



Ohio High School Athletic Association

Track & Field Tournament Officials Assignment & Selection Policy

Effective 2023 Track & Field Season

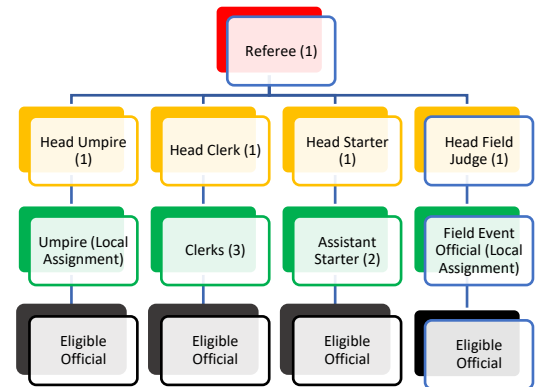
Regional Officiating Assignments & Selection

- 1) 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.
- 2) The OHSAA will assign the following ten (10) positions to each regional location known as the “Nine Key Positions”:
 - Referee (1)
 - Head Umpire (1)
 - Head Field Judge (1)
 - Head Starter (1)
 - Assistant Starters (2)
 - Head Clerk(1)
 - Clerks (3).
- 3) Local meet managers will be responsible for assignment of all additional officials at their meet per the guidelines outlined by the OHSAA in the tournmant managers manual and officials handbook as well as their own guidelines, provided they meet the requirements as stated above.
- 4) Selection of officials in each of these positions will be made utilizing evaluations on file, observations made by the DOD or other OHSAA staff, as well as the discretion of the assigner.
- 5) Officials assigned to the ten key positions will remain in their position until one of the below:
 - a. They are elevated to the next position in the linear progression (see chart below).
 - b. They are rotated out of their position to fill an open position at the state tournament.
 - i. Officials rotated out of their position to take a state meet position will be eligible to officiate in a meet manager assigned position immediately for the regional tournament.
 - c. Based on evaluations and observations are found to not be performing their assignments at the high level expected of this level of tournament.

Note: Please see more information on how officials will rotate from their regional ten key position to the state meet in the state meet section of this document.

- 6) Assignments will follow the linear progression for advancement in the regional tournaments. The chart to the right details the progression.
- Green is the first level of assignment to one of the ten key positions.
 - Orange is the second level of assignment to one of the ten key positions.
 - Red is the highest level of assignment to one of the ten key positions.

Note: Eligible Official for the purpose of this document is defined as an official who is eligible to officiate but has not yet been assigned to one of the ten key positions.



- 7) When the position of Referee is open at a regional location, those currently serving in positions in the orange level are eligible for advancement to the red level (Referee). That decision will be made using evaluations and observations and will be at the discretion of the Tournament Assigner and DOD.
- 8) When a position in the orange level is open, the official serving in the green level will become eligible for advancement to that level. That decision will be made using evaluations and observations and will be at the discretion of the Tournament Assigner and DOD.
- 9) When a position in the green level is open, those positions will be filled by an eligible official. That decision will be made using evaluations and observations and will be at the discretion of the Tournament Assigner and DOD.

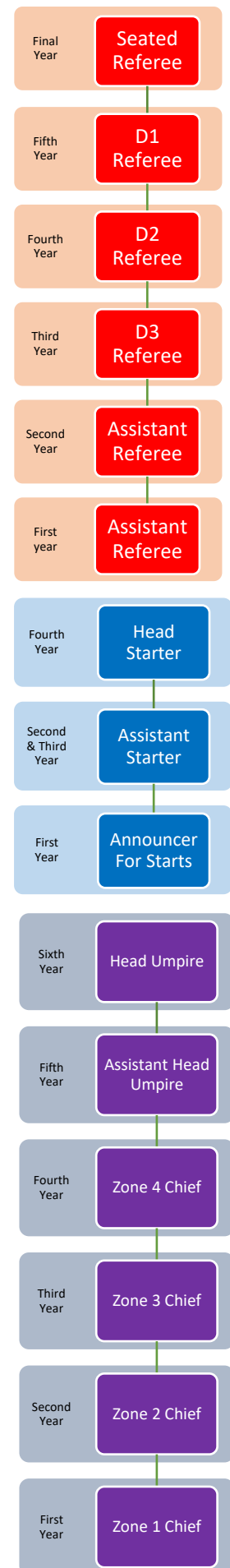
Track & Field State Meet Assignments & Selection

- All officials assigned to the state meet must meet all eligibility criteria set forth 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.
- Assignments to the state meet will be made based on the representation of the overall number of registered officials in each athletic district.
- Officials will sit out four (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). Starters may serve as a state tournament starter more than once.
- The OHSAA will assign the following positions to the state tournament and each will serve in their role for the number of years indicated. No positions will be lifetime assignments:
 - Referee (4), Assistant Referee (2) – 6-year rotation
 - Head Umpire (1), Assistant Head Umpire (1), Zone Chief (4) – 6-year rotation
 - Head Field Judge (2) – 6-year rotation, three years in throws, three years in jumps.
 - Clerks (6) - 6 years, the final year as Head Clerk*
 - Starter (4) – 4 years, the first year as start announcer, the final year as head

- Umpires (20) - 4 years
 - One umpire at the finish line will also serve as Finish Marshall.
- Discus (5) – 5 years with the final year as head.
- Shot Put (4) – 4 years with final year as head.
- Girls Pole Vault (4) – 4 years, final year as head**
- Boys Pole Vault (4) – 4 years, final year as head**
- High Jump (3) – 3 years, final year as head.
- Long Jump (4) – 4 years, final as head

**Each crew's head will be required to run the event identically as the other based on the direction of the Head Field Judge for Jumps. The crews will also rotate event gender every other year.

- 5) The OHSAA will appoint the following to non-officiating positions. The DOD will choose these positions in conjunction with meet management. These positions will not be listed in the tournament questionnaire, do not wear an officiating uniform and are not subject to rotation:
 - 2 Announcers
 - 2 Evaluators
- 6) Officials assigned to the positions of Referee and Assistant Referee will follow a progression of two years as Assistant Referee and then four years as Referee following the linear progression to the right.
 - a. Officials assigned to the position of Assistant Referee will come from those who have been assigned as Referee at the regional tournament level.
 - b. Officials will be chosen for elevation from the regional level based on evaluations and observations and will be at the discretion of the DOD or assignor.
 - c. Every effort for equitable rotation between the twelve regions will be made; however, the best eligible official will be selected.
- 7) Officials assigned to the positions of Head Starter and Assistant Starter will serve for four(4) years per the linear progression to the right.
 - a. Officials assigned to the position of Assistant Starter will come from those who have been assigned as Head Starter at regional tournament level.
 - b. Officials will be chosen for elevation from the regional level based on evaluations and observations and will be at the discretion of the DOD or assigner
 - c. Every effort for equitable rotation between the twelve regions will be made; however, the best eligible official will be selected.
- 8) Officials assigned to the positions of Head Umpire, Assistant Head Umpire & Zone chief will serve for six(6) years per the linear progression to the right
 - a. Officials assigned to the position of Zone Chief will come from those who have been assigned as Head Umpire at regional tournament level.
 - b. Officials will be chosen for elevation from the regional level based on evaluations and observations and will be at the discretion of the DOD or assigner



- c. Every effort for equitable rotation between the twelve regions will be made; however, the best eligible official will be selected.
- 9) Officials assigned to the position of Clerk will serve in this role for six (6) years and will serve their final year as Head Clerk.
- a. Officials assigned to the position of Clerk will come from those who have been assigned as Head Clerk at regional tournament level.
 - b. Officials will be chosen for elevation from the regional level based on evaluations and observations and will be at the discretion of the DOD or assigner
 - c. Every effort for equitable rotation between the 12 regions will be made; however, the best eligible official will be selected.
- 10) Officials assigned to the position of Head Field Judge will serve in this role for six (6) years and serve for three(3) years in each of the two areas (throwing & jumping).
- a. Officials assigned to the position of Head Field Judge will come from those who have been assigned as Head Field Judge at regional tournament level.
 - b. Officials will be chosen for elevation from the regional level based on evaluations and observations and will be at the discretion of the DOD or assigner
 - c. Every effort for equitable rotation between the 12 regions will be made; however, the best eligible official will be selected.
- 11) Officials assigned for all remaining positions will be assigned based on evaluations and observations and will be at the discretion of the DOD or assigner. These officials will come from the list of officials who have selected the appropriate position in the tournament questionnaire and have the appropriate experience.

Special thanks to the Ohio Track & Field and Cross Country Officials Association as well as the Assignment Taskforce.



Appendix A

Local meet managers must assign the below officials for the regional tournament

- Announcer (1)
 - o The announcer position will only be paid by the OHSAA via an officials assignment if the announcer is a licensed official. If the announcer is a non-licensed official, payment is the responsibility of meet management.

- Lead Cart Driver (1)
 - o The lead cart driver position will only be paid by the OHSAA via an officials assignment if the driver is a licensed official. If the driver is a non-licensed official, payment is the responsibility of meet management.
 - o By rule, the driver MUST be a responsible adult, no students.

- Umpires (25 maximum)
 - o If meet management feels there is a need for additional umpires, they must provide a detailed plan outlining the need and including the positioning of all umpires on the course. This plan must be endorsed by the meet referee before being submitted to myself for approval.

- Marshall (4)
 - o Marshalls serve in a capacity to ensure the course is safe and clear of non-competitors. They may work in the area near the finish line or another area determined by the meet manager and meet referee.