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**Subject:** OHSAA: Information on filing for unemployment as an official

Good morning,

The state of Ohio is accepting pre-registration information for those who are newly eligible for unemployment. This includes individuals who are self employed and/or file 1099s on their tax returns. Sports officials fall into this category. This is a new program, and payments are not anticipated to begin until mid-May.

Reminder- Officials are not eligible for traditional unemployment, as officials are independent contractors and NOT employees of the OHSAA. Please do not file for traditional unemployment and do not list the OHSAA as your employer.

We encourage all officials who have lost games as a result of the pandemic and regularly claim officiating income on their taxes to pre-register. You can pre-register at this link-  
<https://unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov/expandedeligibility/>

There are many factors that go into whether or not you will receive payment, and if so, how much. Any questions about the application process or payments should be directed to the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.

Thank you,  
OHSAA Officiating Department