

3.3.11 **Statute of Limitations** - September 1 of the following year is the deadline for all incidents, violations, etc., to be reported to the NCHSAA.

**3.4 OFFICIATING**

**3.4.1 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) Baseball - Two-person crew is mandatory for junior varsity and varsity contests.
  - (2) Basketball - Three-person crew is mandatory for varsity play.
  - (3) 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.
  - (4) Football - Five-person 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.
  - (5) Lacrosse - A two-person crew 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.
  - (6) Soccer - A three-person crew is mandatory for all varsity contests.
  - (7) Softball - Two-person crew is mandatory for junior-varsity and varsity contests.
  - (8) 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.
  - (9) Track/Cross Country - 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. In order to host a regional, a school must have at least one NFHS/NCHSAA certified official on staff.
  - (10) 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) **Assigning Fees** - School assigning fee to Regional Supervisor/local officials association is \$150.00 per assignment and \$100.00 for each additional assignment. For regular season and invitational tournaments: 5-12 games, \$75.00; 13-25 games, \$100.00; 26-50 games, \$150.00; over 50 games, \$200.00.
- (c) **Game Fees** - Officiating game fees shall increase by 5% every four (4) years beginning with 2020-2021.

(1) **Baseball**

Per Game	\$82.00	\$71.00
Tournaments (In-Season & Conference)	\$88.00	
Playoffs	Rounds 1-2 \$88.00 Rounds 3-5 \$99.00 State Finals \$104.00	

NOTE: 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

Per Game	\$77.00	2-Person \$71.00 3-Person \$65.00
Tournaments (In-Season & Conference)	\$88.00	
Playoffs	Rounds 1-2 \$88.00 Rounds 3-5 \$104.00 State Finals \$110.00	

## (3) Football

Per Game	\$104.00	4-Person \$82.00 5-Person \$77.00
Playoffs	Rounds 1-2 \$104.00 Rounds 3-5 \$116.00 State Finals \$121.00	
Clock Operator	\$88.00	

NOTE: If clock operator is requested through regional supervisor for regular season varsity game, the game fee is \$88.00.

## (4) Lacrosse

Per Game	2-Person \$82.00 3-Person \$71.00	\$65.00
Playoffs	Rounds 1-2 \$88.00 Rounds 3-5 \$99.00 State Finals \$104.00	

## (5) Soccer

Per Game	\$71.00	2-Person \$65.00 3-Person \$59.00
Playoffs	Rounds 1-2 \$88.00 Rounds 3-5 \$99.00 State Finals \$104.00	

## (6) Softball

Per Game	\$79.00	\$68.00

Tournaments (In-Season & Conference)	\$88.00	
Playoffs	Rounds 1-2 \$88.00 Rounds 3-5 \$99.00 State Finals \$104.00	

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## (7) Swimming

Referee	\$70.00
Stroke and Turn Judge, Starter Diving Judge	\$40.00

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

## (8) Volleyball

Per Match	Best of 3 \$59.00 Best of 5 \$65.00	Best of 3 \$48.00 Best of 5 \$54.00
Tournaments (In-Season & Conference)	\$82.00	
Playoffs	Rounds 1-2 \$88.00 Rounds 3-5 \$99.00 State Finals \$104.00	
Line Judges (when assigned by Regional Supervisor)	\$82.00	

## (9) Wrestling

Regular Season	Varsity	Non-Varsity
Per Match	\$77.00	\$65.00

NOTE: Preliminary matches consist of one two-minute and two one-minute periods. Fee is \$3.00 per match. Seven or more matches constitutes a full contest fee. There is a \$28 fee per hour (or any fraction of an hour) for officials per mat for scrimmages.

## Wrestling Tournament Fees

One Day	\$68.00 fee per participating team, plus \$20.00 per official
Two Day	\$79.00 fee per participating team, plus \$20.00 per official
Dual Team Tournaments*	\$57.00 fee per dual match wrestled, plus \$20.00 per official

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

## Dual Team Post Season Tournaments

Rounds 1-2	\$88.00 per match
Rounds 3-4	\$100.00 per match
State Finals	\$112.00

## State Individual Tournament

Regional Tournament	\$145.00 per day, plus \$25.00 per diem (both days)
State Tournament	\$174.00 per day, plus \$25.00 per diem (both days)
	\$88 for Thursday round

Scrimmage Fees: There is a \$28 fee per hour (or any fraction of an hour) for officials per field/court/mat for scrimmages.

## 3.4.2 Officiating Regulations

## (a) 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 and neither regional supervisor nor officials are notified: Full game fee will be paid to each official.
  - (iii) A \$50.00 surcharge may be assessed per schedule change after officiating assignments have been posted. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis caused by weather, death, etc, or an optional \$100.00 upfront fee may be paid to cover any change during the course of the season.
- (4) School assigning fees to officials associations is \$150.00 per assignment for varsity and \$100.00 each junior varsity and ninth grade sport. Assigning 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.
- (2) Baseball and softball games postponed and replayed under the suspended game rule: Officials who work the continuation of the suspended game are entitled to a full game fee. If the suspended game is played in conjunction with a second game: Officials shall be paid one-half game fee for the suspended game and a full game fee for the second game.

## (c) Coaches

- (1) Coaches shall not approach the officials for complaints before, at halftime, or after the game.
- (2) Coaches entering an official's dressing room for the purpose of complaints are in violation of state regulations.
- (3) Officiating complaints are to be filed first with the regional supervisor making the assign-