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To: All SPRING Sport Officials Associations
From: Ken Kazmarek, MPSSAA Coordinator of Officials
Date: January 21, 2022
Re: Association Registration of officials for 2022

On behalf of the more than 111,000 annual participants in interscholastic athletics in Maryland's 198 public schools, I would like to begin by thanking the officials' associations for their work as a part of these programs. Educationally based athletics provide one the greatest character-building opportunities available to our young men and women and the entire community involvement, from officials to coaches to school administrators, all have invested equally in ensuring positive lessons are derived from participating in these programs.

As we begin making plans for another school year, the process of registering officials begins. This memo is to provide detailed information for each association to register their officials with the MPSSAA and NFHS. I am pleased to inform you the registration fee remains at \$34.00 for the 12th consecutive year.

New this year is the payment of state dues online by all officials using the Centers for Officials Services powered by DragonFly Athletics. *Officials registered in Dragonfly from last year will use the same login information.*

1. Each NEW official must set up a Dragonfly account. This account will hold verification of NFHS Exam and Rule Clinic requirements. Direction for new registration is in this link. [MPSSAA+Contest+Officials.pdf](#)
2. Each association has received administrative access to the Dragonfly site to monitor the registrations of officials registering with their association.
3. The MPSSAA will monitor your association for the registration of officials.

It is important to remember that the majority of the registration fees per official are passed on to the NFHS for the purchase of rules books, National Federation of Officials Association (NFOA) membership and one-million-dollar liability insurance, testing and other administrative needs. Please remember only those officials registered and certified through the MPSSAA will receive the benefits of NFOA membership (good July 1 through June 30th of each year).

Also, I would like to remind each association of the regulations to be a certified official. In order to work an MPSSAA (varsity or JV) regular season or tournament contest you must be registered and certified. The following requirements are necessary for certification.


1. Be at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate.
2. Be a member in good standing with the local MPSSAA-recognized officials' group.
3. Attend an MPSSAA-sponsored rules interpretation clinic course on the NFHS learn network site in the current year. Upload the certification of completion of this course to the Dragonfly platform.
4. Pass the National Federation examination (75% is the lowest passing score).
5. Pay the MPSSAA registration fee online through the Dragonfly platform.

MPSSAA Fees must be paid to gain access to NFHS exam portal and Rules Clinic.

NFHS EXAM:

Access to the NFHS testing platform is through the Dragonfly portal. NFHS Spring rule exams open on February 14, 2022 (Track and Field on February 20, 2022) and closes Saturday March 19, 2022.

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RULE CLINICS:

Access to spring rule clinics is online through the NFHS Learning network site.

The spring rule clinic course will become available on the NFHS learn.com site on Monday February 7, 2022. Officials are to download and save the clinic verification certificate at the end of the rule clinic course. Rule Clinic Certificates should then be uploaded to the officials Dragonfly requirement profile. The clinic online course attendance is mandatory for certification. Direct link to NFHSlearn rule clinic course is below. This link can also be found on MPSSAA website under Rule Interpretation clinics.

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Access the rule clinic is shown above.

Step by Step directions to maneuver through NFHSlearn to rule clinics (click below)

https://www.mpssaa.org/assets/1/6/Maryland_Rules_Clinic_Steps_2021-22.pdf

RULE BOOKS:

Rule book order process is unchanged. **Order only enough books to cover your primary members. Associations will be invoiced for books ordered that exceed the Dragonfly registration list.** Go to link below for rule book orders.

<https://www.mpssaa.org/officials/officials-rule-book-order-form/>

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.