



## IMPORTANT ROLE OF OFFICIALS

High school officials are an integral part of interscholastic athletics. They play a critical role in ensuring that student-athletes learn good sportsmanship and the values of fair play. Officials are responsible for establishing a level playing field where participants can develop a respect for the rules, respect for the game, and respect for their opponents. Officials take an active role in shaping the lives of high school athletes by being an example of integrity.



## Officials Association

### OFFICIATING IN CT

- Call or email the CIAC Officials Association (203) 250-1111 or a contact person for your sport(s).
- Join a local or state board in your sport.
- Be cleared through a CIAC background check which is a prerequisite for being a member of the CIAC Officials Association.
- Take part in the training program(s) for prospective officials provided by the local board(s). Some boards have mentor programs that pair veteran officials with new officials.
- Learn more about the game to prepare for the NFHS rules exam.
- Observe veteran officials in as many games as possible.
- You are now ready to officiate youth, middle, or high school level games with opportunities to advance as you gain experience.

### ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND COACHES:

*We Need Your Help!*

Many former high school athletes develop into outstanding officials. With a word of encouragement from you, more of your athletes will consider staying involved in sports through officiating. Please distribute the brochures and offer interested students/athletes the opportunity to join the officiating ranks. Quality officiating enhances high school athletics. Thanks for your help!

# GET IN THE GAME

## BECOME A SCHOOL SPORTS OFFICIAL

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### OFFICIALS BOARDS

The CIAC recognizes the importance and the benefits of increasing the pool of officials to best serve our member schools. We encourage and support your recruiting efforts to attract new officials to meet the growing demand on all levels of play. Please utilize this brochure and other recruiting strategies to accomplish this goal.

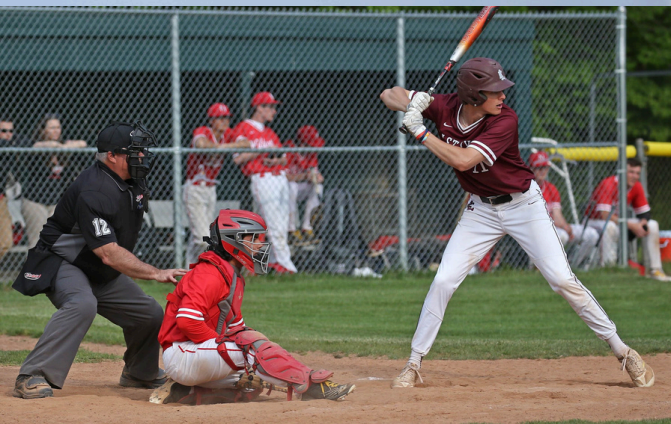


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# CIAC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

- All officials who are members of their local and state boards and pass the CIAC background check, have the opportunity to be members of the state-wide CIAC Officials Association and the NFHS Officials Association which provide many services and benefits to its members.
- All officials who are members of their local and state boards are entitled to free admission to regular season games in all sports & CIAC tournament games in the sport(s) in which they are enrolled.
- Although officials are independent contractors and have their own autonomy, membership provides the opportunity for officials to be part of the "CIAC Team" & work in concert with administrators, coaches, athletic directors & the CIAC to better serve high school athletics in CT.

## REWARDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Make positive contributions to high school athletics
- Renew or continue involvement in your favorite sport
- Earn extra income since high school officials in CT rank among the highest paid sports officials in the country
- Expand your network of friends & colleagues
- Gain new experiences & personal growth
- Practice a healthy life style & remain physically fit



# Officials DIRECTORY



Officiating services for high school games in CT are provided by officials who are certified by one of the 48 local boards and are included on the approved list for high school games. The contact people listed below represent Boards of Officials that service the entire state or the largest number of schools in a given sport. For a listing of all boards, go to: [ciacofficialsassociation.org](http://ciacofficialsassociation.org)

For further information about becoming an official please contact the appropriate person below. You can also call the CIAC office at (203) 250-1111, or email Dan Scavone, Director, CIAC Officials Association at [dscavone@casciac.org](mailto:dscavone@casciac.org)

Important - Please include your complete address, phone number and email address when inquiring about becoming an official.

SPORT	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	V	JV
BASEBALL	Andy Zajac	(860) 214-1940	<a href="mailto:amrmtz@aol.com">amrmtz@aol.com</a>	\$103.05	\$72.14
BASKETBALL	Peter Palermino	(860) 416-8562	<a href="mailto:ppalermino38@com.cast.net">ppalermino38@com.cast.net</a>	\$107.25	\$75.08
FIELD HOCKEY	Donna Vavrinec	(203) 527-9358	<a href="mailto:umpvav1@com.cast.net">umpvav1@com.cast.net</a>	\$100.55	\$70.39
FOOTBALL	Ron Herrick	(203) 881-9904	<a href="mailto:herk126@att.net">herk126@att.net</a>	\$105.05	\$73.54
GYMNASTICS	Lori Buggee	(860) 803-9702	<a href="mailto:lorigeorgianna@mac.com">lorigeorgianna@mac.com</a>	\$101.55	\$80.13
ICE HOCKEY	Lev Torgerson	(203) 208-2807	<a href="mailto:torg88@com.cast.net">torg88@com.cast.net</a>	\$110.55	\$77.39
BOYS LACROSSE	Dave Leete	(860) 742-1315	<a href="mailto:dwleete61@earthlink.net">dwleete61@earthlink.net</a>	\$107.25	\$75.08
GIRLS LACROSSE	Laura Paro	(802) 733-8862	<a href="mailto:Laura_paro@mac.com">Laura_paro@mac.com</a>	\$107.25	\$75.08
SOCCER	Joe Del Buono	(203) 879-5690	<a href="mailto:jdelbuono@sbcglobal.net">jdelbuono@sbcglobal.net</a>	\$104.05	\$72.84
SOFTBALL	Lou Urso	(860) 628-5870	<a href="mailto:louisurso@cox.net">louisurso@cox.net</a>	\$103.05	\$72.14
SWIMMING	Kelly Vaughan	(203) 415-4923	<a href="mailto:vaughanink@gmail.com">vaughanink@gmail.com</a>	Referee \$92.56	Judge \$85.56
VOLLEYBALL	Heather Kursman	(860) 558-9966	<a href="mailto:hkcbvo@hotmail.com">hkcbvo@hotmail.com</a>	\$94.05	\$65.84
WRESTLING	Carm Delvecchio	(860) 982-9656	<a href="mailto:delcd@aol.com">delcd@aol.com</a>	\$104.05	\$72.84



**MAKE THE CALL TODAY!**

**CT HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEEDS YOU!!**

Officials are independent contractors and all groups train and certify all interested individuals. Check with the contact person for their training schedule.

Fee Structure for Officials 2024-2025: The officiating fees are adjusted annually based on the average percentage increase for teachers published by the CT Association of Boards of Education (CABE).