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To: MPSSAA Certified Officials

RE: Officials Registration Changes for 2025-26

From: Ken Kazmarek, Coordinator of Officials

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This memo is to provide prospective registered officials information on changes to the registration fees for the 2025-26 academic year. The MPSSAA in 2020 converted all registration transactions to credit cards for the purpose of secure payments and allowing each individual official to register as compared to official's associations collecting funds and redistributing to the MPSSAA. Since the conversion, the MPSSAA incurred all credit card transaction fees on behalf of the 5,000 plus annual officials. This was done in support of our officials and to keep registration fees to a minimum.

Beginning with the 2025-26 academic year, in lieu of raising registration fees for officials to meet increased expenses related to the administration, assigning, and payment state tournament officials, the MPSSAA is no longer absorbing those transaction fees during the registration process for officials. Please note, it is customary for transaction fees to be absorbed by the buyer in many online credit card transactions.

Please be mindful that transaction fees can be reduced for officials by completing all your registrations during the initial registration process of enrollment that is typically opened in late June each year. Transaction fees are under \$4.00 on a \$40.00 registration. Multi-sport officials can save on transaction fees (less than \$1.00 additional cost) by registering for all of their sports at once as compared to returning later in the year to register for their winter and spring sport.

As a reminder to all officials, the MPSSAA only charges \$20 per sport registration after the primary registration \$40. This is done to support officials for their dedication to high school athletics as well as encourage more of our highly qualified and tenured officials to seek out additional sport seasons.

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#### **Reminder when officials Register:**

- Officials purchase their own full insurance coverage for every registered official through the National Federation of State High School Associations. Dragonfly takes fees out of the MPSSAA registration and sends it to the NFHS to secure coverage before depositing remaining registration fees to the MPSSAA.

- NFHS Insurance Programs: <http://www.dissingerreed.com/national-federation-of-state-high-school-associations/>
- Free rules books for every registered official.
- Free shipping and handling of rule books to local associations.
- State Rule Interpreters online rule clinic courses through the NFHS learn network.
- A state rules interpreter on call for rule interpretations and professional development.
- 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 in the MPSSAA.**



**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 with 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 are accessible for FREE in a secure 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.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.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).

Thank you for your cooperation.

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