



### **Memorandum**

**To:** All NJSIAA Officials & Assignors  
**From:** Tony Maselli, Chief Operating Officer  
**Date:** April 1, 2026  
**Re:** Officials Registration Information (2026-2027)

### **2026-2027 Officials Registration**

Officials' registration for all sports will open on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and close on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027, for the 2026-27 school year. Please keep in mind that the chapter you belong to may have set deadlines for you to register by.

### **Registered Official**

1. A registered official is any official that has completed the registration process with the NJSIAA.
2. A registered official can be assigned by any NJSIAA-approved assignor but cannot work any regular season or tournament contests until they have successfully completed all eligibility requirements.
3. All registered officials may work scrimmages but will be locked out of working regular season games until they clear the eligibility requirements.
4. All registered officials are covered by the NFHS Liability Insurance.
5. Registered officials that have not completed all the eligibility requirements will receive one (1) warning notification. This warning will be sent two weeks prior to that sports opening day.
6. Registered officials will be removed from all assignments if they have not successfully completed all the eligibility requirements one week prior to that sports opening day.

### **Active Official**

1. An active official is any official that has completed the registration process with the NJSIAA and cleared all eligibility requirements.
2. Active officials are eligible for all levels of contests by the NJSIAA.
3. Each chapter will determine the readiness of each of its officials.
4. Assignors must be mindful of the eligibility status of the officials they assign.
5. Assigning officials that are not active to regular season or tournament contests is strictly prohibited.

### **Registration Fees**

First Sport = \$60 (Registration = \$50 & Background Check = \$10)

Each Additional Sport = \$30

### **Cadet Programs**

1. All chapters that have cadet programs that do not permit their cadets to officiate at any level (V, JV, SO, Fr) may instruct their cadets that they do not have to register with the NJSIAA if they follow the procedures below:
  - a. The cadet is not permitted to officiate at any NJSIAA level.
  - b. The cadet must always shadow an active official.
  - c. The cadet must never be left alone to make an "on-field" call or decision.
  - d. The chapter will take full responsibility regarding the cadet.
2. All chapters with cadet programs that require their cadets to officiate sub-varsity games as part of their cadet program must have the cadets register and become active officials with the NJSIAA.

### **Officials Eligibility Requirements**

1. Register with the NJSIAA
2. Pass the background check.
3. Take the concussion course.
4. Pass the officials test with a score of 80 or higher.
5. Complete the one-time implicit bias course.

All eligibility requirements will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year except for the implicit bias course. The concussion course will not be available until July 1 or later of each year.

### **Implicit Bias**

This workshop is required! No official will be eligible for any assignments at any level (regular season or tournament contests) without participating in the workshop. This is a one-time-only requirement - it will not be a seasonal or annual requirement. If you have already completed this workshop, you do not need to take it again.

Officials may register for this workshop at any time. You do not need to be registered with the NJSIAA or be affiliated with a chapter to take the implicit bias course. Pre-registration is required. Please go to our website under the officials menu for more information.

### **Eligibility Warning Procedure**

#### **Assignment Shutdown**

The date after which assignors can no longer assign officials who have not completed all eligibility requirements.

#### **Eligibility Warning**

The date on which notification emails are sent to officials who have not yet completed all eligibility requirements.

#### **Removal of Assignments**

The date on which officials who have not met all eligibility requirements will be removed from any assignments they previously received.

### **Important deadlines for officials and assignors:**

Fall Season	Assignment Shutdown	Eligibility Warning	Removal of Assignments
Tennis-Girls	07/27/2026	08/03/2026	08/10/2026
Football	08/06/2026	08/13/2026	08/20/2026
Cross Country	08/03/2026	08/10/2026	08/17/2026
Field Hockey	08/03/2026	08/10/2026	08/17/2026
Gymnastics	08/03/2026	08/10/2026	08/17/2026
Soccer	08/03/2026	08/10/2026	08/17/2026
Volleyball-Girls	08/03/2026	08/10/2026	08/17/2026
Winter Season	Assignment Shutdown	Eligibility Warning	Removal of Assignments
Ice Hockey	11/09/2026	11/16/2026	11/23/2026
Swimming & Diving	11/09/2026	11/16/2026	11/23/2026
Basketball	11/16/2026	11/23/2026	11/30/2026
Fencing	11/16/2026	11/23/2026	11/30/2026
Track & Field	11/16/2026	11/23/2026	11/30/2026
Wrestling	11/16/2026	11/23/2026	11/30/2026
Spring Season	Assignment Shutdown	Eligibility Warning	Removal of Assignments
Baseball	02/22/2027	03/01/2027	03/08/2027
Flag Football	02/22/2027	03/01/2027	03/08/2027
Lacrosse-Boys	02/22/2027	03/01/2027	03/08/2027
Lacrosse-Girls	02/22/2027	03/01/2027	03/08/2027
Softball	02/22/2027	03/01/2027	03/08/2027
Tennis-Boys	02/22/2027	03/01/2027	03/08/2027
Track & Field	02/22/2027	03/01/2027	03/08/2027
Volleyball-Boys	02/22/2027	03/01/2027	03/08/2027