

A soccer referee in a yellow long-sleeved shirt and dark shorts is walking on a field. He is holding a colorful soccer ball in his left hand and a blue whistle in his right hand. The background is blurred, showing other people on the field.

Soccer Officials

2022-2023

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Attendance at the WVSSAC sponsored rules clinic is a requirement to officiate the 2022 season. (see Additional Option for Clinic Attendance in your Officials' Handbook) located on our website.

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For additional information related to sports medicine issues concerning athletic participation, please click the "Sports Medicine" tab on the opening page of our website.

My Officials' Packet! Where is it?

1. Go to www.wvssac.org
2. On the SSACHomepage. Locate and click on Officials
3. Once the Officials page opens look for Officials Packets and click on the sport. Example: Football Officials Packet

How Do I Login To The WVSSAC Officials' Management Page?

1. Go to www.wvssac.org
2. Click on Admin Login
3. Type in your Registration Number and password. Remember both are case sensitive.
4. Click on Login
5. This will take you to the official's management page.

How to Login to the WV Central Hub/Arbiter Site for Part 1 and Part 2 Tests:

1. Go to www.wvssac.arbitersports.com
2. Enter your email address and password
3. Click Sign in
4. Your accounts on Arbiter should show up, if not, click on Switch Views in the upper right-hand corner.
5. Click on the WV-Central Hub - Account Type - Central Hub
6. Click on the Testing Tab
7. Look under Open Test
8. Find the appropriate test
9. Click on TakeTest

How to Login to Register Online on the WV Central Hub/Arbiter Site:

1. Go to www.wvssac.arbitersports.com
2. Click Login (Located in the upper right-hand corner)
3. Enter your email address and password
4. Click Sign-in
5. Your accounts on Arbiter should show up/ if not, click on Switch Views in the upper right-hand corner.
6. Click on WV-Central Hub - Account Type -Central Hub
7. Click on Registration
8. You will see the following choice: 22-23 Active. Then click on the "Register" button.
9. Update your personal information. Then click "Next"
10. Complete the payment information.

Note: The new system keeps track of background checks on file. If your previous background check has expired, you will be charged the \$10 fee. Also, late fees (\$25 per sport) will be assessed if you register after the initial deadline. Keep the email from Pro-Pay as your receipt.

Part I Test Window

Football-Soccer-Volleyball-July 25, 2022 - August 7, 2022

Part II Test Window

Football-Soccer-Volleyball-August 8- August 22, 2022

Deadline for Self-Nomination Forms-Online

Football – Open August 15, 2022-Close September 12, 2022

Soccer – Open August 15, 2022-Close September 12, 2022

Volleyball – Open September 1, 2022-Close October 14, 2022

Deadline For Game Reports-Online

Due Date is December 1, 2022

Final Deadline for Game Reports Online With a \$25.00 late fee

Football-Soccer-Volleyball – December 31, 2022 at midnight

Football-Soccer-Volleyball

Note: Failure to take Part I – Loss of 5 points on classification scale Failure to take Part II – Suspension the following season

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BULLETIN

TO: Soccer Officials
FROM: Greg Reed, Assistant Executive Director
DATE: July 2022

Important Reminders:

1. **The Interpreters Clinic will be held at the WVSSAC office on July 31, 2022 at 9:00 am. Each local board must be represented at this clinic for members of that board to be considered to work post season matches.**
2. Each official is required to attend one of the WVSSAC sponsored rules clinics to be eligible to officiate the 2022 season unless he/she attended the Interpreters Clinic (See Additional Option for Clinic Attendance, Item L. Clinic Attendance of the Officials Handbook), which is found on our Website.
3. All officials **must** join a local board.
4. Officials must attend **four (4)** local board meetings. To receive max points you must attend 8 local meetings.
5. The Part II Examination is mandatory for all registered officials. The Part II Examination will be taken online.
6. Introductory cards are being provided for your use to give to coaches for the ratings of all varsity matches.
7. **Be reminded to notify this office of any address change.**
8. It is your obligation and responsibility to understand the contents, and deadline dates, etc. of the WVSSAC Officials Handbook found on our website.
9. All officials must submit game report online by December 1 to receive credit for matches worked-online submission only.

READ

***Points will be given for Game Reports provided they are timely posted. The report must be posted on or before the due date of December 1, 2022. Late Game Reports will be accepted and points credited if posted within 30 (Thirty) days from December 1, 2022 date. Contact Alice Goodwin and send your late fee of \$25.00 and request. Alice will contact you and let you know when you can post your game reports. You have until December 31, 2022 to complete this. Credit for game reports will not be given after the January 1st deadline date.**

11. Official's Tournament Nomination is due September 12, 2022, for Class I officials. To be considered for a state tournament assignment. Must be submitted online only-see Index.
12. Special Reports are to be submitted online.

**2022-2023
SOCCER RULES CLINICS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>
July 27	Wheeling Park HS	6:00 p.m.	Chris Daugherty
July 28	Huntington HS	6:00 p.m.	Bruce Senior
July 31	Interpreters' Clinic WVSSAC Office	9:00 a.m.	Greg Reed
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Aug. 1	Woodrow Wilson HS	6:00 p.m.	Andrew Pinnick
Aug. 2	George Washington HS	6:00 p.m.	Jim Crawford
Aug. 4	East Fairmont HS	6:00 p.m.	James Beckman
Aug. 5	Spring Mills HS	6:00 p.m.	Mark Salfia
Aug. 6	Frankfort HS	9:00 a.m.	Jay Hesse
Aug. 10	*WVSSAC Office *Make-up Clinic - \$10.00 Fee	6:00 p.m.	Greg Reed

SCHOOLS: The **Head Coach** shall be **required** to attend any sports rules clinics which are sponsored by this Commission in his/her coaching assignment. Schools failing to have a head coaching position filled at the time of the clinic will be required to have a school representative present at the rules clinic. An individual can only represent one school unless he/she is head coach at both schools. In a 9-12 school, both the varsity and 9th grade coach are required to attend. Failure to have a representative at one of the above clinics will result in a \$50.00 fine.

The clinic attendance requirement will not be granted if the coach or representative is late in excess of 10 minutes.

Soccer Rules Changes - 2022-23

4-2-2: The change clarifies that hair adornments, such as beads, may be worn in the hair if they are secured to the head and do not present a risk of injury to the player, teammates or opponents.

Rationale: Clarifies that hair adornments can be worn in the hair if they do not endanger other players as well as being more inclusive of participants' cultural and religious beliefs.

7-1-3: State association may adopt procedures to require the game be played in its entirety.

Rationale: This allows states that may require the game to be played in its entirety (for post-season or regular season seeding play), to do so without a conflict with the current rule.

10-1-2f, 10-1-1, 10-1-3h (NEW): Clarifies that a player cannot score by throwing the ball into the goal.

Rationale: Defined the outcomes on a goalkeeper's throw when throwing the ball directly or own goal.

12-2, 11-1-1. 18-1-1s (NEW): Clarifies the upper boundary of the arm is in line with the bottom of the armpit.

Rationale: Defines the arm for the purposes of determining handling and offside.

14-1 Penalty: Defines that an indirect free kick is awarded the defending team for an improper penalty kick.

Rationale: Penalizes the kicking team for not kicking the ball forward on penalty kick.

17-1-2: Defines proper distance for the opposing team from a corner kick restart.

Rationale: Clarifies the proper distance for the opposing team on a corner kick.

2022 Editorial Changes

4-1-1, 11-1-4b 2022

Points of Emphasis

1. Strategic Time Wasting Techniques
2. Penalty Kick
3. Dissent
4. Sportsmanship

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BULLETIN

YEARLY REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERED OFFICIALS

1. **MUST BE A** CURRENTLY REGISTERED OFFICIAL AND **MUST BELONG** TO A LOCAL BOARD, IN ORDER TO OFFICIATE ANY SPORT. **(NO OFFICIAL MAY OFFICIATE UNTIL REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE.)**
2. **MUST ATTEND** THE WVSSAC SPONSORED RULES CLINICIAN THE SPORT FOR WHICH HE/SHE IS REGISTERED. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE STATE CLINIC WILL CAUSE YOU TO FORFEIT REGISTRATION FEES AND SUSPEND YOU FOR THE CURRENT SEASON IN THAT SPORT.
3. **ATTEND A MINIMUM** OF FOUR (4) LOCAL BOARD MEETINGS. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE MINIMUM MEETINGS WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION FOR THE NEXT FOLLOWING SEASON IN THAT SPORT.
4. **MUST TAKE NFHS PART I TEST ONLINE.**
5. **MUST TAKE THE NFHS PART II EXAM.** FAILURE TO TAKE THE PART II EXAM WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION FOR THE FOLLOWING SEASON IN THAT SPORT.
6. **MUST SUBMIT** GAME REPORTS BY THE SPECIFIED DATES AS LISTED IN THE OFFICIALS HANDBOOK AND IN OFFICIALS PACKET ONLINE.

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BULLETIN

TO: All Officials
FROM: WVSSAC
SUBJECT: Entering Game Reports

Below are the instructions and due dates for submitting game reports. Due Dates can be found in your Officials' Packet online. Game Reports will not be accepted if faxed or mailed to the W VSSAC.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Login to the WVSSAC Website: www.wvssac.org
2. Go to Admin Login (Located in the left-hand corner)
3. Type in your Registration Number.
4. Type in your Password. Write it down and use it when you login to the SSAC website as an official
5. Click on Login
6. You are now on the Officials Management Page.
7. You need to click on Submit Game Reports.
8. Once at the game report form you can start entering your game reports. Remember to update and save for each game you enter. Make sure you select the sport your entering game reports for.
9. There is not a Submit button, when you update and save that will save your game reports to the file.

GAME REPORT DUE DATES:

FOOTBALL - VOLLEYBALL - SOCCER: DECEMBER 1, 2022

BASKETBALL - WRESTLING: APRIL 1, 2023

BASEBALL - SOFTBALL: JULY 1, 2023

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HOW TO ENTER SELF NOMINATION FORMS

1. Go to our website and click on Admin Login.
2. At Username enter your registration number IN ALLCAPS.
3. At Password enter your password that you have created.
4. Once you're on the Officials Management Page click on Self Nomination Forms
5. In the upper left-hand corner of the screen check and see if you are on the correct sport. If you are, Click on Load Self Nomination Form.
6. Once you're on the Self Nomination Form page you enter the month, day, and year.
7. Click if it's boys or girls.
8. Click if its college, varsity, JV, middle/ other.
9. Click your position.
10. Click and select the Home Team. If the team is a non-member school, you need to click in the box that says Non-Member School and type in the school name.
11. Click on and select the Visitor Team. If the team is a non-member school, you need to click in the box that says Non-Member School and type in the school name.
12. Click on Add Game. This Key will start a new entry below the one you just entered.
13. When you have entered in all the games you need to qualify for tournament assignment, go to and READ the Section on How to Submit Application. You must check mark all the boxes. When all boxes are marked the Save Application button will appear.
14. Click on the Save Application button. This is the same as Submit Application.
15. The screen will go blank and you need to click on the back to menu button in the upper left hand corner.
16. Click on the Load Self Nomination button again and check all the games you have entered. If everything looks ok you don't need to do anything else just logout. If you need to make any changes or corrections, make your corrections and click save application again.

If you have followed the Instructions above correctly you will receive an e-mail confirmation that you're Self Nomination Form has been received.

You don't need to contact this office if you have received an e-mail.

Please remember to update you e-mail address if you have any changes.

127-4-3 Code for Interscholastic Athletics

3.7. *Statement of Policy.* Insofar as unsportsmanlike actions by students, school administrators, officials, coaches, faculty members, and spectators are concerned, the identical items under the Sportsmanship Rule along with the following guides will be referred to by the WVSSAC:

3.7.a. The school whose coach behaves in a manner likely to have adverse influence on the attitudes of students or spectators may be provided with the choice of taking disciplinary action against that coach or having the entire school disciplined by the WVSSAC.

3.7.b. Any student who in protest lays hands or attempts to lay hands upon an official may be declared ineligible by the principal or by the WVSSAC for up to one year. Any student who strikes an opponent, coach, or a spectator during or following an athletic event may be declared ineligible by the principal or the WVSSAC for a specified period of time up to one year, depending on the seriousness of the act.

3.7.c. Any coach, student, or bench personnel ejected by an official will be suspended for the remainder of the game, match, meet or contest. The coach, student, or bench personnel ejected by an official will also be suspended in additional contest(s): the suspension will be assessed based upon ten (10) percent of the allowed regular season contests or post season progression in a playoff tournament for each sport. Any tenth of a percentage from .1 to .4 will be a suspension equal to the whole number of the percent. Any tenth from .5 to .9 will be an additional contest added to the whole number. The suspension will include the number of indicated contests in that sport and at that level and all other sport contests in the interim at any level. A second ejection will result in the doubling of the suspension assessed for the first ejection. If an individual is ejected for a third time during the same sport season, the individual will be suspended from participating or coaching for 365 calendar days from the date of ejection. In accordance with rule 127-3-15.3, an individual ejected by an official may not appeal that ejection, or any subsequent suspension that is a consequence of the ejection by an official.

3.7.c.1. Any coach, player or bench personnel who has been ejected shall not be permitted to attend any contest(s) during said suspension. He/she shall not be affiliated with the team in any capacity. This would include but not be limited to transportation to or from the contest, meeting with the team before, during or after said contest. He/she is not permitted to be in sight or sound of said contest venue. Regular practice or team meetings not affiliated with a contest are permitted.

3.7.c.2. If suspensions are imposed to a student or bench personnel at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the suspension is carried over to that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior student, the penalty will continue to the next WVSSAC sponsored sport.

3.7.c.3. Any coach suspension that cannot be enforced during the sport season in which the ejection occurs will be enforced at the beginning of the next season of that same sport.

3.7.d. In case of spectators physically molesting an official, administrator, coach, or student, the school may be given one of two options: 1) file charges against the offender (s) or 2) accept discipline from the WVSSAC. Any person found guilty of W.Va. Code §61-2-15(a) Assault, Battery on Athletic Officials, while these individuals are working or as a result of working an athletic contest, shall be banned from all WVSSAC athletic events for a minimum of 365 days from the date of being found guilty. The school filing charges shall notify the WVSSAC of the incident and outcome of any legal action.

3.7.e. The school that does not lend complete cooperation in the host school's effort to promote the spirit of good sportsmanship may be disciplined by the WVSSAC.

3.7.f. A coach may be considered as committing unsportsmanlike conduct if they make degrading remarks about officials during or after a game either on the field of play, from the bench, or through any public news media, argues with officials, or goes through motions indicating dislike for a decision, protests the decision and actions of officials pertaining to the game during and after the contest, or detains the official on the field of play following a game to request a ruling or explanation of some phase of the game. If a coach feels he/she has a legitimate criticism of a penalty call or a request for a rule interpretation, such criticism or request should be made in the privacy of the coach's office or the official's quarters and should be made in a courteous manner.

3.7.g. A student or team attendant shall not leave the bench area, team box area, or their designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules. A coach shall not leave the bench area, team box area, or the designated off-field area during a game or contest other than during that time permitted by game or contest rules unless a student altercation is taking place and the official requests assistance. Violation of this rule shall cause the coach, student, or team attendant to be immediately ejected from the contest, team penalized according to game or contest rules and that coach, student, or team attendant will not be eligible to participate in the next contest as outlined in §127-4-2.3.

3.8. Procedure. Sportsmanship action must be reported in detail to the WVSSAC. A copy of the complaint must also be filed with the principal of the school involved. Each principal involved shall report such information or answers to the report as they deem appropriate. Upon receipt of all reports, the Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors of the WVSSAC shall investigate and adjudicate such reports in accordance with the powers afforded in §127-1-8.6 and 8.7 and §127-1-12.2 and 12.3 of the Constitution. Penalties up to and including suspension of member schools may be made in accordance with §127-4.

3.9. The following defines the different types of disciplinary action which may be assessed for violation of any WVSSAC rule by a member school, administrator, coach, athlete or contest official:

3.9.a. *Warning.* A warning may be given by the Executive Director or Assistant Executive Director. It is official notice that an inexcusable, unethical, or unsportsmanship action has occurred, is a matter of record, and that such an occurrence must not be repeated.

3.9.b. *Probation.* Probation is a much more severe type of warning and may be expressed two ways: 1) a school, coach, student, or team attendant on probation is told that further violations will lead to a fine or suspension; and/or 2) a school on probation is on conditional WVSSAC membership but may engage in its regular schedule, sanctioned events, and all WVSSAC tournament play, providing a program is filed with the Executive Director of the WVSSAC indicating measures to be taken to alleviate this problem which caused the school to be placed on probation.

3.9.c. *Suspension.* A school/coach suspended from the WVSSAC may not meet in interscholastic competition of any kind with a WVSSAC member school or a school that is a member of another state associated with the National Federation of State High School Associations.

3.9.d. *Fine.* A fine may be levied by the Executive Director.

3.9.e. Each of these sanctions (Warning, Probation, suspension and Fine) may be imposed or levied separately, or in a combination of one or more sanctions.

3.10. *Appeals.* All cases involving disciplinary action against member schools, coaches, students, team attendants, or officials may be protested in accordance with §127-6. However, disciplinary action imposed by an official, including disciplinary action that is a consequence of a decision by an official, such as a suspension for an additional game or games as a consequence of an ejection, is governed by rule 127-3-15.3 and is not subject to appeal.

3.11. *Review of Ejections.* Disciplinary action imposed by a contest official, including disciplinary action that results in a suspension for an additional game or games as a consequence of an ejection, is not subject to appeal pursuant to Rule §127-6. However, if the individual ejected believes the ejection was improper, he/she may request a review of the ejection by his/her principal. If the principal believes there is merit in the requested review, the principal shall complete and submit the WVSSAC Ejection Review Form within 24 hours or the next business day of the ejection to the Executive Director of the WVSSAC. If a review is properly requested, the WVSSAC will review the officials' special report, the WVSSAC Ejection Review Form, and such other information as the WVSSAC deems appropriate. Upon review, the WVSSAC Executive Director or the designated Assistant Director will either sustain the ejection and any consequent suspension(s), or will determine the ejection was improper and void any consequent suspension(s). A decision by the WVSSAC upon reviewing an ejection is not subject to appeal pursuant to Rule §127-6.

**National Federation of State High
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**GUIDELINES ON HANDLING PRACTICES AND CONTESTS DURING
LIGHTNING OR THUNDER DISTURBANCES**

These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school activities association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

PROACTIVE PLANNING

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
 2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safer area:
 - a. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium, or library. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
 3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
 - b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.
- * At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.
4. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
 5. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at start of the season.

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