state association's central office before it will be accepted.

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 test may work on the floor in junior varsity and junior high games.

UNIFORMS

The standard black and white vertically striped knit shirt with short sleeves shall be used. Dark trousers, black shoes with black shoelaces, black socks and if a belt is worn it shall be black. The uniform should be clean and well kept. The whistle shall be black and such that it may be heard above any ordinary noise. A second whistle should be carried for emergency use. All whistles shall be black. All whistles shall be on a lanyard either around the officials' neck or attached to the shirt in some fashion.

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