



Ohio High School Athletic Association

Cross Country Tournament Officials Assignment & Selection Policy

Effective 2022 Cross Country Season, Updated 2025 Season

Regional Tournaments

All officials assigned to the regional tournament must meet all eligibility criteria set for by the OHSAA in the Officials Handbook that be found on the OHSAA website. Waivers of eligibility can be granted by the DOD or OHSAA staff at their discretion.

OHSAA Assignments:

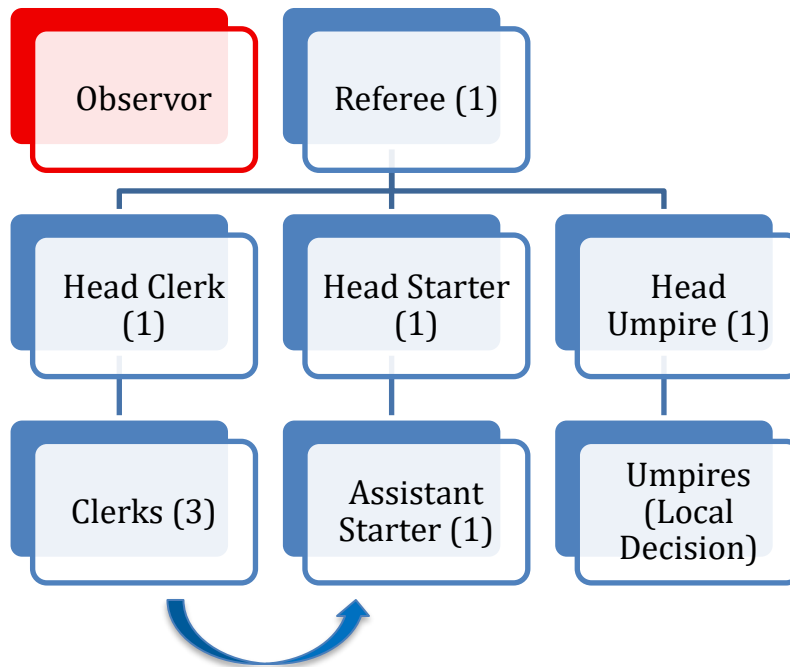
- OHSAA assigns **8** positions to each regional site.
 - Referee, Head Umpire, ~~Assistant Head Umpire~~, Starter, Assistant Starter, Head Clerk, 3 Clerks
 - Assist Head Umpire role will be sunset, those in the roles will complete the rotation but it will not be refilled
- OHSAA appoints **1** position to each regional
 - Observer.
- Rotation Process
 - Officials serving as Referee, Head Umpire, Starter & Head Clerk will be the officials used to fill open positions at the state meet for the appropriate roles.
 - When they move into the role at the state meet, they will rotate out of their role at the regional meet.
 - As roles open at the regional the “next up” philosophy will be used.
 - For example, when the Head Clerk is promoted to the state meet the next best clerk would become the Head Clerk.
 - The Head Umpire, Head Starter or the Head Clerk would become the Referee when the Referee is promoted to the state meet.
 - Officials will progress to the next level of assignment based on the decision of the DOD/Assignor using available evaluations.
 - Assignments to the 9 key positions will be based on decision of the DOD/Assignor using available evaluations and the information listed above

Regional Manager Assignments:

- Regional managers will be held to mandatory maximum/ minimum officiating numbers for the positions they hire. Those numbers will be adjusted as needed and are part of the tournament regulations.

- Regional managers will assign umpires and marshals. The role of a marshal is outlined in the tournament regulations

Regional Meet Progression of Positions



As clerks serve as recall starters, then can move laterally to Assistant Starter

State Tournament

The OHSAA assigns/appoint **37** officials

The venue will provide and pays several “marshals” who serve in a non-officiating role and will supplement the OHSAA assigned “marshals). Quantity is TBD

Non-Rotated Appointed Positions (4)

Assigned by OHSAA but serves as a member of meet management

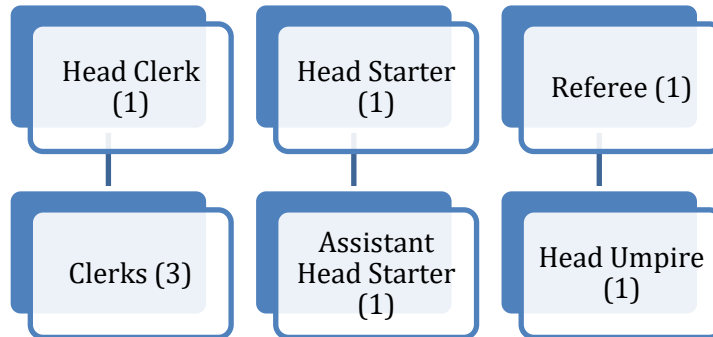
- Announcers (2)
- Lead Cart (1)
- Observer (1)

Rotating Positions (

- Referee (1), Head Umpire (1),– 4 years, 2 years in each role progressively
- Clerks (4) - 4 years, the final year as Head Clerk
- Starter (1), Assistant Starter (1) - 4 years, 2 years in each role progressively (also serves as umpire)
- Umpires (21) - 4 years
- Marshalls (4) – 4 years
- Officials may sit out 4 years before being eligible for re-assignment to the state meet.
 - Exception: An official receiving an assignment to a higher-level position based on a regional to state meet progression. (Ex. Umpire being moved to Clerk after 4 years as umpire based on being the next in rotation from their regional Head Clerk position)

- Officials for the Clerk, Assistant Starter, Head Umpire roles will be selected from those serving as Referee, Head Starter or Head Clerk at the regional level.
 - A rotation between the four regional sites will be used in selecting these individuals. However the best one will be selected even if not next in the rotation

State Meet Progression of Positions



Regional to State Meet Progression

