

## 2024-2025 OFFICIALS APPRECIATION WEEKS

Fall: October 7-12 Winter: January 13-18 Spring: April 7-12

## **TEAM OR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

- Read the Officials Appreciation Week Public Address Announcement
- Participate in Officials Appreciation Week online by using the hashtag #ThankYouOfficials and tagging @MPSSAA\_Org on Twitter/X
- Please also tag the NFHS on any posts:
  - Facebook: @NFHS1920
  - Instagram: @nfhs\_org
  - Twitter/X: @NFHS\_Org

## **Additional Optional Activities**

- Greet and escort officials on the day of the game.
- Meet and greet with officials after the game.
- Provide water and/or snacks for the officials.
- Say "Thank You" to an official you see before, during or after a game or contest.
- Post a message on the marquee of your school.
- Bring a sign to a game that says "Thank You" to an official.
- Shake hands after a game or contest and thank an official for their service.
- Decorate facilities in officials' colors black and white.
- Team PSA.
- Individual school and county-wide advertisement and messaging.
- Officials' appreciation week banners and signage on the fence, wall, etc., surrounding the contest playing area.
- Gift cards/cookies/donuts/other items presented to the crew by both the home and visiting team.

- Photos of the officiating crew with both teams and coaches prior to the start of the game (or at the end, depending on timing).
- Read a PSA at the start of the game, thanking the crew for working the contest.
- Student escorts of the crew onto the field/court/pitch.
- "Thank You" cards, signed by the team and coaching staff.
- Special appreciation signage in the officials' locker room.
- Recorded "Thank You" messages from student-athletes and coaches to officials, posted on social media.