

How to Become an Official

OSSAA Website: ossaaillustrated.com

At the top of the screen click on Officials and this will take you to ossaa.arbitersports.com. At the top of this page, click on “Registration” tab at the top.

Once you are on the Arbiter page (www.app.arbitersports.com), click on “Registration” at the top and follow the prompts to complete your registration.

For additional instructions on how to register and create an Arbiter Account, you can click on the link “Instructions on how to register as an official” found on the ossaa.arbitersports.com page. This is a video on how to register and how to set up an Arbiter Account.

If you already have an Arbiter Account, click on the “Sign In” tab at the top right of the screen on the ossaa.arbitersports.com.

Once you sign into the OSSAA/Arbiter page, you can complete the OSSA State Meeting online (once it is published), and you can click on the tabs at the top of the page to complete your testing, etc.

If you are a new official, you must complete certifications that are on the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) website (nfhs.org). You can google this site as NFHS Central Hub and click on “Officials”. You will have to create an NFHS login and password. Once you are on the NFHS page, click on “Sports”, choose the sport that you are needing the certifications for. At the bottom of the page click on “Need to Take a Course”, and this will take you to the NFHS Learn page (www.NFHSLearn.com), then click on the “Officials” tab at the top of the page to find the courses you need. For football, you will need to complete the following courses- Concussion in Sports, Heat Illness Prevention, and the “Implicit Bias. Once you have completed the courses, the certificates should be sent to the OSSAA; They are usually able to see these once they have been completed, however, it is recommended that you print and save a copy of your certifications for yourself.

If you are a returning official you will need to complete the Concussion in Sports course.

*You must attend the OSSAA State Meeting either in person or watch it online once it is published. The OSSAA State Meeting is required for all officials.

*You must be part of a local association, attend the local meetings, and be in good standing with the association to be assigned games.

*You must complete and pass the 2026-27 Football Officials Rules Test.

*If you are on a playoff crew, your crew must complete the crew test which will be published during the season prior to the playoffs.

Other Links of Interest:

Hudl (hudl.com)- For film breakdown and game reviews.

The Referee's Call (refereescall.com): For officials clothing and equipment: The officiating shirts with the OSSA logo can be purchased at this location/site. Phone #: (405) 634-0899: Email: refereescall@sbcglobal.net.

Officials Locker (officials.com): For officials clothing and equipment: The officiating shirts with the OSSA logo can be purchased at this location/site. Phone #: (539) 777-0015. Email: orders@officialslocker.com

Officials Plus (officialsplus.com): For officials clothing and equipment.

Referee Store (refereestore.com): For officials clothing and equipment.

Ump-Attire (up-attire.com): For officials clothing and equipment.