

3.3 OFFICIATING

3.3.1 Sport by Sport Officials Information and Fees:

- (a) Officials: Each school must use only NCHSAA-registered officials in all competition, and must work through an approved regional supervisor.
 - (1) Basketball: Three person crew is mandatory for varsity play.
 - (2) Football: Five-man officiating crews are used in all regular-season contests; post-season varsity football contests will be determined by the NCHSAA. It is recommended that junior varsity games have a five-man crew.
 - (3) Lacrosse: A two-person crew, all NCHSAA-registered, is mandatory for all varsity contests. A three-person crew is to be used in all playoff games. Three-person crews can be used during the regular season.
 - (4) Soccer: A three person crew, all NCHSAA-registered, is mandatory for all varsity contests.
 - (5) Swimming: A referee and two (2) stroke and turn judges are required for meets involving using six (6) or less lanes. A referee and three (3) stroke and turn judges are required for meets using more than six (6) lanes. Meets must have the proper number of officials in order for times to be used for regional entry. If a meet is using manual timing, and only one timer per lane is used, the meet may be conducted, but the times cannot be used for regional entry. Schools are responsible for helping recruit their own officials to register with the NCHSAA.
 - (6) Diving: To serve on a diving judges' panel, a high school coach must pass the NCHSAA diving judge test; a USA diving official must be registered as a NCHSAA Official; and all other persons must be registered as a NCHSAA swimming official and pass the NCHSAA diving judge test.
 - (7) Track: Track officials may register with the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, as do officials in certain other sports. The NCHSAA encourages each school to have at least one certified track official. Certification can be obtained at the NCTCCCA January clinic, or the NCHSAA clinic in July. In order to host a regional, a school must have at least one NFHS/NCHSAA certified official on staff.
 - (8) Volleyball: Two officials must be used for all varsity competition, and schools are required to have an individual capable of serving as a line judge. Line judges may be used in playoffs if both schools mutually agree. If line judges are used, the competing schools must pay them (full fee).
- (b) Booking Fees: School booking fee to Regional Supervisor/local officials association is \$150.00 per booking and \$100.00 for each additional booking.
 - (1) For regular season and invitational tournaments: 5-12 games, \$75; 13-25 games, \$100; 26-50 games, \$150; over 50 games, \$200.

(c) Game Fees: Officiating game fees shall increase by 5% every four (4) years beginning with 2020-2021.

(1) **Baseball:**

Regular season	Varsity	Jr. Varsity & 9th Grade
1 Game	\$71 flat fee	\$61 flat fee
Doubleheader	\$101	\$91 JV
30 minutes between games		
Playoffs	\$76 flat fee Rounds 1 & 2 \$85 flat fee Round 3-5 \$90 flat fee State Finals	

(i) When baseball and softball contests are postponed and replayed under the suspended game rule, officials who work the continuation of the suspended contest are entitled to a half-game fee when completed in conjunction with a second game. Umpires are entitled to full game fee when suspended game is only one being played.

(2) **Basketball:**

	1 Game	2 Games
Varsity - Regular season Three officials	\$66 (flat fee)	\$100 (flat fee)
Varsity - Invitational, conference, state tournament (rounds one and two) Three officials	\$76 (flat fee)	\$106 (flat fee)*
Varsity - State Playoffs (rounds three through five) Three officials	\$90 (flat fee)	
Varsity - State finals Three officials	\$95 (flat fee)	
Junior Varsity and Ninth Grade Three officials	\$56 (flat fee)	\$76 (flat fee)
Two officials	\$61 (flat fee)	\$83.50 (flat fee)
*Invitational Tournament Only		

(3) **Football:**

Varsity Regular season	\$90 flat fee
Playoff games (first and second round)	\$90 flat fee
Playoff games (third and fourth round)	\$100 flat fee
Clock Operator	\$76 flat fee
State Championship Games (7-man crew)	\$105 flat fee
Junior varsity and ninth grade (4-person crew)	\$71 flat fee
Junior varsity and ninth grade (5-person crew)	\$66 flat fee

Note: If clock operator is requested through regional supervisor for regular season varsity game, the game fee is \$76 flat fee.

(4) **Lacrosse:**

Regular season	Varsity	Jr. Varsity & 9th Grade
Two person crew, regular season	\$71	\$56
Three person crew, regular season	\$61	
Playoffs (three person crew required) (first and second round)	\$76	
Playoffs (Rounds three through five)	\$85	
State Championship	\$90	

(5) **Soccer:**

	Varsity	Jr. Varsity & 9th Grade
Three person crew, regular season	\$61 flat fee	\$51 flat fee
Two person crew, regular season	N/A	\$56 flat fee
Playoffs (three person crew required) (first and second round)	\$76	
Playoffs (rounds three through five)	\$85	
State Championship	\$90	

(6) **Softball:**

Regular season	Varsity	Jr. Varsity & 9th Grade
1 Game	\$68 flat fee	\$58 flat fee
Doubleheader	\$96	\$86 JV
	* 30 minutes between games *	
Playoffs (Rd. 1-2)	\$76 flat fee	
Playoffs (Rd. 3-5)	\$85 flat fee	
State Championship	\$90 flat fee	

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(7) **Swimming:**

Referee	\$51 flat fee
Stroke and Turn Judge, Starter	\$26 flat fee
Diving Judge	\$26 flat fee

For required number of swim officials at meets, see 3.3.1.a.5.

(8) **Volleyball:**

	(2 of 3)		(3 of 5)	
	Single Match	Additional	Single Match	Additional
Regular season	\$51 flat fee	\$25	\$56 flat fee	\$27.50
JV & 9th Grade	\$41 flat fee	\$20	\$46 flat fee	\$22.50
Playoffs (includes conf. tourn., first and second rounds)			\$71 flat fee	
Playoffs (Rounds 3-5)			\$80 flat fee	
State Championship			\$85 flat fee	
Line Judges (if used)			\$71 flat fee each	

(9) **Wrestling:**

	Varsity	Jr. Varsity & Ninth Grade
Regular season matches	\$66 flat fee	\$56 flat fee

Preliminary matches see below*

Matches which start more than 30 minutes after scheduled start times are subject to a fine.

*Preliminary matches consist of one two-minute and two one-minute periods. Fee is \$2.00 per match. Seven or more matches constitutes a full contest fee. There is a \$25 fee per hour (or any fraction of an hour) for officials per mat for scrimmages.

**Wrestling Tournament Fees
Individual Tournaments**

One Day	\$58 fee per participating team, plus \$20.00 per official
Two Day	\$68 fee per participating team, plus \$20.00 per official
Dual Team Tournaments*	\$49 fee per dual match wrestled, plus \$20.00 per official

*(also includes Triangular, Quadrangular, and Round Robin)

Dual Team Post Season Tournaments

First round	\$76 per match flat fee
Second round	\$86 per match flat fee
Final round	\$96 flat fee

State Individual Tournament

Regional Tournament	\$125 per day flat fee plus \$25.00 per diem (both days)
State Tournament	\$150 per day flat fee plus \$25.00 per diem (both days) \$76 flat fee for Thursday round

(e) Scrimmage Fees: There is a \$25 fee per hour (or any fraction of an hour) for officials per field/court/mat for scrimmages.

3.3.2 Officiating Regulations:

(a) Officiating Fees:

- (1) Officials are to be paid on local fiscal policy as soon as possible by the member schools. Schools are responsible for paying officials. Regional supervisors cannot act as the fiduciary agent for schools in terms of paying officials.
- (2) Game fees will be paid as approved by the NCHSAA.
- (3) Postponed Games:
 - (i) For games postponed after officials leave home, including contacting of officials via mobile phone while en route to school and officials do not travel all the way to the school or after officials arrive at game site: One-half game fee for the game is to be paid to each official.
 - (ii) Postponed game once game is underway for any reason: Officials shall be paid the full game fee.
 - (iii) Postponed game and neither regional supervisor nor officials are notified: Full game fee will be paid to each official.
 - (iv) A \$50.00 fine may be assessed per schedule change after officiating assignments have been posted on Arbiter. Schools requesting a schedule change and are not furnished officials for home contests by the regional supervisor involved will contact the regional supervisor involved and arrange to pay a \$50.00 fine. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis caused by weather, death, etc, or an optional \$100 upfront fee may be paid to cover any change during the course of the season.
- (4) School booking fees to officials associations is \$150.00 per booking for varsity and \$100.00 each junior varsity and ninth grade sport. Booking fees are to be paid within 30 days upon receipt of invoice.

(b) Suspended Games:

- (1) Suspended games rescheduled and played from point of interruption: Officials receive the full game fee.