

NCOA Football Officials,

Welcome to the 2021 season. The following will be considered for ratings:

1. Field Ratings- There will be a single form with the same 4 criteria as last year: Professionalism, Mobility, Mechanics, and Rules/Judgment. Score range remains 1 to 4. Please see pages 2-3 of this letter for the rating template details. Officials rated in the top 30 at each position and others will be nominated as raters.
2. Completion of Field Ratings (Certified Raters)- To find out if you are a Certified Rater access your Arbiter Profile, click Custom Fields, and find the Rater = Yes/No flag. We encourage you to type your name and/or game in the Summary comments of the Rating form.
3. Certification Test- Per the guidelines set by the NFHS, the passing score is 80%. You will be allowed up to 3 tries of this open book test. Test is available on Arbiter at NFHS Central Hub.
4. Enforcement Test- This is the situational test with answers of Team/ Down/ Distance/ Yard-line/ Clock Status. There is no minimum passing score, however completion of the enforcement test and the score will be considered for playoff crew balance.
5. NFHS Concussion and Sportsmanship Certifications (2 certificates)- link at NCOA Central Hub, complete both certifications and send copies to Tim Landrus, timlandrus96@gmail.com .
6. Instructional Hours- per CIF 18 hours of instruction is required. This includes classes (in-person and online), saved video presentations, scrimmages, and tests.
7. Scrimmage- working at least 1 Varsity inter-squad NCOA scrimmage is required. The data source is Arbiter Self Assign with attendance confirmation from scrimmage crew chief. The scrimmage weekend is Aug 13-14 this year.
8. Years of Services- after 3 years all officials are given equal experience credit towards playoff consideration. Officials with 3 years or less are rated relative to their peer group.
9. Picture- a passport style picture of yourself exists in your Arbiter Profile. This picture is visible to school administration. Please ensure it is appropriate.

Above data is combined with demonstrated history and feedback to arrive at an overall rating. We will continue with the range approach for ratings by position.

To be recommended for playoffs, Active officials must pass the certification test, complete the enforcement test, complete the concussion and sportsmanship certification, meet the instructional hours and scrimmage requirement, complete field ratings if identified as a Rater, and have a picture of themselves loaded to their Arbiter profile. While the criteria explained above can influence ratings and playoff eligibility, assignments are ultimately controlled by our assigner Mueller Sports. Your NCOA Classification Committee is restricted to making recommendations, not the ultimate assignment.

Ratings will be updated twice during the season: first at the end of classes in September to consider attendance and test results, and again prior to playoff assignments based on field ratings and completion of ratings.

By the end of September each member's Classification will be viewable in Arbiter under Profile, Custom Fields. There will be 4 potential values: Top 30, Top 60, Certified, Non-certified. For newer officials the current value is blank.

As in past years, there will be an OPTIONAL, informal rating meeting for interested members, currently planned for October. These individual 10 minute meetings are an opportunity to discuss feedback received, goals, and anything our member officials would like to discuss. There will be an email confirming date and location during the season. Should you have any further questions, please contact the Classification Committee at ncoa.football.classification@gmail.com. We are also available at general session meetings.

Best Regards in 2021, Tarran Richardson, Casey Reeve, Anthony Juarez, Peter DiLoreto, Kenny Cuellar, Max Tapia, John Sweetman, Ray Pulley, Joe Freeman, John Florez and Dan Dean

Score 1– poor / critical error. Supported by appropriate comment. Should be discussed in post-game. Single error or omissions should not constitute a score of 1. Specific game situations must be cited.

Score 2– below average. Areas for development with specific game situation should be cited.

Score 3– good. Overall solid performance. Comments recommended.

Score 4– excellent. Supported by appropriate comment. Distinguished performance. Specific game situations must be cited.

Click each CRITERIA below for sample details. You are encouraged to use these samples in your comments to support your ratings. Scores of 1 or 4 require comments. Scores of 2 or 3 should have comments.

Weight	Criteria	Score	Comment
25%	PROFESSIONALISM (click for details)	NA ▼*	
25%	MECHANICS (click for details)	NA ▼*	
25%	MOBILITY (click for details)	NA ▼*	
25%	RULES & JUDGEMENT (click for details)	NA ▼*	
Summary Comment			

PROFESSIONALISM (click for details)

Preparation- communicated with crew minimum 2 days prior to game day (Wednesday for Friday), contributed to pre-game discussion for position

Composure- appropriate coach/player interaction, interpersonal skills, measured, non-aggressive, argumentative vs. constructive

Attitude- positive vs. antagonistic, teamwork, solution oriented, receptive, appropriate

Appearance- clean uniform, hygiene, uniform matches crew as specified by Referee

On time arrival- minimum 60 minutes prior to kickoff

MECHANICS (click for details)

Position- Pre-snap/pre-FK routine and proper alignment; recognized and reacted to formation; identifies keys; proper distance from LOS; position for measurements; penalty enforcement; live ball- work area vs. follow the ball; dead ball- cleanup, all 22 players boxed in, help with relays

Signals- NFHS/NCOA approved, all 5 kill the clock, in/out of bounds, proper down signal

Communication- verbal and non-verbal communication with officials, coaches, players, spectators; use of whistle

Alertness to game situations- is official aware of Off/On mechanics, Onside FK, Goal-line, Reverse Goal Line, Passing, Running, Special Teams, Blow Out, Down and Distance

MOBILITY (click for details)

Movement- Moves well on the field as required. Side zone coverage for Back Judge and Referee, Umpire spots the ball with consistency to maintain flow of the game, deep pass / long run coverage by Flanks, move to positions after scores, etc. Official maintains coverage for key throughout the play, all get in position for relays.

Stamina- consistent quality movement throughout the whole game, finishes the game strong

Coverage- right spot at the right time, avoids impacting the play, meets the ball at goal-line for Flanks/BJ

RULES & JUDGMENT (click for details)

Knowledge- proper application of NFHS Rule Book, Case Book, proper enforcement

Judgment- consistent foul recognition, advantage/disadvantage, holding at point of attack, sideline warning at begin vs. end of game, coach/spectator influence to make calls, phantom calls

Game Management- proper interaction with players and coaches, technocrat/over-officiates