



INFORMATION ABOUT DCSAA OFFICIALS

1. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME AN DCSAA OFFICIAL?

Officials for DCSAA-sponsored athletic contests, both regular and post-season, are to be certified and registered with the DCSAA office. The DCSAA Coordinator of Officials will facilitate this process with all local officials' boards. Registration and certification requirements are as follows:

- A. Be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate.
- B. Have completed a Criminal Background Check
- C. Be a member in good standing with a DCSAA recognized official's association.
- D. Attend a DCSAA-sponsored rules interpretation clinic for the current year.
- E. Pass the National Federation written rules examination (75% is passing).
- F. Pay the DCSAA registration fee (through the local official's association).

2. HOW DO I CONTACT THE LOCAL OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION?

A listing of DCSAA officials' associations, by sport, is available. Contact the DCSAA Coordinator of Officials, at 202-741-6490 for information

3. WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE RULES INTERPRETATION CLINICS?

Attendance at a DCSAA rules interpretation clinic is an annual certification requirement. An assigned interpreter will conduct the clinics for local associations in each sport prior to the start of each season. The dates, time, and location of all clinics will be disseminated to all currently registered officials. For additional questions and/or to verify dates/times/location, contact the Coordinator of Officials at 202-741-6490.

4. WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION FEE?

The DCSAA official's registration fee is \$35 for the first sport and \$25 for each additional sport. As part of membership, each official will receive a National Federation of State High School Associations rule book in the sport, the State rules interpretation clinic, the National Federation rules examination, and membership in the National Federation Officials Association.

5. WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

For additional information about becoming an official or other related questions call the DCSAA Coordinator of Officials at 202-741-6490





INFORMATION REGARDING PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECKS: The District of Columbia City Council passed The Child and Youth, Safety and Health Omnibus Amendment Act of 2004 which requires all individuals who as a result of their employment with the District of Columbia and who may have contact with children undergo a criminal background check. DCSAA and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education have determined that sport officials must comply with this law. Consequently, the DCSAA By-Laws require all persons desiring to register as a DCSAA sports official must complete the mandatory background check before they will be registered.

PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS – PERMANENT BAN ON REGISTRATION: Pursuant to District of Columbia law no person shall apply for certification as a DCSAA athletic official who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, certain specified felonies, regardless of when or in what jurisdiction the conviction occurred. Therefore, if you have a felony conviction for one or more of the following offenses, you should **NOT** submit an application for registration, as it will be rejected:

- Murder
- Attempted Murder
- Manslaughter
- Arson
- Assault
- Battery
- Assault & Battery
- Mayhem
- Burglary
- Robbery
- Kidnapping
- Theft
- Fraud
- Extortion
- Unlawful distribution or possession of or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- Assault with a dangerous weapon
- Blackmail
- Illegal use or possession of a firearm
- Trespass or injury to property
- Indecent exposure
- corrupting minors
- engaging in prostitution
- promoting, procuring, soliciting prostitution
- Molestation
- Voyeurism
- Committing sex acts in public
- Incest
- Rape
- Child abuse or cruelty

OTHER PRIOR CONVICTIONS: Because of the critical importance of honesty and integrity in the reputation of DCSAA-registered sport officials, the DCSAA By-Laws authorize the Executive Director to reject the application of any applicant who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the honesty or veracity of the official. If you have such a conviction, you should submit an explanation of such offense and explain why you do not believe that the offense should disqualify you from serving in a position where your honesty and integrity are critical.

