



7th & 8th Grade State Meet Qualifier Officials Staffing Requirements & Recruitment Notes

Steps To Finding Officials

- **Start Now!**
- Don't just send an invitation via Dragonfly, reach out to officials directly via email or phone.
- Connect with, build a relationship with, and work with your local officials associations to help fill your spots. Local association secretaries are a good first contact.
- Identify volunteers who can become officials, helping fill your needs as well as the needs of the sport in general.
- High school students can become Class Three officials and work the 7th and 8th grade meets.

Non-Officials Mandatory Training

Any non-official working in an officiating capacity (For example parents helping mark/measure/record at field events, volunteers working as umpires for relays, etc.) **MUST** complete the free NFHS *Introductory to Track Officiating* course at the following link: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/officiating-track-and-field>. They will need to set up a free account and “order” the self-paced course.

This course is also STRONGLY recommended for all volunteers working any meet especially events at the HS district level also.

Mandatory Officiating Positions

All approved meets **MUST** follow the below staffing charts.

Officiating Staffing	
MANDATORY Minium Requirement	
<u>Four Officials</u>	
1 Referee (<i>working as an umpire also</i>)	
1 Starter	
1 Clerk	
1 Head Field Judge (or Field Referee)	

Officiating Staffing	
With Approved Exemption	
<u>Two Officials</u>	<u>Three Officials</u>
1 Referee / Starter	1 Referee/Starter
1 Head Field Judge (or Field Referee)	1 Clerk
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Preferred Officiating Staffing		
When More Than Four Are Used W/Pole Vault		
<u>Five Officials</u> 1 Referee <i>(working as an umpire also)</i> 1 Starter 1 Clerk 1 Head Field Judge 1 Pole Vault	<u>Six Officials</u> 1 Referee <i>(working as an umpire also)</i> 1 Starter 1 Clerk 1 Head Field Judge 1 Pole Vault 1 Discus	<u>Seven Officials</u> 1 Referee <i>(working as an umpire also)</i> 1 Starter 1 Clerk 1 Head Field Judge 1 Pole Vault 1 Discus 1 Shot Put
<u>Eight Officials</u> 1 Referee <i>(working as an umpire also)</i> 1 Starter 1 Clerk 1 High Jump 1 Pole Vault 1 Discus 1 Shot Put 1 Long Jump	<u>Nine Officials</u> 1 Referee <i>(working as an umpire also)</i> 1 Starter 1 Clerk 1 High Jump 1 Pole Vault 1 Discus 1 Shot Put 1 Long Jump 1 Umpire	<u>Ten Officials</u> 1 Referee <i>(working as an umpire also)</i> 1 Starter 1 Clerk 1 High Jump 1 Pole Vault 1 Discus 1 Shot Put 1 Long Jump 2 Umpire

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