



## Student Officials Program

### Aim of the Student Officials Program

Basic to the program is the belief that properly and adequately coached from the outset, young people with an interest in officiating can develop as capable officials so that in the future they will be prepared to follow in the footsteps of their mentors. It is a goal of the program that student officials will learn the correct way to perform as an official. Designed training, we believe, will better prepare officials than any program previously attempted.

The mentor will be a leader. The leader will chart the course and introduce the student to the practices and procedures of officiating. The mentor will also be a teacher providing learning opportunities for the student official. Assistance with tests and clinic experiences will be a part of this responsibility. The teaching mentor will accompany the student official to FHSAA Rules Meetings. The mentor will be a friend. It will be the mentor who will answer the tough questions, support the student official in tight situations and encourage the student in times of distress. Finally, the mentor will be responsible for actively critiquing the student official throughout the season. Improvement rather than perfection will be the goal. Positive rather than negative evaluations will be critical to reinforcing the accomplishments of the student official.

### Mentors

Serving as a mentor is not something everyone can do. There will be some disappointment, even rejection. There will undoubtedly be some outstanding moments. The pay-off is knowing that a young official was nurtured and because of that nurturing will have a better than average chance to succeed as an official.



You will be the catalyst for the growth anticipated by the FHSAA. You will likely develop a new friend and there may be excitement in watching your student mature and develop. Of course some of you will sit proudly in the stands at a contest to watch your student official work a "big game" or perhaps a state final contest sometime in the future.

The FHSAA thanks every mentor for the energy, dedication and effort that will be required to see this dream come true. One by one, each of you will contribute to the preservation of high school athletics by guaranteeing that officials will be prepared and available to carry on.

The FHSAA "Student Official Program" is proud to welcome your commitment to this important project.

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## Student Officials Program Information Sign-up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sport(s) Interested: Circle all that apply**

Baseball

Basketball

Flag Football

Football

Soccer

Softball

Track & Field

Volleyball

Wrestling

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