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**To:** All Sport Officials Associations

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**Subject:** 2022-23 MPSSAA Registration Fees

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The purpose of this memo is to inform all high school sport officials with intentions of registering and certifying as a sport official for the 2022-23 academic year of fee changes to the registration and certification process. The purpose of the rate changes, which is the first fee increase in over 12 years, will support initiatives in the retention and recruitment of officials, provide additional professional development for officials, encourage officials to officiate multiple sports, and to provide an increase in rates for officiating MPSSAA post-season events to all participating state tournament officials.

#### 2022-23 MPSSAA Registration and Certification Fee Increase

- MPSSAA registration fee for an official who is registered to officiate one sport is **\$40.00**.
- MPSSAA registration fee for an official who is registering to officiate additional sports will be \$20.00 per sport.

The 2022-23 MPSSAA Registration and Certification fee increase will be a total of \$6.00 for the initial sport registration. This increase incurs all processing fees for the registration system (please note the MPSSAA paid over 3.00 per official in 2021-22 to incur processing fees without raising rates on officials).

The 2022-23 registration fees also brings relief and discounts to our coveted multi-sport officials. An official who certifies in additional sports will pay \$20.00 for each additional sport (Previously two sport officials would have paid \$68.00 – under the new fee discount it will be \$60.00; Previously three sport officials would have paid \$102.00 – under the new fee discount it will be \$80.00.), providing larger discounts for the more sports an official certifies in.

The 2022-23 registration fees also allows the MPSSAA to provide a \$10.00 increase across the board for all officials who are assigned to officiate state tournament contests. In addition, the MPSSAA will be looking to expand professional growth opportunities as well as recruitment and retention strategies for high school sport officials.

## Registration and Certification Fees Include:

- Full insurance coverage for every registered official through the National Federation of Officials Associations. <http://www.dissingerreed.com/national-federation-of-state-high-school-associations/>
- Free rule books for every registered official.
- Free shipping and handling of rule books to local associations.
- State Rule Interpreters online rule clinic course through the NFHS learn network.
- A state rule interpreter on call for rule interpretations and professional development.
- Educational materials such as online rules and exam system.
- Official patches.
- A complex and comprehensive online data system for managing licensing records past and current officials.
- MPSSAA administrative support with the Center of Officials Services (Dragonfly) to local officials' associations and officials.

**NFHS summary of the benefits obtained with your registration and certification.**



### **Benefits for 100% State Associations:**

1. **EXAMS.** Unlimited number of FREE electronic NFHS sport rules (Part I and II) and mechanics exams for officials on the NFHS testing platform. Features include:
  - Ability to customize testing features such as: number of questions, randomized question order, testing date range, adding state-specific questions, number of “takes” permitted, how/when test-taker sees results.
  - Technical support to officials on testing platform.
  - States that have developed their own testing platform or want to print and distribute the tests on their own, will be provided an electronic version of the NFHS exam.

*NOTE: Non-100% states are charged \$.45 for each individual test-taker on the NFHS platform or \$200 for each electronic version of an NFHS exam. Total annual state value = approximately \$2000 to \$6000.*

2. **SPORT RULES POWER POINTS.** Electronic versions accessible for FREE in a secured area of the NFHS Web site.

*NOTE: Non-100% states are charged \$49.95 per sport CD ordered. Total annual state value = approximately \$1000 to \$3000.*

3. **ONLINE RULE INTERPRETER’S MEETINGS.** FREE access for up to five (5) connections to each sport’s online rule interpreter’s meetings.

*NOTE: Non-100% states are charged \$50 for each online connection. Total annual state value = approximately \$1500 to \$4000.*

4. **EXCLUSIVE ONLINE EDUCATIONAL CONTENT**  
Through the NFHS Learning Center at [www.nfhsgo.com](http://www.nfhsgo.com)
  - “Interscholastic Officiating” and sport-specific courses

- Video and animation of NFHS Rules and Mechanics

**Through the Officials Education at [www.nfhsnetwork.com](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com)**

- Video on Demand

**5. Access to NFHS Digital Rulebooks.**

On behalf of the MPSSAA thank you again for the service you provide the students and schools in Maryland. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ken Kazmarek [ken.kazmarek@maryland.gov](mailto:ken.kazmarek@maryland.gov).